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OUR TENTH VOLUME.

THE time has once more come round for us to address a few words to our readers in regard to ourselves. We this day start with the Tenth Volume of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and it behoves us to look back on the past, and thank those friends who have so warmly supported us. The misfortunes of Masonic literature have been so often recorded that we feel ourselves the more honoured when we look around and find that we are now stronger than ever, and that the number of our supporters and helpers is daily on the increase. Still we are far short of what we might reasonably expect when we take into consideration the numerical strength of the brotherhood we have ever striven to serve. Our aim has been, zealously to uphold and support the true principles of Freemasonry, and to assist in that great work of charity which has earned for the English craft the admiration of the world. How far we have succeeded, it is not for us to say; we can only reiterate the expressions of every installing master, and hope "that our future conduct will be such as to merit the esteem of the brethren and the gratifying testimony of a clear conscience."

THE CHARITY FESTIVALS OF 1879.

THE meeting of Wednesday brings to a close the customary festivities of our Charities for the year; we are accordingly enabled to compare the results with those of the past. The total amount of subscriptions, as announced at the Festivals of the present year, exceed by upwards of £300 those of 1877, and as during that year there was a larger sum added to the funds of our Institutions than had ever previously been received, we may hope that 1879 will eventually show in advance of that highly satisfactory period. Be this as it may, there can be no question but that the Craft has most faithfully discharged its duty, and by the support of its members shown that, notwithstanding the general depression of the times, the Freemasons of England are able and willing to supply the requisite funds to carry on the noble Charities of which they can boast. The results achieved by Bros. Terry and Hedges, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and Royal Masonic Institution for Girls respectively, led many to believe that the efforts of Bro. Binckes and his Stewards for "Our Boys" would fall short of the totals of previous years, even if other matters did not arise to impede the flow of funds. That such did arise no one will deny, and yet we find that the Secretary of the Boys' School is enabled to announce at this latest Festival of his Institution the grand total of £10,534, a result nearly £400 in excess of that announced last year. We would ask how has this result been achieved? Not, as Bro. Binckes observes, by the extraordinary exertions of any individual Province, but by an "all round" steady support, a support which, in our opinion, is far better than the spasmodic efforts of a section, which for years after may be conspicuous by its absence, and thus leave the work they had created to be carried on and provided for by others. The lists themselves present some peculiar features, embracing as they do more "large" amounts than is usual. There are twenty-six Stewards who can boast of having contributed totals of three figures each, and when we say that some of them exceed, while others nearly approach, the half way to four figures, it will be believed the labours of these energetic workers have been well directed. As regards the number of Stewards for the Boys' School, 1879 is somewhat behind its predecessors; this may, however, in some measure be accounted for from the fact already mentioned, that no Province has this year made special exertions on its behalf. We consider that the Committee, Stewards, and others who have assisted to ensure the success of the Festival of 1879 deserve especial praise for the handsome way they supported the chairman of the day, and we hope that his latest experience of the English Masonic Charities may lead him to renewed efforts towards the foundation of similar institutions for Scotland. We can assure him that in such a task he has the hearty good wishes of the brethren South of the Tweed, and in many cases will receive their tangible support. The particulars of the first two anniversaries of the year are so well known to our readers that it is unnecessary for us to again recount them, suffice it to say that, as with all our Institutions the expenditure for the future is based on the results of the Festivals, it is necessary to keep up to the standard of the past in years to come, even should we only desire to continue the same benefits as at present. But, so long as we are obliged to turn away one deserving case that presents itself, we must keep on increasing our efforts, and until we are able to provide for every candidate that is brought forward, we must continue our appeals for further support. The Committee of the Girls' School are, in consequence of the success of the last Festival of that Charity, already making arrangements for increasing the number to receive the benefits of their Institution, and we should very much like to see them in a position to take a similar step next year, and to be followed by the other Charities,—the Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution. But this we must leave to the liberality of the Craft, never doubting but that the efforts of those who have laboured in the past will serve as an incentive and guide for those who are to follow in so laudable a course.

The brethren of the Metropolitan Lodge No. 1507, and Royal Savoy No. 1744, have combined to hold jointly a Summer Festival, under the presidency of the Worshipful Masters, Bros. J. Douglass and J. Willing. The date fixed is Thursday, 24th July, and the place selected is the Rye House, Hoddesden, Herts. The large grounds facing this popular resort will be reserved for the festival by Bro. R. Teale, the proprietor. There will be a good band for dancing, &c., after the banquet, which will take place at 3.30. The indefatigable exertions of Bro. W. M. Stiles, who is the Secretary to both Lodges and W.M. of the King's Cross, together with the popularity of the W.M.'s, will doubtless render this meeting a very enjoyable one. Special arrangements will be made with the Great Eastern Railway.

The consecration of the Penge Lodge, No. 1815, will take place on Saturday, 5th July, at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley-road. The ceremony, which will commence at 3.30 p.m., will be performed by Bro. H. E. Frances P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Surrey. Bro. Robert Jackson P.M. 104 is the W.M. designate. The banquet is fixed for 6.30.

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FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE Eighty-First Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Wednesday, at the Alexandra Palace, under the Presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn M.W. Past Grand Master of Scotland. He was ably supported by the Stewards and numerous brethren and ladies. At the conclusion of the banquet, which was served by Bros. Bertram and Roberts in the large Dining Hall of the Palace, grace was sung by the pupils of the Masonic Boys' School, after which the chairman proceeded to give the various toasts. In introducing that of "Her Majesty the Queen Patron of the Institution," he said it was one that occupied the first place, and always met the heartiest reception in every assembly of loyal Englishmen. Her Majesty's reign had been a most prosperous one, and during it she had endeared herself, by her kindness and sympathy, to all classes, but particularly to Freemasons, who ever appreciated charity and kindness of heart. He referred in touching tems to the sympathy of Her Majesty with the Empress Eugenie in her recent bereavement, and felt sure that such sympathy was shared by all there present. This was followed by the National Anthem. Lord Rosslyn next gave the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master and President of the Institution, whose interest in the Order was too well known to need any special reference. The speaker had, he said, ever found H.R.H. ready to assist, by his countenance and presence, in any Masonic work that might arise. This he considered a great advantage to Freemasonry. On all such occasions as the present, connected as the meeting was with Charity, H.R.H. had exhibited especial interest, and no one would be more pleased to learn the result of the day's proceedings—which, even thus early, might be termed a complete success—than the Grand Master. The pupils having sung the national song, "God bless the Prince of Wales," Sir Molyneux Nepean rose. He considered himself most unworthily deputed to propose what he considered—after those of the Queen and the Grand Master—the toast of the evening. Himself both an English and a Scotch Mason, he was extremely proud to see his esteemed Brother Earl Rosslyn present as Chairman of an English Charity of the first water. He considered that no man, situated as he was, could have brought together a better assemblage, or one more profitable for the Institution. He could assure the chairman that he was most heartily welcomed by those assembled, whether as an English or a Scotch Mason. The chairman, in reply, assured the company that the very flattering reception that had been accorded him had almost deprived him of the powers of speech. He could attribute it to nothing but their Masonic kindness, for, as he believed, he was unknown to almost every person in the room. It was an old maxim that good wine needed no bush. A bush had been placed before them that evening which he thought must have supplied the keynote for the compliment that had been paid him. He considered it a great honour to be selected to succeed that Prince who so successfully filled the chair he then occupied at the last Festival. He claimed to be almost as much an English Mason as a Scotch one, for he had the honour of being affiliated to an English Lodge at Malta twenty-five years since, and there had the pleasure of initiating nearly every member of a Brigade of the Guards. Some of them departed, to meet a soldier's death, but many were, he was pleased to say, among them, even to the present day. He had also another claim on English Freemasons, for he had the honour to affiliate the late Grand Master the Earl of Zetland to a Scotch Lodge at Edinburgh. He considered, however, it was unnecessary for him to speak of English and Scotch Masons as distinct bodies, they were in reality one, with one common object in view—the happiness of their fellow-creatures. He should ever look back on this evening as one of the proudest of his life, on account of the honour that had been paid him, and the kindness he had met with. The next toast he had to propose was that of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, the Vice-Presidents of the Institution, the Provincial Grand Masters, and Present and Past Grand Officers. He could but mark the applause which greeted the mention of the name of the Pro G. Master; it was well earned by his Lordship, who had, on several occasions, ably acted for the Grand Master. He had had his acquaintance for many years, having been both at Eton and Oxford with him. He felt that no man had acted a more honourable part than had the Earl of Carnarvon. He felt sure that the health of Lord Skelmersdale and the others united in the toast would be received with almost as great enthusiasm, they having one and all done their duty and earned the gratitude of the Craft. Lord Skelmersdale had desired him to express his regret that his duties in the House of Lords would prevent his being present to take part in the proceedings of the day. He would couple with the toast the name of the Prov. G. Master of Worcestershire, Sir Edmund A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., who in reply to the toast, expressed his approval of the arrangements made by Bro. Binckes, who he said left them in happy ignorance as to who would be called upon to respond to the various toasts, and thereby prevented their being uncomfortable for the whole evening, as was the case when they had a slip of paper placed on their plates announcing that they were expected to perform such duties. He felt that the toast he was called upon to acknowledge was a most important one, inasmuch as he had to reply for those noblemen to whom, as they had just heard, they owed much of the success of Freemasonry, and also for those who had for many years past taken a great interest in the various Charitable Institutions of the Order. The present was the first occasion on which he had been able to attend one of the Festivals since his installation as Prov. G. Master, and he felt great pride in being present. He rejoiced that under present arrangements they were graced by the company of the ladies, this he considered enhanced greatly the enjoyment of those present. He was happy to say that his Province—Worcestershire—was on the present handed, but between them brought up a sum of 522 guineas. This he considered was ample proof that although the country brethren had their shortcomings, they were quite willing to aid their London brethren in the support of our noble Charities. The Chairman next proposed "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." This he considered might be justly termed the toast of the evening, he felt almost overpowered by the difficulty and magnitude of the task which now presented itself. If he looked to Scotch Masonry he could find no charity of the kind they were met to support, but if he looked to England he saw the most splendid institutions the world could boast of. For twenty years he had taken the model of the English Charities as an example to be followed by the Freemasons of Scotland, and although he had so far toiled in vain, he yet hoped that some day they would have charities in Scotland if not to rival the English, at least to imitate them. He had taken the opportunity of visiting the Boys' School that day, he might say in every department, and had found it not only perfect in its several parts, but reflecting the greatest credit on all engaged in its administration. The good done by the Institution he considered to be incalculable. He could quote largely from the report of the Institution, but would suffice with but a few references thereto. He found that as much as £15,000 a year was devoted to its maintenance, and he could but remark how charitable were the Freemasons of England in supplying that amount. He gave a short account of the results achieved by the pupils at the various examinations in which they had taken part, and he pointed out that their successes were really wonderful. He doubted if any other school or college could rival them. He believed, however, that it was customary to find some little fault, and he must endeavour to do so before he sat down. He had hitherto bestowed so much praise that he questioned whether it would be wholesome. He should point to what he considered a little fault, one he felt sure that only required mentioning to be remedied. He considered it not impossible that at the end of their school career some of the boys might leave the Institution homeless and in need, and it might be that the good seed sown would be allowed to die out, perhaps even through poverty. He would appeal to the Masons of England to form a fund from which they would be able to render some assistance to such as needed it, and thereby remove the only blot he thought could be found in connection with the Institution. He felt somewhat diffident in making the suggestion, but hoped it had fallen on willing ears, and that it would bear fruit. He concluded by announcing that he had received a telegram from the Secretary of the Supreme Grand Council of Scotland, announcing a donation of fifty guineas from that body; this he trusted would go some way towards healing the little misunderstanding that existed between the ruling bodies of the 33rd degree in England and Scotland, it certainly betokened a break in the cloud which hung over them. Bro. G. Plucknett, Vice-President and Treasurer, acknowledged the toast. He felt there could be no doubt but that the objects of the subscribers of their great Institution were fully carried out. Every comfort was afforded the Boys that it was possible to secure. That the brethren would continue the magnificent subscriptions of former times was the wish of Bro. Binckes and those gentlemen who worked for the good of the Institution. He had, on behalf of the "Boys," to thank the brethren for the liberal amounts they had contributed. Bro. Binckes had now the pleasure to announce the result of what he could but term a most successful gathering, but he wished to prepare the company for a gigantic failure. He considered a great compliment had been paid one of the English Charities by so prominent a member of the Scotch craft undertaking to preside on its behalf, and felt that the more the different classes of Freemasons were brought together, under such an able chairman, the better it would be for the Craft at large. He then proceeded to announce the amounts collected by the various Stewards (these are given in detail, with corrections up to time of going to press, in another column). The result being that 105 London Stewards had contributed £5,345 1s 6d, while the Provinces brought up the total to £10,534 3s 0d, with twelve lists still outstanding. They had never had such a number of Stewards who had collected "large" amounts as on the present occasion, there being twelve London and fourteen Provincial brethren with lists each over £100, the maximum being, in the case of London, that of Bro. G. Penn, Honorary Treasurer of the Board of Stewards, representing Lodge No. 1642, with £520, and in that of the Provinces Bro. Bristow the Prov. Grand Secretary of Worcestershire, who had collected £428 5s. The donation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland also deserved their especial applause, containing as it did, among other amounts, a donation of £10 10s from Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, the Grand Master. To the toast of "The Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, and Members of Committee," Bro. Winn replied. The toast of the sister Charities was, in the opinion of the chairman, somewhat low on the list, but he hoped would be none the less heartily received. Bro. Terry was called upon to respond. That brother tendered hearty thanks for the support given by the Craft to those of their number who were obliged to make claims on their charity, and pointed out that upwards of £37,000 had already been contributed during the current year to the funds of the three Institutions. This he stated was a great amount to be raised, considering the badness of the times. The health of the Stewards was next given, and was acknowledged by Bro. R. W. H. Giddy D.G.M. South Africa, while to that of the Ladies, proposed from the chair, Lord Ribblesdale replied. The remainder of the evening was enlivened by some excellent music by the band of the Royal Artillery, and the company separated after a most successful meeting.

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We remind our readers that the Prov G. Lodge of Middlesex will be held this day (Saturday), at Great

ADDRESS

Delivered at the Consecration of the Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1019, Wakefield,

By Companion Rev. W. C. Lukis, M.A., F.S.A.,

P.S. Marquess of Ripon Chapter, 837, Ripon.

M.E.Z. and Companions,—It would take up too much of your time, and would be out of place on this occasion, if I were to enter upon the vexed question of the Origin of the Holy Royal Arch. This point is, no doubt, as interesting to the Masonic student as any antiquarian subject, which is veiled in obscurity, is to an Archæological inquirer.

Whether its origin be coeval with that of the Third Degree, or was an extension of it; whether it had any existence in a traditional form in England before the year 1740; who fabricated it, and whence it was derived; who were eligible for it, whether Past Masters only or otherwise; why it should have been formally recognised in 1813 as a part of Speculative Masonry, while the Mark, which was, from the first, an essential constituent of Operative Masonry, was by the same Authority excluded from, or rather not included in, the Symbolical teaching of the Craft:—these are matters of interest to which I have no right to demand your attention here. It is sufficient for my present purpose to remark that, whatever may have been the origin of the Order, there can be no question that its bright and cheerful Ceremonial is replete with significant and impressive scenes, that its Ritual inspires the most exalted ideas of the Presence of the Eternal and Unchangeable God, and leads to profound reverential awe of the Sacred Name, and to the exercise of the most pure and sublime piety.

Such being its speciality and influence, we can estimate at its true value the wisdom of those Brethren who were instrumental in obtaining its recognition as a part of Craft Masonry by the Grand Lodge.

To these general remarks I think you will all give your assent. May I hope that what I shall now add may obtain your approval also, or, at all events, your reasonable indulgence, if I should be in error?

It seems to me that a Royal Arch Chapter should be founded wherever a Craft Lodge exists,—that no Craft Lodge should be considered complete without the adjunct of that which has been described by a well-known, if not infallible, authority (Dr. Oliver) as "the summit and perfection of ancient Masonry." It seems to me that a full and intelligent perception of the doctrines of Speculative Masonry, and of the signification of its Ceremonials, cannot be realised without it.

It is not unusual to hear Masons speak of Craft Masonry and Royal Arch Masonry as though the latter were a distinct Degree, more or less outside the former, which may be entered, or not, at every Master Mason's pleasure. But am I taking a strained view of the question when I say that, when, by the Solemn Act of Union in 1813, it was declared that "pure and ancient Masonry consisted of Three Degrees, viz., Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch," the very words imply that it is as much the bounden duty and privilege of every Master Mason to proceed in due time to the Supreme Order, as it is of the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft to gradually perfect himself by taking a higher Degree? The terms "Craft" and "Arch" ought not, I imagine, to be employed in the hearing of those who do not belong to the latter as though they were different and distinct Degrees, or a false impression will be created. The order of the Royal Arch is not, under the English system, a Fourth Degree, but is essentially the perfection of the Third; and it seems to me very desirable that every Master Mason should be given to understand, and made to feel, that his Masonic education will be incomplete,—that he cannot arrive at the full stature of a perfect Mason, until he has been called to this exalted vocation.

I may add, further, that, so viewing the question, no Worshipful Master of a Lodge can possibly comprehend the language and aim of the Third Degree, and that he can scarcely be considered to be duly qualified to occupy that lofty position, unless he has been instructed how what was lost was recovered. Without this knowledge an impenetrable veil conceals from his eyes, as from the eyes of the Brother whom he is Raising, that Light which is so essential to his understanding.

Every Brother, without exception, should consequently, at once on being Raised, be made acquainted with the Test questions peculiar to the Third Degree, because they make known to him the fact that he has not yet arrived at the summit of Masonry, and will have to be instructed for it.

If my position be a sound one, then I cannot agree with those Brethren who consider it as a species of "touting," of an unmasonic character, when Brethren are invited, aye and more, when they are openly recommended, not to stop short in their Masonic career as Master Masons. Nor can I see any force in the opinion which I have heard expressed that such a recommendation and invitation is inconsistent with the question which is put to the candidate for Exaltation whether he freely and voluntarily presents himself. As it is not an improper thing to urge the Entered Apprentice to proceed onwards, neither is it an unjustifiable act to express a recommendation for Exaltation in terms stronger and more definite than a mere hint.

It may possibly cross the mind of some Companion present that exception might be taken to the view I have expressed, on the ground that Royal Arch Chapters are under the Supreme Government of the Grand Chapter and not under that of the Grand Lodge. But virtually this is not so. The terms of its recognition in the Decree of 1813 imply a control over it, and as a matter of fact the control of the Grand Lodge is evidenced in the Established General Regulations for the Government of the Order; for not only is the Order bound by the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge in all cases not provided for in the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, but it is specially declared that the Grand Master of England, the Pro Grand Master when the Grand Master is a Royal Personage, and the Deputy Grand Master, are *ipso facto* the Principals of the Grand Chapter, if they are Royal Arch Masons; and similarly, and by virtue of the same qualification, the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Registrar of the Craft hold the corresponding offices in the Grand Chapter.

I have attempted, in a very brief and I fear inadequate manner, in what I have said, to show the true and distinguished position which Royal Arch Masonry holds as a recognised part and parcel of Craft Masonry, and have desired to point out, without any approach to dogmatic assertion, the duty which naturally devolves upon Master Masons. With this view, which I trust is shared by the Companions, we must hail with extreme satisfaction the Consecration of Sincerity Chapter, and entertain a hope that our respected Provincial Grand Superintendent and his Officers will be further gratified by other additions to the Roll in the course of this year. At the close of 1878 there were 66 Craft Lodges and only 28 Chapters in this Province. May that number be largely augmented.

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"WHICH IS CORRECT?"

To the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I have been greatly interested in the correspondence which has been published by you under the above heading, and am one of those who consider the subject of uniformity and correctness to be of general importance to the members of our Order. It is to be hoped that our worthy Bro. Stevens is likely to be successful in securing the assistance he solicits, by subscriptions, to his proposed work, which I gather from his letters and notices will contain, *inter alia*, the whole of the correspondence on this subject during many past years. But I should not at all be surprised to hear that such assistance is but partially accorded, and that lack of sympathy may dishearten him in his efforts. In the minds of some his endeavours are doubtless looked upon as Quixotic, and his tilt against the windmill of prejudice and error as likely to result only in difficulty and disappointment to himself. But the many do not, I venture to hope, share in that opinion, and it may be consolatory to him to know that his attempt is applauded in many influential quarters, and will certainly, even if he does not fully gain his object, redound to his credit. He has put his hand to the plough in good earnest, and I trust will not look back or fall away from his expressed intentions. I have no personal knowledge of our Brother, not being a resident in the metropolis, but should say, from the tenor of his writings, that he is sanguine almost to a fault. Still it is by the confident and self-reliant men that most of the good done in this world is effected, and it is surely better to look on the bright side of things than to be nervous and dependent in any attempt to promote good works.

A member of my Lodge, who is conversant with Bro. Stevens' suggestion of some ten years ago, tells me that the principal idea was the formation of a Lodge of Preceptors, under the authority of, and I believe connected with, Grand Lodge. May I suggest that either through your pages now, or in the work he states he is preparing, he should make known the particulars of the "scheme" he then had in view. So much will depend upon the practicability of forming and utilising such a body that unless the arrangement thereof is fully understood, it is almost certain the proposition will not meet with that general approval which is sought for.

I address this letter to you in preference to writing direct to Bro. Stevens, in the hope that my views on the subject may be endorsed by other correspondents, as I think that it behoves all those who earnestly seek the requisite amendments in our ceremonies and ritual should strongly encourage the effort he is making. Be good enough to place my name * on the subscribers' list for half a dozen copies of the proposed work, and believe me to be,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

A Provincial Grand Officer.

Plymouth, 23rd June 1879.

* Private address enclosed.

Holloway's Pills are the medicine most in repute for curing multifarious maladies which attack humanity, when wet and cold weather gives place to more genial temperatures. In short, these Pills afford relief, if they fail of being an absolute remedy in all the disturbances of circulation, digestion, and nervous energy, which at times oppress a vast portion of the population. Under the wholesome, purifying, and strengthening powers exerted by these excellent Pills, the tongue becomes clean, the appetite improves, digestion is quickened, and assimilation rendered perfect. Holloway's medicine possesses the highly estimable property of cleansing the whole mass of blood, which in its renovated condition, carries purity, strength, and vigour to every tissue of the body.

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"IL TEGÀME," OR A MASON'S HOLIDAY.

THOSE who travel do well, those who stay at home do better, since they are certain to avoid much labour and many vexations. Still there are times when the feeling described by Chaucer—

"Then longen men to go on pilgrimage,"

steals o'er the senses and all other considerations are given to the winds which waft us away.

Should, however, any good brother desire to travel late in the Autumn, and yet have fine weather, let him not begin his journey on a Friday. Whether another day would have been better, my experience does not tell, there may be no connection between the two circumstances, in which case it would be only what is called a *post hoc*, or it may be dependent upon it, in which case it is a *propter hoc*. This is indeed often a knotty doubt to decide, for small as it seems, this question of post hoc and propter hoc has been an object of debate from the beginning of time until now. There are those claiming to be endowed with reasoning faculties, have faith in the Mother Hubbard stories attributed by nescient men to King Solomon, and hence believe their quasi Masonic institutions to be a *propter hoc* of that epoch. There are also others who, believing Freemasonry to be a most valuable institution long established amongst us (as our now authenticated and published annals abundantly prove), know it to be a *post hoc*, and regard with indignation those who seek to mislead our younger brethren by idle narrations devoid of truth.

I have in another place spoken of the two French Grand Lodges, also of the private Lodges of Paris, and that work accomplished, still lingered amid its pleasant scenes to enjoy the charming hospitality so peculiar to French home society, and which is not always accessible to strangers. I had also full opportunity for discussing the different economical and other subjects which at that time so occupied their minds, and among other things of visiting at his country house, ten miles from town, a gentleman who had gained a gold medal.

The country house of a French citizen differs much from that of his English brother. This was a large and handsome villa with stabling and suitable offices, surrounded by about three acres of land or four hectares, having one part in wood, to supply the family with fuel, another part in vines *vignoble*, to afford wine, and a third part in wheat and vegetables, including a *vivier* or fish pond. We felt the influence of the wood, we drank of the vine, and eat of the goat cheese which this little microcosm afforded; a true epitome of France which claims in all things to suffice for its own modest requirements, in contrast to England, to whom is necessary the aid of the world to support its colossal existence. In this case, however, my friend had not forgotten the outer world, since by his now crowned ingenuity his future labour will be to reap that golden harvest which Europe is already laying at his feet.

Our invitation was to *Vendangor*, to gather grapes at the harvest home. The ladies dressing in caps something between a Charlotte Corday and a nun's *Cornette*, sabots on the feet, and aprons, good gracious, which would have done credit to Mother Hubbard, or, save the *mark*, to any other *sham* Masonic historian. How we laughed and talked, eat, and worked, danced and played billiards after, I will not describe, surely a merrier day, from dewy morn to night, was never spent since Noah planted his vine and drank of the juice thereof.

Short as was my intercourse with the brethren at Paris, it was sufficient to show the high estimation in which they held the English Craft, and in this there was no difference, the Grand Orient vied with the Rite (*de la Maçonnerie*) Ecossaise, and the Rite Ecossaise with the Grand Orient. The only object seemed to be to bind still closer those ties which we are taught should symbolically embrace the world, teaching man to have faith in his fellow man, and in that glorious human nature with which God has endowed him.

But, my brethren, these men, our other selves, have, perhaps unfortunately, decided to vary a formula, a formula which varies for every country and for every Masonic system, *adopting another which is equally binding on their consciences*. For doing this, from England has gone forth the fiat of Anathema. Henceforth the hand offered as a pledge of truth we are forbidden to touch, but must avoid it as polluted. The word of confidence must be whispered in their ears no more. In daily life the look of scorn must declare them degraded beings, we are to turn from them and pass by. Already against all such has been hissed out the word "sceptic," whilst "atheist" seems the favourite term of more sapient scribes.

Where the persecution of freedom of conscience began it would be hard to tell and long to trace, but it has always been considered as abhorrent to Freemasonry. With feelings of deepest respect, I cannot but think it most unfortunate, that without sufficiently debating so important a subject with *the Craft at large*, our Masonic authorities have been induced to take this I trust not irreparable step. It was such a resolution that formally severed in twain the British empire, and it was such unconstitutional conduct on the part of a minister which caused a statesman to exclaim, that could he "find the adviser of such an unconstitutional act he would drag him even from behind the throne."

There is evidence which goes to prove that the very highest Masonic authorities do not partake of this spirit, and I call upon my brethren, and especially upon that great and independent body below the chairs, to consider this important subject well in all its bearings. Shall or shall not our Masonic bond of union with the Craft of Europe be broken or retained?

"Felices terque felices quos copula irrupta tenet."

"Happy, aye thrice happy they
Whom chain ne'er broken binds."

Can it be sustained? A Machiavellian policy has been adopted, but destitute of Machavelli's lofty and godlike aim.

The foreign Masonic press has demanded to be heard, yet in spite of this almost general and grand declaration of the European Craft, our English Masonic press has striven, unfortunately, to throw obscurity rather than enlightenment over the discussion.

It may be said why protest when it can do no good, or only expose you to most harsh remarks. To that I reply it may be so, yet still it is a duty,

"The brother's blood crieth from the ground."
"Seclusque fraternæ necis."

Are recorded protests and will live for ever. We shall resume the subject.

Digressions, however, like halts must come to an end, so let our chat proceed. All that interests mankind may rightly interest Masons whether travelling or otherwise, so after seeing the Masonic Lodges I had the satisfaction of visiting the Lunatic Asylums, institutions most admirably managed and worked, the municipal and clergy schools, the former by permission of the Prefect of the Seine; the hospitals, &c., all of which afford great opportunities of insight into French ideas and character, especially as in all these things Europe at large has more or less followed or perfected the initiative of France.

The present struggle for Jesuitical supremacy in teaching I fear will not be settled now, since for good or ill that order has established an ascendency in the higher class of instruction not easily to be broken down. Under the second Empire the imperial influence was used to support the Civil Lyceums; and the Murats, Neys and other Bonapartists sent their sons there for education, yet the country gentry adhered to the Jesuit colleges, and do so still.

The Benedictines claim during the middle ages to have afforded an asylum to ancient learning in their cloisters and monasteries, and there to have kept burning the sacred lamp. After the Renaissance it was probably the Port Royal influence that first successfully established the new teaching in France and drove out the fifteen sections of that day, the Trivium and Quadrivium. It was then that in rivalry the Jesuits took it up, especially cultivating classical erudition, as our Delphine editions of the classics even now show. Their aim, however, was to advance in literary culture and investigation only so far as compelled to meet the demands of the time, and this influence is evident in all the clergy schools I have visited on the Continent. They are, however, devoted teachers and refined men as a rule, and their refining influence on the minds of their pupils is probably more prized than more strictly educational objects. It has not been difficult in Italy to sequestrate their countless monasteries and scatter the inmates because they fulfilled no admitted requirements; but who, regarding some of their gigantic piles of collegiate buildings, such as those of Bordeaux for example, can find places and trusted teachers for the scattered classes? It is a complicated question of national policy and freedom of conscience that will tax the powers of the wisest men.

The worst of it is that Rome herself *practically* allows no conscience clause. Well do I recollect the working at a certain hospital in a large city of France (itself built under the influence and largely at the cost of an Englishman), where the management was placed in Ultramontane keeping. I shall ever speak of all connected with it with reverence and esteem, but should never again care to visit another institution subject to Ultramontane influence and an Ultramontane conscience clause.

Yes, Paris is certainly a fine town. "See Paris and live," says the proverb; and if I were asked what is its special endowment, I should say it is a town where the Empire of the Senses is supreme, each of which in turn it claims to have elevated and refined, to have rendered it a more perfect *organon* more capable of appreciating the *stimulus* peculiar to each.

This perfection of the *organon* in certain of the senses contributes to the *savant* formation of what is called taste or *gout*. It is probably this exquisite perceptibility, this high capacity for developed and refined sensation, constituting *gout*, that accounts for much of the characteristic versatility, and renders the long continuance of any one influence, whether political or social, too much for the sensibility of its nerves to sustain.

Die of a rose in aromatic pain may be only a poetical expression, but in this case it would no doubt express a real truth. How deeply soever adored may be the object, the time soon arrives when satiety sets in, when the lover tires,

"Dum plenus languet amator."

The system whether social or human which does best for this work-a-day world, is one whose organisation is not too highly perfected, such a constitution better bears the chain of every day duty, and more accords with that best of companions, a mind conscious of rectitude. Both, however, have excellent qualities, and each may learn from the other.

A social intercourse in its higher forms, which is only a form of sensuous enjoyment, is claimed by the French as not the least of their peculiar sciences, and doubtless it enters into all their social relations, softening where it cannot elevate, and charming even when it stoops to conquer. However that may be, France through Paris has established that social sensuous influence to which we all readily bow, and reigns an Empress—

"Pleased with herself whom all the world can please."

W. VINER B. BEDOLFE, M.D., P.M. 1329.

Athenæum Club, Suffolk-street, Pall Mall, W.

(To be continued.)

Having purchased the copyright of David Roberts's *Holy Land*, Messrs. Cassell, Petter and Galpin are about to publish the work in monthly parts. Great care is being taken to secure an accurate reproduction of the plates, for which purpose the illustrations are being re-drawn from the original folio edition.

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CONSECRATION OF THE CLAPHAM LODGE, No. 1818.

THE inauguration of a new Lodge is at all times a pleasant task to take part in, but when the first night gives evidence of a most promising future, it is one of the most gratifying privileges of the Craft. Such was the case on Tuesday, when several distinguished brethren assembled for the purpose of dedicating and opening the Clapham Lodge, No. 1818, the meetings of which are to be held at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common. Bro. James Terry Prov. J.G.W. Herts was the brother who had been entrusted by the Grand Master with the duties of the day, and he carried them out in his usual faultless style. Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. delivered the oration, and otherwise assisted in the business, while Bro. W. Clarke P.G.D.C. Suffolk acted throughout as a most efficient Director of Ceremonies. The consecration having been completed, Bro. Louis Hirsch was placed in the chair as the first Master of the Lodge, and he invested the following brethren to assist him in the conduct of affairs:—Dr. Charles T. Pearce S.W., Archibald Fairlie J.W., Robert F. Fairlie Treas., W. Worrell Sec., Alfred Pocock S.D., W. Carlton Hale J.D., R. Clay Sudlow I.G. The ceremony was continued, and in due course the Master proceeded to close his Lodge. Before doing so he proposed that the hearty thanks of the members and honorary membership of the Lodge be offered to Bros. Terry, Simpson, Buss, Dixon and Clarke, for the assistance they had rendered in the establishment of the Lodge. This was seconded by the S.W. and carried unanimously. Bro. Terry acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself and the other consecrating Officers. They trusted that the Lodge would be a great success, and that in years to come they might have an opportunity of visiting it, and witnessing a most prosperous assemblage. The names of five gentlemen for initiation, and one brother for joining were handed in, and the Lodge was closed, it being announced that an emergency meeting of the Lodge would be held on Tuesday, the 1st July, at half-past five, for the purpose of taking the ballot for the several candidates proposed at the first meeting, and for initiating those eligible. The brethren adjourned to banquet, which was well served. After grace had been sung by Brothers Henry Ashton, G. T. Carter, F. H. Cozens, and A. Hubbard, to whom the musical arrangements of the day were entrusted. The first toast given by the W.M. was that of the Queen and the Craft. No body of Englishmen welcomed this toast with more loyalty and greater warmth than our ancient and honourable fraternity, and he therefore called upon the brethren to drink to the long life and happiness of Her Majesty in a bumper. This was followed by the National Anthem. In giving "The M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," Bro. Hirsch alluded to the excellencies of that Brother, and pointed out the benefits derived by Masons in having him at the head of affairs. The period during which H.R.H. had ruled over the Craft had been one of continued progress, and he trusted that such might long continue. With the toast the W.M. coupled the health of the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. The toast of the Pro G.M. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon was always received in Masonic assemblies with great favour. The Earl is well known, as one of the most energetic Freemasons in England. The health of Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past followed. The Freemasons of this country have, the W.M. said, every reason to be thankful to the Grand Officers for the great interest they take in promoting the welfare of the Craft. With this toast was coupled the names of Bros. Simpson and Buss. Bro. Simpson tendered the thanks of the Grand Officers for the honour that had been paid them. For himself, he was extremely gratified at the way in which he had been received. Masonic Lodges owed, as did most other things in this life, much of their prosperity to a good start. He could compliment the brethren on the beginning they had made, and felt sure it could have but one result. He then proceeded to dilate on what he was pleased to term his hobby—the Charities. Our rev. brother's peculiar ideas on this subject are well known, and it is equally well known that they are antagonistic to the views entertained by the Craft at large; it will not therefore be surprising to know that the brethren did not express concurrence therewith. In fact, some disapprobation was evidenced in consequence of our rev. brother advocating the attendance of members at the un-Masonic meeting of the Charity Organisation Society at the very hour that a really Masonic gathering was to take place at the Alexandra Palace in aid of the funds of our Boys' School. Bro. Buss followed, and paid a compliment to the brethren now at the head of Masonic affairs. He expressed the pleasure he felt at having been able to take a part in the consecration of the Lodge, which he hoped would have a most prosperous career. Bro. Terry, in the absence of any Past Master, proposed the health of the W.M., detailing his varied labours on behalf of the Craft and its members, but particularly in the cause of Charity. He had for some time past given a prize to the Girls' School for the best knowledge of the German language, and in other ways supported our institutions. His position as first W.M. of the Lodge was far from easy. It was necessary for him to consolidate the interests of all the brethren who had united with him in the foundation of the Lodge, and generally lay down plans of operation for the future. He felt assured that every duty would be discharged in the most satisfactory manner, and that the heads of our Order would never have occasion to regret having granted a Warrant to Bro. Hirsch and his colleagues. The W.M. having thanked those present for their hearty reception, assured them that no effort on his part should be spared to ensure the proper discharge of the duties entrusted to him. It would ever be his endeavour to promote the happiness and interests of the members, and he trusted that at the expiration of his year of office he might hand over the Warrant of the Lodge to his successor pure and unsullied. He next called upon the brethren to honour the toast of the Consecrating Officers. The members of the Clapham Lodge had, he considered, every reason to be deeply grateful to Bro. Terry and those who had so kindly assisted him in the ceremony of the day. He personally felt greatly indebted to them for their kind advice, generous expressions, and hearty co-operation. Bro. Terry replied: He was pleased to learn that in the discharge of their duties the consecrating officers had given satisfaction. They were amply repaid for the little trouble they had gone to by receiving such hearty thanks as had been accorded both in Lodge and at the banquet table. If at any future time there was anything they could do to further the interests of the Lodge, they would be only too pleased to do it. The toast of the Visitors followed. The Master was pleased to see so many distinguished brethren present, but most sincerely regretted that no members of the Royal Leopold Lodge, which had so kindly recommended the warrant for their own, were among them. He felt he need hardly assure the guests that they were most heartily welcome, nor that it would give the members great pleasure to see them again at one or other of their meetings when they might have an opportunity of judging how the members were able to perform the work of a Lodge. Bro. J. Morrell replied. The W.M. now proposed Prosperity to the Masonic Charities, advising those who had never visited our institutions to go and see for themselves what good was being done. He trusted the Masonic Charitable Institutions would long be considered worthy of the support of the Order, and was sure that the brethren of the Clapham Lodge would make every effort to promote their interests. As a substantial proof of this, he was pleased to announce that it was the wish of the Lodge that he should represent them as a Steward at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, on which occasion he hoped to take up a substantial amount. Bro. J. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, replied. In the course of his speech he referred to the remarks made by Rev. Bro. Simpson. He assured the brethren that very much was required of the Craft, more, in fact, than they had done in the past. He hoped that the exertions of the W.M. would be the means of adding considerably to the funds next year, and that on many occasions the brethren of the Clapham Lodge would show the true Masonic spirit of charity. With great pleasure the W.M. rose to propose the health of the Officers. Not the least part of the satisfaction he felt at the day's proceedings was the knowledge that he was supported by earnest and zealous officers, brethren who had undertaken with himself the arduous duties and great responsibilities of bringing the Lodge into life. He felt assured the Officers would do all in their power to cement the ties of brotherhood by their good working and understanding of our beautiful rites and ceremonies, and thereby promulgate the great truths of Freemasonry, to the glory of God and benefit of our fellow-creatures. For the assistance he had received from each of the founders he desired to tender his best thanks. He specially referred to the way in which Bro. Worrell had fulfilled the duties of Secretary, and hoped the Lodge would have his assistance for many years. Bro. S.W. replied, tendering the thanks of his fellows for the reception that had been accorded them. He was a young Mason, but hoped that he should prove himself efficient in the duties required of him. Bro. J.W. followed. He felt that he could not have done better than join the brethren who had laid the foundation of this Lodge, and hoped he might be spared to prove that he was worthy of the position that had been accorded him. Bro. Worrell assured the brethren that he should endeavour to carry out the business of his office in such a way as would ensure their approval. He complimented the Master and his assistants on the way in which the duties had been performed; he should have thought that all of the officers were Past Masters, or at least brethren who had served their respective offices before; but when it came to be known that all were new to the work, he considered that especial praise was due. He referred to the many previous applications which had been made for a Lodge for the district, all of which he said had been refused, so that he considered the Grand Lodge must have a good opinion of the petitioners to whom they had granted the Warrant under which the meeting of the day had been held. Bro. Sudlow also replied. The W.M. was about to rise and pay the honours, and a special toast to the originator of the Clapham Lodge (Bro. Alfred Pocock), who is highly esteemed by the founders, and greatly valued by the W.M., but the exigencies of the train services precluded the possibility of the visitors remaining, consequently Bro. Reinhardt, the Tyler, was summoned, and he gave the usual closing toast. The visitors present were Bros. H. Massey P.M. 619, J. Morrell P.M. 111 P.P.G. Sup. of Works Durham, A. R. Cranch 1216, F. H. Cozens 1216, A. Hubbard 813, G. J. Wright 1426, W. Clarke 114 P.G.D.C. Suffolk, H. Ashton 1185, R. J. Simpson 10 P.G. Chap., H. Sadler G. Tyler, H. G. Buss Asst. G. Sec., J. Terry P.G.J.W. Herts, F. Mead P.M. Ionic, J. H. Watts P.M. 1201, John Dixon P.M. 73, G. E. Goodinge 171, A. G. Taylor P.M. 1201, L. D. Berry P.M. 179, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, E. J. Harty P.M. 1201, &c.

The usual Summer Entertainment to the Old Folks at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, Croydon, will take place on Tuesday next, the 1st of July. A special second class carriage will be reserved by the 3.28 p.m. train from Charing Cross, or 3.38 from Cannon-street, for East Croydon. These gatherings are always of a pleasant character, and from the arrangements made by our indefatigable Bro. Terry we are convinced this will prove no exception to the rule.

It would hardly be possible to have chosen a more opportune time than the present, when public attention has been thoroughly aroused as to the general state of agriculture, for the publication of a comprehensive work on Dairy Farming. Such a work, written by Prof. Sheldon, and dealing exhaustively with the subject, will, we find, be issued by Messrs. Cassell, Petter and Galpin, contemporaneously with the opening of the great International Show at Kilburn.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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YARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 633.

THE Installation Meeting was held on Wednesday, 18th June, at the Masonic Hall, Manchester. Present:—Bros. J. Lees Aspland W.M., G. Smedley S.W., J. B. Whitehead J.W., W. H. Hopkins P.M. Past. Prov. G.D.C. for East Lancashire Treas., S. Walkden Sec., S. Witton S.D., R. Buckley I.G., J. Sly Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. E. Nathan W.M. of Zion Lodge 1798, H. R. G. Bayley, J. Rohmer I.P.M., and other brethren; amongst the Visitors being Bros. W. Slade P.M. of Callender Lodge No. 1052, and the Rev. Dr. Davis Marks S.W. of 1502 and 1798. Business:—The Lodge was opened by Bro. J. L. Aspland W.M.; the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. Bro. W. H. Hopkins then took the chair as installing Master. Bro. Aspland W.M. having been re-elected to serve a second year, was presented as W.M. elect by Bro. Rohmer I.P.M. The obligation having been administered, the brethren under the rank of Installed Master retired. On the re-admission of the brethren the ceremony was concluded, and the W.M. appointed the following Officers. Bros. Smedley S.W., J. B. Whitehead J.W., Hopkins Treas., W. Cartwright Sectry., S. Witton S.D., S. Walkden J.D., W. G. Watson I.G., E. Beswick Organist, and J. Sly Tyler. The ceremony of installation was performed in an impressive manner by Bro. Hopkins. After the Lodge was closed, the Festival of St. John was celebrated, and the brethren separated after a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

ABBEY LODGE, No. 1184.

NEVER since the Consecration of this Lodge in 1867 has it had such a meeting as on Thursday, the 19th instant, when Bro. W. Lamborn P.M. P.P.G.P. was installed W.M. The success must be attributed chiefly to the honour paid the Lodge by the visit of the R.W. P.G.M. of Sussex and his Officers. The installation was ably performed, in an impressive manner, by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, there being upwards of twenty-four installed Masters on the Board. On the readmission of the brethren, the new W.M. was saluted in due form. Bro. Lamborn then invested his Officers, viz.:—C. D. Jones I.P.M., E. R. Clarke S.W., J. B. Sargent J.W., J. H. Wells P.M. Treasurer, C. W. Duke P.M. Sec., C. R. Chandler P.M. D. of C., J. Fielding O., A. D. Womersley S.D., R. H. Keeley J.D., J. Fisher I.G., F. Jesson Tyler. Visitors present were—Sir Walter W. Burrell, M.P., P.G.M. of Sussex, John H. Scott D.P.G.M., V. Freeman P.G. Sec., C. Tomkinson P.G.S. of W., J. M. Kidd P.G.D. of C., J. Farncomb P.G.S.B., A. King P.G.O., W. T. Neel P.G.P., A. Hawkes, J. Rubie, S. B. McWhinnie P.G. Stewards. W. Glenister W.M. Derwent Lodge No. 40, G. Wellerd P.M. No. 40, J. Milsom W.M. 34, W. Davis P.M., H. Hasteson P.M. 101, F. Stadden P.M. 125, H. Davey P.M. 732, Sanderman W.M. 1636, J. H. Coates P.M. No. 949 P.P.G.P. Durham, and a number of brethren from Hastings and Rye. After the close of the Lodge the brethren, numbering about 60, adjourned to the George Hotel to banquet. The chair was filled by Bro. Lamborn, supported by the Prov. G.M. and his Officers, and a number of Past Masters. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Sir Walter W. Burrell, in responding to the toast of the R.W. P.G.M. of Sussex, made a truly Masonic and able speech, referring to the great increase of Masonic professors since the accession of the Prince of Wales to the Grand Mastership. During the evening many kind things were spoken of the W.M., I.P.M., and Past Masters of the Lodge. The Tyler's toast concluded a happy meeting, that will be long remembered by those present.

PERCY LODGE, No. 1427.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Bro. Bertram P. Ord W.M. in the chair opened the Lodge, supported by the Officers and a large gathering of brethren, amongst whom were P.M.'s J.C. Mowbray, J. H. Bentham, R. L. Armstrong, &c. The minutes of the last Lodge being confirmed, the Treasurer submitted his report, which was most satisfactory. Bro. W. S. Lishman, the W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M., and received at his hands the benefit of installation. The usual formalities having been gone through, a board of Installed Masters was formed and the ceremony proceeded with. Upon the brethren being re-admitted, the W.M. was proclaimed and saluted. The new W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. B. P. Ord I.P.M., John Braithwaite S.W., C. A. Bushell J.W., Rev. J. Walker Chaplain, B. J. Thompson P.G.S. Treasurer, G. E. Macarthy Sec., W. Magall S.D., H. Dixon J.D., J. Maclared I.G., R. Ferry Organist, F. Ferrina S.S., R. Braithwaite J.S., G. S. Sims Tyler. Bro. Ord, the Installing Master, then gave the several addresses; his working of the ceremony was most impressive, and rarely have we heard it rendered so well. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Head Hotel, where they sat down to a capital dinner. Full justice having been done to it, and grace said, the W.M. gave the Loyal toasts, followed by that of His Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. and the Officers of Grand Lodge. The next toast on the list was that of Earl Percy and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland, followed by the P.G.M. and Officers of the P.G.L. of Durham. In replying to this toast, Bro. E. D. Davis P.P.G.S.W. sure the good feeling that existed between the Provinces would be cemented by the organisation of the joint Charity fund. Bro. Ord, the I.P.M., then rose to propose the health of the W.M.; in doing so he assured the brethren that it had given him great pleasure to instal the W.M. that day, and that it was not often a person has the pleasure of knowing that the chair will be better filled by his successor. He wished him a successful year, and he hoped Bro. Lishman might resign the chair with as much regret as he had that day, and also with the pleasure of installing his successor. The W.M., who on rising was received with cheers, expressed the gratification he felt at the compliment paid him, the more so after the wonderful escape he had, with the help of the G.A.O.T.U. passed through, when he was not able to look after himself, and he felt deeply the confidence the Lodge had placed in him. He had only become a Mason late in life, but it was the one wish of his heart that he might be of benefit to the Craft; he could at that moment only thank them sincerely. Bro. Davis, on rising, said he had the honour to propose the next toast. The Percy Lodge was comparatively young, but by the Treasurer's account it was flourishing, but its prosperity was due to the way its concerns were managed. The proceedings that day had gratified him, as well as every brother on the dais. Every Officer had worked well, zealously, and honestly, and it was in consequence of having a Master at their head who was competent. All knew him well, and he was often more inclined to say a word of reproof than of compliment. He would not compliment a man whom he thought was not entitled to it. Under these circumstances he then gave the health of their I.P.M., a Brother worthy of their respect and confidence, and he trusted they would all copy the example he has set them. Bro. Ord thanked them very much. He felt it was gratifying to him that his efforts had been appreciated, and took it as a high compliment that Bro. Davis said he could not find fault with him. He assured the brethren that his efforts would not lax with regard to the Lodge, and if he was spared it would always be his aim to forward the interests of the Lodge. The Past Masters next received their meed of praise, to which Bro. Mowbray replied. Bro. R. Holmes next gave the past and present officers, paying them some well-deserved compliments; to this the S.W. replied in a few well-chosen remarks. The Visitors also received a welcome from the W.M., which was suitably responded to. The Tyler's toast then brought a pleasant evening to a close, which had been enlivened by some capital harmony, rendered by Bros. Ord, Holmes, Ferry, Lishman, and Simons. The Visitors were Bros. E. D. Davis 659 P.P.G.S.W., R. Holmes P.M. 659 P.P.G.J.W., Thomas P.P.G.S.W. Lancashire, Challener P.P.G.S.W., R. Eynon P.M. 481 P.P.G.P., W. Monday P.M. 406 P.P.G.P., R. G. Salmon S.W. 406, J. Wood S.W. 48, R. Simons S.W. 1626, Watson S.W. 481, Duckett S.D. 481, and S. M. Harris Sec. 406.

EVENING STAR LODGE, No. 1719.

A MONTH since we had the pleasure to record a meeting of this new Lodge, when the proceedings were of a most gratifying character. The installation meeting, held on Tuesday last, was equally successful. As we stated when last we wrote, the members of this Lodge belong to a "class," consequently all who join the brotherhood under the glimmer of the Evening Star must bring with them certain credentials. A special feature we heard commented on at the gathering on Tuesday was, that the brethren hold but four meetings in the year, and these are fixed for the months of March, April, May and June. This peculiarity may be explained by the special nature of the engagements of those associated with the Lodge. The members are all connected in some way or other with Gas or its belongings; they do not assemble from any given locality, but from all parts of the country; consequently, the dates selected for the Lodge to hold meetings are days when there is not so much claim on the time of the members. Moreover, with this particular section it is a season when conferences are organised, arrangements made for holding consultation meetings, and lastly, the claims consequent upon required attendances at Parliamentary Committees, &c. These are some of the reasons urged by the promoters for holding their limited gatherings at periods so closely allied. Having thus far wandered from our direct course, in order to explain what appeared to some whom we met anomalous, we now proceed to detail the particulars of what transpired. The Lodge was opened at five o'clock by the W.M. Bro. Thomas N. Kirkham, who was supported by his Officers, a large majority of the members, and the following Visitors:—Bros. John Methven J.D. 452, Chas. M. Ohren I.G. 452, W. R. Jones (Maryhill, Scotland) 510, J. W. Baldwin P.M. 1423 P.G.P. Middlesex, Joseph Aird Britannic, Robert Harris 25, J. Sampson Peirce P.M. 2 P.G.S., H. Garman 657, Edward Wharton 1706, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, Osman Vincent P.M. 1547, E. E. Phillips 475, W. R. Phillips 475, W. E. Wilkins 140, E. Moss 1706, F. Mead 212, Henri de Solla 1017, H. Massey P.M. 619, and W. H. Bale 87. The minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. The Treasurer then called on the members to pay over subscriptions and fees due to the Lodge. The resignation of two members was announced, and the same was accepted with regret. The Special Committee then presented their Report, when Bro. Magnus Ohren moved that the same, with the balance-sheet, be received, adopted and entered upon the minutes, and that it be printed and circulated. This was seconded by Bro. Jas. Glaisher, and carried unanimously. Bro. J. W. Sugg P.M. then took the chair as Installing Master, and the W.M. elect, Bro. John Aird, was presented and received the benefits of installation. Bro. Sugg is a competent worker, and on this occasion his rendering of the ceremony was most perfect. The W. Master invested the following as his Officers for the year:—Brothers William Sugg S.W., T. A. Greene J.W., Jas. Glaisher Treasurer,

1st Steward, Edward Hyde 2nd Steward, Charles T. Speight Tyler. The "parts" of Senior Deacon and Junior Deacon were apportioned respectively to the worthy brethren who held the emblems of Treasurer and Secretary, but we question whether this "doubling" is conformable with the Book of Constitutions; perhaps some of our correspondents may feel inclined to give us their views on this point. Doubtless the reason why members of Evening Star adopt this course is, that they desire Officers to go forward in rotation for the Master's chair, but we repeat we scarcely think they are in order. Bro. Sugg then delivered the addresses, and on taking his seat was complimented by the W.M. and visitors for the ability he had displayed. On notice of motion by Bro. J. W. Sugg D.C., a P.M.'s jewel was proposed to be given to Bro. Thos. N. Kirkham on his leaving the chair, as a mark of respect from the members. This was seconded by the W.M. Bro. John Aird, and unanimously agreed to; whereupon the presentation was formally made, and a suitable acknowledgment offered by Bro. Kirkham. Three new members were then proposed, and the Lodge closed, and was adjourned to the fourth Tuesday in March 1880. The brethren and their guests now sat down to a capital banquet, which Bro. Best personally superintended; he was ably seconded by his lieutenant, Bro. Dawkins, and justice was done to the good things provided. The after proceedings were of a highly gratifying character, the W.M. presiding in a hearty and genial spirit; the toasts were ably introduced, and heartily acknowledged. Bro. Filer replied for the Grand Officers, and expressed regret that the ill-health of Bro. John Hervy Grand Secretary had prevented the attendance of that highly esteemed Mason. Bro. Kirkham proposed the health of the W.M., who in his reply modestly remarked that he would strive to uphold the dignity of the Lodge, and respect the wishes of its members. For the Visitors Bro. Peirce acknowledged the indebtedness of those present for the courtesy and hospitality shown them. Bro. Kirkham responded for the Past Masters, and the next toast that called for recognition was the health of the Installing Master. A feature of the evening was the amusing and witty reply of Bro. Sugg, who for the nonce assumed the character of Mrs. Gamp, and introduced into his speech the peculiarities of that estimable lady. We should have liked to reproduce his verses in extenso, but pressure on our space precludes our so doing. The Masonic Charities were not overlooked, and Bro. Winn in reply ably advocated their claims. The worthy Treasurer descanted ably on the duties pertaining to his office, most impressively urging on the members that they should never permit him to allow them to get in arrears with their subscriptions. Bro. W. Sugg acknowledged the honour that had been paid the Officers by the recognition the Worshipful Master made of their services, and then Bro. Speight was called on for the final toast. Through some slight misunderstanding, a double company of musical artistes assembled; however, they were brothers, and in a brotherly spirit joined heart and voice to make the evening pass off pleasantly. It would be useless to ennumerate all the good songs, &c., that were sung, we will therefore specially mention Bro. Edward Wharton's "The Mariners;" Bro. H. De Solla's "Sally in our Alley;" Bro. Edwin Moss's "Only for thee;" Bro. Charles Ohron's "The Gauntlet;" the duet "Albion," by Bros. Moss and Wharton. Miss Jessie Royd was in capital voice, and Miss Belville contributed to the enjoyment of the guests. All were indebted to Bro. H. De Solla, who acted most efficiently as accompanyist.

MARK MASONRY.

MACDONALD MARK MASTERS LODGE, No. 104.

THIS Lodge held its annual Festival and Installation meeting at the Guildhall Tavern, E.C., on Friday, the 20th inst., and although, from a variety of circumstances, the attendance was not so numerous as at former similar meetings, the entire proceedings were of a most satisfactory nature, and fully upheld the well-known reputation and *prestige* of the Lodge as one of the principal exponents of the working of Mark Masonry. The W. Bro. North Ritherdon W.M. opened his Lodge at the hour appointed, assisted by the V.W. Bro. James Stevens P.G.J.O. P.M. as Senior Warden (in the absence of Bro. E. Moody, now fulfilling a business engagement in America), the V.W. Bro. D. M. Dewar P.G.M.O. and Assistant Grand Secretary J.W., W. P. Collins M.O., F. H. Cozens S.O., N. I. F. Basnett J.O., W. C. Hale S.D., George Yarley R.M., W. Bro. W. Worrell P.G. Organist Secretary, the V.W. Bro. Thomas Meggy P.G.M.O. Treasurer, and other Officers. There were also present the W. Bro. Alfred Williams P.M. P.G.S., W. Johnston, T. de Leliva, J. B. Humphrey, T. W. Simons, &c.; and amongst the Visitors, in addition to Bro. Dewar, Bros. T. Mortlock P.G.O.G., J. Gilby 22, and H. Caston 166, The minutes of the previous regular meeting and emergency having been confirmed, the W. Bro. George Ward Verry was duly presented for installation, and installed in the chair of A. by Bro. Meggy, who was assisted, as D.C., by Bro. Stevens. The Officers for the ensuing year were appointed in the following order:—Bros. W. P. Collins S.W., F. H. Cozens J.W., N. I. F. Basnett M.O., George Yarley S.O., W. C. Hale J.O., J. Pitt R.M., W. Worrell P.M. Secretary, T. Meggy P.M. Treasurer, W. Johnston S.D., T. de Leliva J.D., T. W. Simons I.G., James Stevens P.M. D.C., J. B. Humphrey Steward. The concluding addresses were ably rendered by Bro. Stevens, and the new W.M. then presented to Bro. North Ritherdon a P.M. jewel, in recognition of his services during the past year. Letters of apology and regret for inability to attend were read, and especially one from Bro. Moody, who, but for his important engagement abroad, would have been installed as W.M. on this occasion. Several candidates were proposed for advancement at ensuing meeting, and some ordinary routine business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, under the presidency of the new W.M., Bro. Verry. In the course of the responses some able addresses were given by Bro. Dewar, on behalf of the Visitors, and by two or three of the Past Masters, and further success and progress for the Lodge foreshadowed by arrangements made for securing its continued efficiency of working and additional strength of membership. There being several talented professional brethren amongst its members, the meetings of the Lodge are always characterised by excellent musical entertainments, under the direction of Bro. Cozens, and on this occasion nothing was wanting to secure the pleasure and gratification of all present, Good order and correct working in the Lodge, under an able W.M., a liberal table, provided by the esteemed Treasurer, Bro. Meggy, and excellent harmony, conducted by a skilled professor, always tend to make an Installation Festival of the Macdonald a treat in Mark Masonry not easily to be found elsewhere.

CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED MANCHESTER LODGE OF ARK MARINERS, NO. 34.

THIS Lodge, founded by several of the leading Mark Masons in Manchester, and intended to unite still more closely in the bonds of friendship the three Mark Lodges of that city, was solemnly consecrated on Saturday the 14th inst., by that well known master of ceremonial our Bro. C. F. Matier 30° P.G.W., &c., who was specially appointed by M.W.G.M.M.M., to officiate. The brethren of the Ark Mariners degree, viz., Bros. C. F. Matier, Thos. Entwisle, G. P. Brockbank, Wm. Rowe, J. L. Hine, and Arthur Middleton, having assembled at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, at 3.15. p.m. the chair was taken by R.W. Bro. Matier as N., assisted by Bro. W. Rowe as J., Bro. Entwisle as S., with Bro. Hine as Warder, and Bro. Middleton as D. of C. Lodge was opened in due form and the following brethren, being duly qualified M.M.M., were then introduced and elevated to the Antient degree of Ark Mariner:—Bros. J. Arensberg P.P.G.S.B. Lancashire, C. S. Lane P.P.J.G.D. Durham and Northumberland, A. Stott P.P.G.D.C. Lancashire, H. T. Robberds P.P.G.O. Lancashire, J. G. Jones St. Andrews 34, H. C. Miller 34, T. H. Glendinning 32 and 34, Murray Thomson 34, T. Chorlton 34, W. D. Waddell 34, E. Steinert 34, W. Nicholl 34, W. Greatorex 34, T. Mather 34, T. J. Hooper, Union 32, and J. R. Kirk 34. The founders of the New Lodge were then addressed by the consecrating officer, after which the petition and Warrant having been read by the D. of C. and the brethren present having signified their approval of the Officers nominated, the oration of the degree was most effectively given by Bro. G. P. Brockbank. The procession was then formed, Bro. Hine bearing corn, Bro. Entwisle wine, Bro. Robberds oil, and Bro. Rowe salt, and after the usual proclamation the Lodge was dedicated and consecrated in due form by Bro. Matier, the musical portion of the ceremony being most effectively rendered by Bro. H. T. Robberds P.P.G. Organist. Bro. Wm. Rowe was then presented as W. Com. N. designate, and the brethren below that rank having retired, was formally installed as N. After the readmission of the brethren Bro. Julius Arensberg was unanimously elected as Treasurer, and the newly installed N. appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bro. Middleton as J. Bro. J. L. Hine as S., Bro. A Stott as D. of C., Bro. H. T. Robberds as Organist, Bro. J. Arensberg as Treasurer, Bro. T. H. Glendinning as S.D., Bro. T. J. Hooper as J.D., Bro. W. D. Waddell as Warder, Bro. J. T. Kirk as Guardian. On the proposition of Bro. Rowe N., seconded by Bro. Middleton J., Bros. Matier, Entwisle and Brockbank were elected honorary members of the Lodge, and a hearty vote of thanks recorded to them for their kind services. Hearty good wishes were expressed from several brethren, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony with solemn prayer at 5. p.m. The brethren afterwards adjourned to refreshment, and a pleasant evening was spent, all separating at an early hour.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday afternoon, at the Freemasons' Hall. There were present—Bros. J. A. Rucker (in the chair), H. A. Dubois, E. Letchworth, Griffiths Smith, R. B. Webster, H. Massey, James Peters, Edward Cox, H. Potter, J. J. Caney, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, five petitions were read, and the candidates were placed on the list for October. This list contains forty-eight names, out of which there will be vacancies in the Institution for eleven. A notice of motion, however, was given for Col. Creaton for adding another seven, and thus increase the number of elected children in the Institution 200. The Committee, after some formal business, adjourned.

ROYAL MASONIC BOYS' SCHOOL CRICKET CLUB.

ON Wednesday, May 14th, a match was played on the College House Ground, amid wretched weather, play being stopped several times during the afternoon. The match resulted in a walk over for the Masonic boys, by 137 runs to 29. On Saturday, May 17th, a game was played on the School Ground with the boys of the Grocers' Company's School, victory again resting with the M.C.C. The return match with the latter team was played on the Alexandra Palace Ground, on Friday, 20th inst., when the Grocers were defeated a second time. The return match between the College House team was played on the C.H.C.C. Ground on the 23rd inst., when the Masonic team succeeded in beating their opponents in an innings, with some runs to spare.

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Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

A PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be holden at the SHIRE HALL, CHELMSFORD, on WEDNESDAY, 2nd day of July next, at One o'clock, for the purpose of Installing the R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., as Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Essex, and for General Business.

The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master of England, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord CARNARVON, will preside.

The Grand Lodge will be opened punctually at Half-past One o'clock. The Treasurer's Accounts will be Audited at Half-past Twelve o'clock precisely.

By command of the R.W. P.G.M.,

THOS. J. RALLING,

Provincial Grand Secretary.

N.B.—All Brethren desirous of being present must bring their Grand Lodge Certificate or be vouched for.

A BANQUET will take place at the CORN EXCHANGE punctually at Four o'clock. Tickets 10s 6d each (including Wine and Dessert). It is requested that applications for Banquet Tickets be made to the Stewards, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford, on or before the 27th instant.

PROVINCE OF KENT.

THE ANNUAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT will be held at the CONCERT HALL, MAIDSTONE, on Wednesday, 9th July, at 12.0 noon precisely, when and where the Provincial Grand Officers and Past Officers, with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of the Lodges in the Province, are convoked to attend.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE annual meeting was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Corn Exchange, Spalding, on the invitation of the "Hundred of Elloe" Lodge No. 469, under the presidency of W. H. Smyth, Esq. R.W. P.G.M. of Lincolnshire, supported by Bros. Wm. Kingston R.W. D.G.M. of Malta, E. Locock 112 D.P.G.M., D. Hansen 1294 P.G.S.W., W. H. Radley 838 P.P.G.J.W., J. Fowler 712 P.P.G.S.W., W. Clegg 272 P.P.G.S.W., T. Coates 1294 P.G.J.W., C. Pocklington 272 P.P.G.S.W., W. Smart 272 P.P.G.J.W., A. Bates 469 P.P.G.J.W., J. A. Thomas 272 P.P.G.J.W., H. Sharp 1304 P.P.G.J.W., Rev. G. W. Lowe 272 P.G.C., Rev. D. Ace D.D. 1232 P.P.G.C., Rev. T. C. K. Saunders 1286 P.P.G.C., Rev. Cecil Sumner 809 P.G.C. Cambridge, Rev. A. W. G. Moore 114 and 469, C. M. Nesbitt 712 and 1600 P.G. Treas., H. Watson 297 and 1386 P.G. Reg., F. D. Marsden 712 P.G. Sec., J. H. Dodds 426 P.G.S.D., Jas. Robinson 469 P.G.J.D., Jack Sutcliffe 1294 P.P.G.S.D., A. Woodrow 469 P.P.G.J.D., J. Hadfield 792 P.P.G.J.D., J. W. Thimbleby 426 P.P.G.J.D., J. Robinson 792 P.P.G.J.D., H. Shepherd 838 P.P.G.J.D., W. H. Bailes 272 P.P.G.S. of W. West Yorks., G. Young 272 P.P.G.S. of W., W. Watkins 297 P.P.G.S. of W., E. Chamberlain 1232 P.P.G.S. of W., W. H. Roberts 792 P.G.D. of C., G. F. Barrell P.M. and Sec. 469 P.G.A.D. of C., T. J. Tomlinson 588 P.P.G.D. of C., A. Bates 792 P.P.G.D. of C. W. Poole 838 P.P.G.D. of C., R. Nicholson 1304 P.P.G.D. of C., A. Richdale 426 P.P.G.S.B., G. H. Porter 712 P.G.O., H. Nicholson 1304 P.G.P., S. S. Mossop 985 P.P.G.P., C. Smyth 1600 P.P.G.P., J. Queenboro 272 P.P.G.P., B. Vickers 297 P.G. Standard Bearer, J. Woodward 469 P.G.S., T. Squire W.M. 809 P.P.G.P. Camb., T. C. Lazenby W.M. 297, J. Scarborough W.M. 362, J. Langton W.M. 422, C. F. Bonner W.M. 469, W. Stringer W.M. 588, W. H. J. Wood W.M. 838, J. Hodgins W.M. 985, W. Finlay W.M. 1232, A. L. Peacock W.M. 1386, T. C. Johnson W.M. 1600, Rev. T. P. Holdich P.M. 1286, J. S. Lynes S.W. 469, J. Laming J.W. 469, J. Benner S.D. 469, T. Harrison I.P.M. 1232, T. M. Ashton P.M. 469, J. J. Bartram P.M. 985, R. Garfit P.M. 1600, J. Fergusson P.M. 838, J. W. Palmer I.P.M. 838, W. Marshall P.M. 792, R. McSheen P.M. 792, R. Thorpe I.P.M. 588, W. H. Sissons P.M. 447, F. S. Judd P.M. 469, W. Long P.M. 469, Jos. Chapman P.M. 1294, J. Allen P.M. 838, J. H. Burg 838, A. W. Lambert 588, J. R. Capps 469, J. Cook 792, R. J. Pocklington 469, E. F. B. Lucas 712, C. F. Liversidge 422, F. Thomas 272, W. H. Kirby 838, J. E. Mason 1600, H. J. Seels 426, J. Eley 272, J. L. Rayner 297, W. N. Mason 1600, J. M. Richardson 712, W. Rainforth 297, E. Wilson 1304, J. R. Dudding 1282, W. J. Shepherd 838 and 712, Charles Dee 1304, S. G. Gamble 362, F. Stanwell 272, W. Challens 838, T. M. Wilkinson 297, &c. Among the visiting brethren not mentioned above were Bros. E. Gilbert 173, J. P. S. Walker 318 Scotland, Rev. B. Matthews 683, J. A. Cramp 793, Thomas Phillips 809, W. Poppleton 809, D. S. Fox 809,

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and W. Rose 1545. Letters of apology were received from Bros. C. Scorer 297 P.G.S.B., C. A. Kirby 712 P.G.S. of W., J. Mawer W.M. 712, W. Waddingham W.M. 1447, F. R. Sutton W.M. 1282, T. Cleugh 1282, P.G.S., M. Woodall 1447 P.G.S., F. Higgins I.P.M. 1600, and F. R. W. Hedges Sec. R.M.I.G. Every Lodge in the Province, save one, Isle of Axholme 1482, Epworth, was represented, 197 brethren having signed the attendance sheet. The proceedings of the day commenced as early as 9.30 a.m., when the P.G. Charity Committee met for the purpose of selecting the most eligible candidate out of four boys to receive the support of the Province during the ensuing year. A very large majority of the committee were in favour of William Black, of Grimsby, who was vigorously supported by Bros. J. Sutcliffe and Robinson his proposer, who was consequently declared elected to receive the full benefit of the voting power of the Province, and a strong desire was shewn to obtain the admission of two of the other boys by purchase. Some fear having been expressed by the supporters of little Black, that in the event of the other boys obtaining their admission by purchase, their candidate would be in a worse position than he would have been without the voting power of the Province, Bro. Robinson 792 P.P.G.J.D. asked what would be the result if Black were not elected next October? The reply of Bro. Radley 838, the esteemed Secretary of the P.G. Charity Committee, was characteristic of his determination and devotion to Freemasonry, and was acknowledged by the brethren with the warmest applause. He said, "If I say Black goes in next October, he will go in." The Report of the last year shewed that the Province of Lincolnshire had a fair share of the benefits arising out of the three central Charities. The reports from both Boys' and Girls' Schools being very satisfactory, one boy, Wellington, having taken honours last December at the Cambridge Middle Class Examination, while the Committee were glad to say that at the last Election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Henry Wardale, Tyler 792, had been successful in gaining admission. The Report was adopted, and ordered to be presented to Prov. Grand Lodge for confirmation. At 10.30 the Committee of Prov. G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence were called together, Bro. W. H. Smyth R.W. P.G.M. in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting, held at Grimsby, 11th July 1878, were then read and confirmed. The Treasurer's accounts showed a sum of £600 now invested in freehold security, and a balance in hand of £166 18s 1d. On the proposition of Bro. E. Loocock W.D.P.G.M., seconded by Bro. H. Watson 297 P.G. Reg., the accounts were adopted. A petition was presented by the Lindsey Lodge, No. 712, on behalf of Bro. Wm. Somerton, who for many years had been in a very weak state of health, and often incapacitated for business. On the proposition of Bro. Radley 838 P.G. Charity Sec., seconded by Bro. C. M. Nesbitt P.G. Treas., the sum of £20 was unanimously awarded. Proposed from the chair, at the instigation of Bro. Robert Thorpe I.P.M. 588, "That in order to extend the operations of Provincial Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence in a more specific manner than at present particularised, the following words be inserted in Rule 1—after children, "as well as for making grants to assist in the education of their children if considered requisite." The proposition was seconded by Bro. W. H. Radley 838 P.G. Charity Secretary, and supported by Bro. C. M. Nesbitt 712 P.G. Treasurer, and carried unanimously. A proposition that the quarterly fees of the brethren to this fund be increased from threepence to sixpence met with no seconder, and was withdrawn. Bro. H. Watson 297 P.G. Reg. proposed, and Bro. E. Loocock 712 D.P.G.M. seconded, "That a special meeting of this Committee be summoned for the purpose of making the necessary alterations of, or additions to, the present Bye-Laws of the P.G. Lodge Benevolent Fund for the due regulation and distribution of the Oliver Memorial Fund;" carried unanimously. Bro. C. M. Nesbitt P.G. Treas. read the accounts of the Oliver Memorial Fund, showing a sum of £1,050 invested in freehold security, and a balance in hand of £22 0s 5d, with a half year's interest falling due almost immediately. It was proposed by Bro. Jack Sutcliffe that the sum of £100 from the P.G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence, and the accumulated interest of the Oliver Memorial Fund be devoted towards the purchase of a vacancy for one or more of the candidates now on the list for admission into the R.M.I.B., but owing to want of time, after an animated discussion, the matter was referred to the special meeting of this Committee before mentioned. At 11.30 the brethren in full Masonic costume, each Lodge being distinguished by its banner, went in procession to the Parish Church, which had been kindly lent by the Rev. Canon Moore for the occasion. Prayers were read by Bros. the Rev. B. Matthews 683 and the Rev. A. W. G. Moore 114 and 469 P.P.G. Chap. Suffolk, and an excellent sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. G. W. Lowe 272 and 469 P.G. Chaplain, from Luke ii. 14. On the return of the procession to the Corn Exchange, Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master W. H. Smyth, Esq., assisted by his Officers. The Roll of Lodges and P.G. Officers having been called, W. Bro. E. Loocock D.P.G.M. proposed, and W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Ace P.P.G.C. seconded, "that the minutes of the P.G. Lodge, held at Grimsby 11th July 1878, be taken as read;" carried unanimously. Bro. H. Watson P.G. Reg. proposed, and Bro. D. Hansen P.G.S.W. seconded, "that the minutes be confirmed;" carried unanimously. W. Bro. C. M. Nesbitt 712 P.G. Treasurer presented his financial statement, showing a balance in hand of £22 11s 5d. On the proposition of W. Bro. H. Watson P.G. Reg., seconded by Bro. D. Hansen P.G.S.W., the statement was adopted. W. Bro. Watson 297 P.G. Reg. presented the returns of the various Lodges in the Province, showing a total of 879 subscribing members, or an increase of five on the year. The Provincial Grand Secretary read the Report of the Committee of the P.G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence, with abstract of accounts, showing a balance in hand of £166 18s 1d; also the accounts of the Oliver Memorial Fund, which, on the proposition of Bro. C. F. Bonner W.M. 469, seconded by Bro. W. H. Sissons 1447, were accepted, and ordered to be printed. W. Bro. W. H. Radley 838 P.P.G.J.W. read the Report of the P.G. Charity Committee, showing a balance in hand of £22 2s 5d, with £5 due. W. Bro. Robert Thorpe I.P.M. 588 rose to urge the advisability of extending the operations of the P. G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence by assisting in the education of the children of Freemasons in the Province by making grants of money for that purpose, in which he was supported by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Ace P.P.G. Chaplain. The question met with the hearty approval of the brethren, whom the R.W.P.G.M. informed that it had already been discussed in Committee, where it had received unanimous support; the minutes of which Committee having since been confirmed by this P.G. Lodge. On the proposition of W. Bro. E. Loocock D.P.G.M., seconded by W. Bro. J. Fowler P.P.G.S.W., it was resolved that Bro. James Hodgins W.M. 985 and Bro. Jack Sutcliffe P.M. 1294 be appointed joint Stewards for the Province, for the purpose of raising a sufficient sum of money, supplemented by grants from the P.G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence and the Oliver Memorial Fund, to obtain the admission by purchase of one or more of the candidates now on the list of the Province into the R.M.I.B. Proposed by Bro. J. Robinson 792 P.P.G.J.D., and seconded by W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Ace 1232 P.P.G. Chaplain—"That a grant of £50 be made from the P.G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence towards such object. Carried unanimously. Proposed by Bro. H. Watson P.G. Registrar, and seconded by Bro. A. Bates P.P.G.D. of C.,—"That Bro. C. M. Nesbitt 712 be re-elected as P.G. Treasurer." Carried unanimously. Proposed by W. Bro. Loocock D.P.G.M., and seconded by Bro. Rev. G. W. Lowe P.G. Chap., "That Bros. J. Fowler 712 P.P.G.S.W. and W. Griffin 712 P.P.G.D. of C. be elected auditors of the P.G. accounts for the ensuing year." Carried unanimously. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the Rev. Canon Moore for the use of the Parish Church, and also to Bro. the Rev. G. W. Lowe P.G. Chap. for his excellent sermon, with a request that he would have it printed.

The following brethren were then appointed and invested as P.G. Officers for the ensuing year:—

Office	Name	No.	Residence
P.G.S.W.	Bonner, C. F., W.M.	469	Spalding
P.G.J.W.	Sissons, W. H., P.M.	1447	Barton
" Chap.	Holdich, Rev. T. P., P.M.	1286	Linwood
" Treas.*	Nesbitt, C. M., P.M.	712	Louth
" Reg.*	Watson, H., P.M.	297	Lincoln
" Sec.*	Marsden, F. D., P.M.	712	Louth
" S.D.	Finlay, W., W.M.	1232	Bourne
" J.D.	Hodgins, James, W.M.	985	Holbeach
" S. of W.	Chapman, Joseph, P.M.	1294	Grimsby
" D. of C.*	Roberts, W. H., W.M.	792	Grimsby
" A.D. of C.	Vickers, B., P.M.	297	Lincoln
" S.B.	Garfit, R., P.M.	1600	Alford
" Std. Br.	Lazenby, T. C., W.M.	297	Lincoln
" O.	Lambert, A. W.	588	Sleaford
" P.	Thorpe, Robert, I.P.M.	588	Everton
" Steward	Eley, James, Sec.	272	Boston
" "	Wilkinson, T. M., S.W.	297	Lincoln
" " *	Woodward, J., P.M.	469	Spalding
" "	Richardson, J. W., Treas.	712	Louth
" "	Wilson, E., S.W.	1304	Horncastle
" "	Peacock, A. L., W.M.	1386	Lincoln
" Tyler*	Box, Benjamin	422	Gainsboro'

* These six brethren were re-appointed.

Hearty good wishes having been expressed, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Harper, of the White Hart Hotel, Spalding, in a marquee erected in the spacious grounds of Ayscoughfee Hall, which had been kindly thrown open to the brethren on this occasion by W. Bro. C. F. Bonner W.M. 469, the generous proprietor. The chair was taken by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, supported by Bro. Kingston, the Right Worshipful District Grand Master of Malta, W. Bro. E. Loocock D.P.G.M., Bros. W. H. Radley, T. Fowler, W. Clegg, C. Pocklington, A. Bates, T. Coates, J. A. Thomas, Revs. G. W. Lowe, Cecil Sumner, A. W. G. Moore, B. Matthews, Bros. C. M. Nesbitt, H. Watson, Jack Sutcliffe, &c. The vice-chair was occupied by Bro. C. F. Bonner W.M. 469, who, throughout the day, was most earnest in his endeavours to promote the comfort and happiness of his brethren. The musical arrangements at the banquet were in the hands of Bro. Montem Smith, T. G. Carter, and Seymour Smith, and gave unlimited satisfaction. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the visiting brethren departed for their homes by special trains, most kindly arranged for their benefit, as this enabled the majority to enjoy this most pleasurable day almost three hours longer than would otherwise have been the case. Indeed too much praise cannot be given to the committee of management (under the able leadership of Bro. G. F. Barrell P.M. and Sec. 469 P.G.A.D. of C.) for their excellent arrangements throughout, which were simply perfect, and well deserving of imitation elsewhere. Vouchers were given to each brother who signed the attendance sheet, and no one was allowed in Lodge or could obtain a ticket for the banquet without producing it. The menu card was a curiosity of the Chaucerian age, and we trust that "ye Manciple" who catered so well for the enjoyment of his guests was well rewarded for his trouble.

The Summer Festival of the High Cross Lodge, No. 754, will be held on Wednesday, 16th July, at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne. Bro. Henry Stephens W.M. of the Lodge will preside at the banquet, which will take place at two o'clock. Tickets can be obtained of the Secretary or of the Stewards, price 15s each. We wish our brethren and their friends a pleasant meeting.

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THE BOYS' FESTIVAL.

WE append the list of Stewards, with the several amounts collected or subscribed. Where no amount is inserted the list had not been received up to the time of our going to press.

LONDON.

Grand Stewards		Binckes, Frederick, P.M., P.G. Steward	249	18	0
Grand Masters	1	Hartridge, F. I.			
		Sewell, I. W., J.W.	22	1	0
Antiquity	2	Turner, Sharon Grote	42	0	0
		Batley, J. Armitage	10	10	0
Royal Somerset House and Inverness	4	West, Fredk., P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Surrey	21	0	0
St. George and Corner Stone	5	Clarke, Wm. Hen., P.M., P.G. Stewd.	36	4	0
Friendship	6	Venables, Rowland George, S.W.	22	1	0
Royal York of Perseverance	7	Adlard, Frederick, P.M., P.Prov. G.A.D.C. Essex	24	13	6
British	8	Smith, Thomas			
Westminster and Keystone	10	Robbins, Rev. John, D.D.	28	2	0
Enoch	11	Abbotts, William, M.D.	36	15	0
Tuscan	14	Turner, Chas. H., S.W.	10	10	0
Kent	15	Cambridge, J. H.	40	19	0
Royal Athelstane	19	Grabham, E. B., P.M. 1494, and P.Pr.G.W. Middx.	52	10	0
Emulation	21	Spice, Robt. Paulson, W.M.	43	1	0
Neptune	22	Waterall, G.	44	2	0
Robert Burns	25	Shervill, G. R., P.M., P.G.S.	128	2	0
Castle of Harmony	26	Beaumont, W, C., W.M. G.S.	29	8	0
Old King's Arms	28	Hainsworth, James, J.W.	44	2	0
St. Albans	29	Fisher, James	58	16	0
United Mariners	30	Gladwell, A. E., P.M.	10	10	0
Britannic	33	Trail, Thomas William	47	5	0
Constitutional	55	Pownceby, Samuel, W.M.	81	18	0
Peace and Harmony	60	Chancellor, J. Thornton, S.D., G. Steward	13	13	0
Prosperity	65	Brown, Geo. Thos., P.M. and Sec.	100	0	0
Mount Lebanon	73	Keeble, Henry, W.M.	25	0	0
Pythagorean	79	Partridge, Henry Workman, W.M.	31	10	0
St. John's	90	Cross, J. L., I.G.	48	6	0
Regularity	91	Logan, W. G.	22	1	0
Eastern Star	95	Sharp, F. Inman, P.M.			
Burlington	96	Morgan, W. Vaughan, P.M., V. Pres. of Institution	103	19	0
London	108	Tayleur, C. W.	45	3	0
Middlesex	143	Matthews, H. J.			
Prudent Brethren	145	Leggett, John Hen, W.M.	21	0	0
Cadogan	162	Ramsay, John, J.D.	44	12	6
Old Concord	172	Dottridge, Alf. Jas., P.M.	78	15	0
Sincerity	174	Lacey, C., P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, V. Pres. of Instn.	135	0	0
Domatic	177	Ferguson, Wm. John, P.M.	42	0	0
Manchester	179	Binet, Leonard	26	3	6
Tranquillity	185	Posener, David, P.M.	21	0	0
Industry	186	Mortlock, Thomas S., P.M.	87	0	0
Jerusalem	197	Hansard, Henry Luke	11	11	0
Percy	198	Rowe, James Tovey, W.M.	21	0	0
Nine Muses	235	Webb, Walter, P.M.	15	15	0
Unions	256	Farnfield, J. A., P.M., V. President of Inst.	91	17	6
Prince of Wales	259	Rigg, Herbert Addington	81	18	0
Bank of England	263	Spencer, Walter, W.M.	38	17	0
Salisbury	435	Stammwitz, Ernest H., P.M.	10	10	0
		Jeffs, Richard, J.W.	22	11	6
Zetland	511	Elborn, Samuel, P.M.	39	7	6
La Tolerance	538	Cooper, Thomas W., S.W.	73	10	0
Yarborough	554	Verry, G. Ward, P.M. and Sec.	68	5	0
Fitzroy	569	Sanderson, J. C., S.W.	60	18	0
Canonbury	657	Chapman, James	84	0	0
Panmure	715	Howell, James C.	35	14	0
High Cross	754	Roberts, D., P.M. and Treas.	52	10	0
Lily of Richmond	820	Hubbard, Charles, W.M.	115	10	0
Victoria Rifles	822	Trower, Alfred, S.W.	34	13	0
Temperance in the East	898	Rogers, Henry, W.M.	78	15	0
Royal Albert	907	White, Francis Alfred	28	17	6
Marquis of Dalhousie	1159	Wood, J. H., P.M.	30	9	0
Lewis	1185	Morris, Rev. R., LL.D., M.A., Chaplain	56	14	0
Macdonald	1216	Carnell, T. W., W.M.	76	18	0
Sphinx	1329	Voisey, R. J.	43	1	0
Stockwell	1339	Brighten, W. G., P.M.	77	13	0
		J. M. Klenck			
Friars	1349	Mason, John, P.M.			
Clapton	1365	Cogan, J. L., W.M.	54	12	0
Friends in Council	1383	Giddy, R. W. H., D.G.M. South Africa	207	2	0
Earl Spencer	1420	Southam, Arthur, P.M.	65	2	0
Langthorne	1421	Taylor, T. S., P.M.	42	0	0
Peckham	1475	Stevens, Thomas, P.M.	128	2	6
Metropolitan	1507	Kingham, Richard T., P.M.	75	3	6
St. Peter's, Westminster	1537	Clutton, R., W.M., V. Pres. of Inst.	143	10	0
Chaucer	1540	Klingenstein, W., Sec.	21	0	0
Alexandra Palace	1541	Dight, Morris L.			
St. Dunstan's	1589	Manners, George, S.D.	26	15	6
Kilburn	1608	Brewer, Charles, W.M.	118	12	6
Bayard	1615	Richardson, F., P.M., P.G. Stwd., V. Pres. of Inst.	70	7	0
West Smithfield	1623	Adams, Thos. W., P.M.	21	0	0
Royal Kensington	1627	Dewar, Donald M., P.M.	55	3	0
Crichton	1641	Griffiths, Thomas, W.M.			
Earl of Carnarvon	1642	Penn, George, P.M.	525	0	0
		Stephens, William, P.M.			
		Woodward, E. C., P.M.			
Aldersgate	1657	Altman, Albert J., W.M.	31	10	0
Beaconsfield	1662	Franklin, Thomas, W.M.	42	0	0
Henry Muggeridge	1679	Storr, E. Francis, W.M.	25	4	0
Rothesay	1687	Kirk, Frank, W.M.	49	7	0
New Finsbury Park	1695	Earl, William.	19	10	0
Orpheus	1706	Murray, J. Joyce, Vice-Patron of Inst.	10	10	0
All Saints	1716	Coleman, J. Kemp, S.W.	50	8	0
Farringdon Without	1745	Ramsey, W.	10	10	0
St. Leonard's	1766	Barham, C. F.			
Kensington	1767	Read, George.	39	18	0
Royal Hanover	1777	Marshall, H. Brooks, C.C., Vice-Patron of Inst.	105	0	0
Bromley St. Leonard	1805	Fennell, R. J., S.D.	73	10	0

UNATTACHED.

Woodford, Rev. A. F. A., P.G. Chaplain.	10	10	0
Bowyer, E., Vice-Pres. of Inst.	31	10	0
Kenning, G., Vice-Pres. of Inst.	10	10	0
Poore, W., P.M. 1306	10	10	0
Torkington, Abner, No. 60	30	0	0

LONDON CHAPTERS.

Yarborough	554	Berry, John James, Z.	63	0	0
Macdonald	1216	Bradley, A. C., Scribe N.	23	2	0

PROVINCES.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

Stuart	540	Smith, R. B., P.M., P.Pr.G.A.D.C., Leicester and Rutland.	38	17	0

BERKS AND BUCKS.

Etonian	209	Radclyffe, Dick	131	16	0
Windsor Castle	771	Barton, R. George, J.D.	32	11	0
Abbey	945	Shepherd, E. L., P.M., Prov.G.S.B.	42	0	0
Ellington	1566	Cox, Chas. William, S.W.	67	1	0
Watling Street	1639	Reeve, J., P.M., Prov.G.S.B.	21	16	0
		Page, Samuel K.	10	10	0

CHESHIRE.

Independence	721	Cunnah, John J.	10	10	0

DERBYSHIRE.

Royal Sussex	353	Booth, W. J., W.M.	52	10	0
		Wright, G. T., P.P.J.G.W.	161	12	0
Repose	802	Ball, W. L.	42	0	0
St. Oswald	508	Wallis, Percy	21	0	0

DEVONSHIRE.

Sincerity	189	Curteis, J. Edward, P.M., P.Pr.G.S.W., Vice-Patron of the Institution	68	5	0

DORSET.

Portland	1037	Howard, Rd. Nicholas, P.G.W., Pr.G. Sec., Vice-President of the Institution	295	2	0

DURHAM.

Harbour of Refuge	764	Lane, Chas. Sherriffe, W.M.	130	4	0

ESSEX.

Priory	1000	Johnstone, Jeremiah C., W.M.	67	13	6
Arnold	1799	Arnold, B. Alfred, W.M.	35	14	0

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Foundation	82	Sole, W. Anslow, W.M.	10	10	0
		Ferrieres, Baron De, J.W., Vice-Patron of the Institution	94	10	0
		Godfrey, Henry, P.M., Vice-President of Institution	236	15	0
Royal Lebanon	493	Hatton, A. V., W.M.	36	15	0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

Southampton	130	Le Feuvre, J. E., Pr.G. Sec.	81	18	0
Medina	35	Barfield, A., W.M.	15	15	0
Panmure	728	Benham, T., P.G. Purst.	52	10	0
Carnarvon	804	Harrison, John, P.M., Pr. G.S.W.	23	2	0

HERTS.

Hertford	403	Austin, Stephen, W.M., P.Pr.G.S.W.	25	0	0

KENT.

United Industrious	31	Higham, P., P.M. and Treas., Pr.G.J.W.	33	1	6
Sydney	829	Etheridge, Lewis, P.M.	51	9	0
Gundulph	1050	Curel, G. H., P.M.	55	6	0
Lord Warden	1096	Usher, Thos. James, P.M., P.Pr.G. Reg.	49	7	0
Cinque Ports	1206	Emmerson, R. Joynes, P.Pr.G.M., P.M.	52	10	0
Amherst	1223	Durtnell, Richard, P.M.			
Acacia	1314	Wyer, John, I.P.M.	84	0	0
Chiselhurst	1531	Goldsmith, Wm. Ovenden.	117	1	0
United Military	1536	Weston, Wm. Alexander, P.M.	42	6	0
		CHAPTER.			
Peace and Harmony	199	Lukey, Edward, S.E.	118	13	0

LANCASHIRE, EAST DIVISION.

Friendship	44	Bennet, Alfred B., P.M.			
St. John's	221	Head, Henry, S.W.			
Amity	283	Hargreaves, T., P.Pr.G.D.	10	10	0
Affability	317	Sillitoe, I. H., P.M.			
		Mather, J. Chadwick	10	10	0

LANCASHIRE, WEST DIVISION.

Prince Leopold	1588	Goodacre, William, P.M.	65	2	0
Urmston	1730	Barber, George, W.M.	13	13	0
		Higginson, T. R., Treas.	1	1	0
Liverpool Dramatic	1609	Mattison, Sylvester.			

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

		Toller, George jun.	42	0	0

LINCOLNSHIRE.

Pelham Pillar	792	Roberts, W. H., W.M.	10	10	0
St. Albans	1294	Pollitt, William, W.M.	53	11	0

MIDDLESEX.

Carnarvon	708	Gibbs, Alban C. H.	15	15	0
Acacia	1309	Proffitt, John	11	11	0
Thames Valley	1460	Rev. Dr. Brette, P.M. and Treas., P.Pr.G.Ch., Vice-President of the Institution	24	3	0
Hemming	1512	Walls, T. C.	26	16	0
St. James's	1579	Cusworth, Thomas J.	44	2	0

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

Albert Edward P. of Wales	142	Watkins, Wm. P.P.G.S.W., P.M. and Treas.	37	16	0

NORFOLK.

Sincerity	943	Riches, H.	25	4	0

OXFORDSHIRE.

Alfred	340	Dormer, James Mace, J.D.	21	0	0
Apollo University	357	Pickard, Rev. H. A., G.Ch., P.Pr.G.W.	28	7	0
Churchill	478	Withington, Thos. Ellames.			
Cherwell	599	Potts, John, P.M., P.Pr.G.S.W.	18	18	0
Marlborough	1399	Brown, Thomas B., P.Pr.G.W.	10	10	0

SOMERSETSHIRE.

Royal Clarence	976	Jelley, Thos. E. Smith, P.M., P.G.S.W	35	15	0
Agriculture	1199	Edwards, Chas. Lund Fry, P.M. P.Prov.G.D. and P.Prov.G.S.W. Oxon., W.M.	97	13	0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

St. Matthew's	539	Bayliss, W., W.M., P.Pr.G.D., Vice-President of Institution	183	15	0
Portland	637	R. N. Howard	32	11	0

SUFFOLK.

		Henniker, Right Hon. Lord, P.G.W.	112	7	0

SURREY.

Dobre	889	Nuthall, Alfred, S.D.	23	12	6
Albert Edward	1714	Hacker, H., P.M., P.Pr.G.D. Hants	73	10	0

SUSSEX.

Royal Brunswick	732	Bennett, Benjamin	123	1	0

WARWICKSHIRE.

Temperance	739	Biermas, J. G.	147	10	0

WORCESTERSHIRE.

Harmonic	252	Bristow, William, P.M., Pr. G.W., Pr. G. Sec.	428	8	0
Hope and Charity	377	Taylor, George, P.M. and Treas., Prov. G. Purst.	152	5	0

YORKSHIRE—West.

Probity	61	Gaukroger, William, P.M.			
Three Grand Principles	208	Day, Hy., P.M., P.Pr.G.W., Vice-Pres. of Inst.			
Harmony	275	Keighley, Chas. Wm., W.M.			
Fidelity	289	Kay, John Dunning, P.M.			
		Wilson, Richard, S.W.			
		Beck, William James, P. Prov. G.D.C.			
		Heald, George H.			
		Greaves, William			
Royal Brunswick	296	Bingham, John E.			
Hope	302	Smith, H., P.M., Pr.G.Sec., Vice-Pres. of Inst.			
		Rhodes, Manoah S., W.M.			
Airdale	387	Booth, F.W.W., P.P.G.D.C.			
		Roebuck, Charles, P.M.			
		Sharp, Frederick			
Friendship	750	Kelly, Rawson, P.M.			
Pentalpha	974	Firth, William, W.M.			
		Holmes, T. Wainman, P.M.			
Sincerity	1019	Wordsworth, John, P.G.S., P.P.G.W., Vice.-P. and Trustee of Institution			
		Clayton, William, P.M.			
Defence	1221	Moore, Major R. W., P.M.			
Wharncliffe	1462	Hincheliffe, Zaccheus, P.M.			
Friendly	1513	Bustard, John, W.M. 1462			
			£400	0	0

NORTH WALES AND SALOP.

St. Oswald	1124	Spaull, Alfred C., I.G.	51	9	0
		Spaull, W. H., Pr. G. Sec.			
Royal Denbigh	1143	Sissons, Robt. Jas., P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg.	78	10	0
Square and Compass	1336	Bury, J. O.	10	10	0
Caradoc	1674	Coxhead, Thomas, J.D.	10	10	0

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

		Matier, Charles Fitzgerald, Past Grand Steward	204	15	0

MARK DEGREE.

Grosvenor	144	Levander, H. C., G. Reg., Vice-Pres. of Inst.	52	10	0

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 28th JUNE.

Provincial Grand Lodge Middlesex, Great Stanmore, at 1.30 p.m.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
1634—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.
1531—Chislehurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst.

MONDAY, 30th JUNE.

45—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1435—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
408—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham.
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

TUESDAY, 1st JULY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1319—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)
1818—Clapham, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, at 5.30. (Emergency.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley.
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction)
248—True Loveand Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
393—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire.
938—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
960—Jute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1214—Scarbro, Scarbro Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1343—St. John, King's Arms, Grays.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore, Middlesex.
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle.
R. A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
M. M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.
M. M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd JULY.

Festival of the Mark Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, Alexandra Palace.
Prov. G. Lodge, Essex, Shire Hall, Chelmsford, at 1.30.
198—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1044—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire.
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent.
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire.
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
580—Harmony, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon.
1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick.
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes.
R. A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
M. M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
M. M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester.

THURSDAY, 3rd JULY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston.
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood.
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn.
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden.
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth.
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire.
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn.
369—Lime-stone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe.
412—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter.
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster.
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkies Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley.
1515—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire.
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 758—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire.
R. A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 4th JULY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.

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653—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Goaforth, Freemasons' Hall, High street, Gosforth.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30.

SATURDAY, 5th JULY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley-road, Penge, at 3.30. (Consecration.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction.—Held at Bro. Spurgin's, the Sportsman, City-road, on Monday, the 23rd inst. Present:—Bros. Halle W.M., Pelikan S.W., Beattie J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Weil S.D., Hallam sen. J.D., Willison I.G., also Bros. Ross, Wing, Lardner, Symons, Payne, H. M. Symons, Hirst, H. Gyer. Lodge was opened in regular form, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Fenner being the candidate. Bro. Pelikan worked the first, Bro. Fenner the second, Bro. Hallam sen. the fourth section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. H. M. Symons, of the mother Lodge, was elected a member. Bro. Pelikan was appointed W.M. for next meeting. A vote of thanks was accorded the W.M. for the excellent manner he had filled the chair of W.M. for the first time in this or any other Lodge, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

The Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, 24th June, at Bro. Bond's, The Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, Holborn. Present—Bro. Lister W.M., Willey S.W., Dodson J.W., Linscott S.D., Hallam J.D., Cornu I.G., Dickins Secty., P.M. Bingemann Preceptor. Bros. Low, Kidder, Tate, Davis, Bond, Baker, and several others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Davis being the candidate. The second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Hallam. Bro. Davis of Lodge 228 was unanimously elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Willey was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and oppointed his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Lister, for his able working on this the first occasion in this Lodge of Instruction. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned to Tuesday 1st July.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held its usual meeting at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 21st, under the presidency of Bro. F. Brasted, who was supported by Bros. J. Lorkin S.W., Fidler J.W., Fenner Sec., Hallam acting Preceptor, Gibbs S.D., Williams J.D., Little I.G., also Bros. J. A. Powell, McMillan, Parks, Adams, C. Lorkin, Garrod, Davies, and Fysh. Formalities were gone through; Bro. McMillan gave satisfactory proof of his proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed by the W.M., in a very correct manner; the ceremony being completed by the recital of the traditional history. Bro. Hallam worked the first and third sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down to the first. Bro. Little of the Guelph Lodge 1685 was elected a member; Bro. J. Lorkin was elected to preside at the next meeting, which will be the last before the summer vacation. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

High Cross Lodge, No. 754.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Seven Sisters', Tottenham, on Wednesday. Bro. Stephens the W.M. presided, and after the usual routine business proceeded, after the ballot had been taken, to initiate Mr. Harry Cooper into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The Bye-Laws of the Lodge were read, and the name of a gentleman for initiation having been given, the W.M. closed his Lodge. The brethren adjourned to supper, which having been partaken of, the usual toasts were given. In introducing that of the Queen, the W.M. referred to the kind sympathy that Her Majesty had shown the Ex-Empress of France in her recent bereavement. The toast was heartily received, and was followed by that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master, with this the W.M. coupled the healths of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G. Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present, paying a just compliment to their exertions on behalf of Freemasonry. Bro. J. Wells P.M. assumed the gavel, and had great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M., whom he complimented for his kind and affable manner, and his general ability in conducting the affairs of the Lodge. Bro. Stephens was, he observed, very near the end of his term of office, and he hoped that whoever might be appointed as his successor would, if possible, be a better man; but he was afraid few could give greater satisfaction than their present Master. After a song, the W.M. rose to reply. He tendered his heartiest thanks for the kindness at all times extended towards him, and hoped to merit a continuance of the favours of the brethren. He had done his best in the past, and was only too pleased to find that it had met the approval of the members. His next duty was a most pleasing one, and one that he felt would merit the heartiest reception from all assembled. It was a great episode in the career of a Lodge to receive a new member among them, and he trusted that the brother who had been initiated that evening would show that he had been impressed with the ceremony performed on his behalf. He could assure him that the more he looked into Freemasonry the more he would find that the brethren were anxious for the welfare of their fellows. Bro. Cooper, in his reply, thanked the brethren for the reception that had been given him. At present he was not in a position to say much of Freemasonry, but he trusted that the more he saw of it the better he should like it, and finally prove himself worthy of the position that had been accorded him. The next toast the W.M. had to propose was that of the Visitors. He considered this a most pleasing part of his duty, as he felt assured that each member was gratified at seeing the guests who had honoured them with their presence. They were not so numerously supported by visitors as they were at the last meeting, but they somewhat made up for quantity by quality. He referred to the exertions the press were making to advance the cause of Freemasonry by reporting the various meetings that took place, and thereby giving brethren who were unable to be present an idea of what was taking place. Bros. G. C. Young 820, J. B. Reid 946, and W. W. Morgan jun. 1385 (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), responded to the toast. The W.M. next called upon the brethren to drink to the health of the P.M.'s, whom he thanked for the assistance they at all times rendered the W.M. in carrying out the duties of the Lodge, and hoped they would be among those present at many future meetings. Bro. Wells returned thanks. He considered it the duty of every Past Master to support the Master, and regretted that the present ruler had not been better supported than he had. The health of the Officers was next drunk. Without them the W.M. felt he should have been unable to carry on the affairs of the Lodge—he hoped that he should always have them to assist him. Bro. S.W. replied, after which the Tyler was called, and he gave the concluing toast of the evening. Among those present were Bros. H. Stephens W.M., J. W. Wells, W. Dance, J. Linzell, C. F. Barham, J. Maller P.M.'s, G. Barford S.W., J. Farrier J.W., T. Cunningham Sec., J. H. Thompson J.D., J. Garrod D.C., J. Verry Tyler, A. G. Fidler, A. Bridgman, W. T. Turner, W. S. Cooper, W. F. Stevenson, A. W. Hackett, H. Cooper, &c.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 19th June, at the Coach and Horses, Tottenham. Present:—Bros. Peach W.M., Bryant S.W., Taverner J.W., Thompson Preceptor, Garrod Sec., Everdell S.D., G. Tegg J.D., Driscoll I.G., also Bros. Young, Mattocks, &c. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, and minutes of last Lodge meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Young being candidate. The questions leading to the second degree were answered, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Young again acting as candidate. Bro. Taverner was elected W.M. for next meeting. There being no other Masonic business the Lodge was closed in ancient form.

Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, 20th inst. There were present:—Bros. John Laggett W.M., E. Kirby I.P.M. and Treasurer, T. Ayling P.M. P.D.C., F. Leith P.M. Lord of the Manor, Rev. J. B. Harrison P.M. P.G. Chaplain, H. R. Botting S.W., J. Carpenter J.W., T. J. Usher P.M. P.P.G.R. Secretary, W. Carterfield S.D., F. R. England J.D., Henry Abrams Organist, F. Haslip I.G., E. Rea, H. Webb, W. Norris, D. Fraser, G. Band, S. Holgate Tyler; Visitor—Bro. W. I. Spicer P.M. 569. Lodge was opened punctually at eight o'clock, and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Charles Cruchley Domatic 177, and found to be unanimous in his favour. Bro. G. Band, being a candidate for the second degree, was duly examined; he answered most satisfactorily, and retired. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. in a most impressive manner passed Bro. Band. Bro. J.W. gave the charge, and Bro. S.W. the antient lecture, in finished style. A word of praise is due to the whole of the Officers for the steady and efficient manner in which they performed their several duties. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Usher P.M. announced that he had accepted the office of Steward at the forthcoming Festival on the 25th inst.; he made an urgent appeal to the brethren to assist him in his efforts. Bro. T. Ayling proposed, and Bro. E. Kirby seconded, that five guineas out of the Lodge funds be placed on Bro. Usher's list;—carried unanimously. Lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren spent a most pleasant hour together.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—The 330th meeting was held at the Alwyne Castle, Canonbury, on Friday, 20th June. Present:—Bros. Ager W.M., Boas S.W., Lockwood J.W., Cull Preceptor, Rowley S.D., Mendelsohn J.D., Beattie I.G., G. H. Hunter Secretary pro tem, and other brethren, whose names were duly entered in the attendance book. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Potter, having offered himself as a candidate for raising, was examined as to his proficiency as a F.C., and entrusted; the ceremony of raising was then rehearsed. Bro. Preceptor worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture in the third degree. Bro. Preceptor was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—The members met at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday. Bros. Worsley W.M., Smith S.W., Shepherd W.M. 1349 J.W. The

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Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. This being the fourth Tuesday in the month, sections only were worked; the following brethren taking part:—First Spencer, second Smith, third Barker, fourth Johnson, fifth Mc Donald, sixth Andrews. The Lodge then opened in the second degree, when Bro. Barker worked the first, Pavitt the second, Worsley the third, and Smith the fourth, there being not sufficient time to work the remaining sections. Lodge was resumed, when Bros. Slaiter 804, and Ellis 129, were unanimously elected members. In addition to those previously enumerated, there were present Bros. Dixon, Rawe, Johnson, Wright, Sadler, Spencer, McDonald, Dunsmore, Glasspoole, Watson, Barker, Pavitt, Power, White, and Morgan 245. Bro. Andrews kindly officiated as Preceptor, and, assisted by Bro. McDonald, the questions and answers were ably worked, giving pleasure to every one present. We were sorry that neither Bro. Musto nor Bro. Cundick were present; we trust it was not illness that prevented them. Bro. Johnson will preside on Tuesday next.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday. Bros. Woodward W.M., Beedell S.W., Forss J.W., J. Da Silva S.D., Powell J.D., Alvorsen I.G., L. Norden Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Maidwell candidate. Bro. Da Silva worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Gimingham 1707 was elected a member. Bro. Beedell was appointed W.M. for Thursday next.

St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211.—On Thursday, at the George Tavern, Anstralian Avenue, Barbican, the brethren were presided over by Bro. F. Brasted, who was supported by a very efficient staff of officers. The ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed, the W.M. giving the traditional history and explaining the tracing board. The appointments for this Lodge of Instruction have been presented by the members of the mother Lodge, who are anxious to receive the visits of members of the Craft Universal. On Thursday next the W.M., Bro. Alfred Withers, will preside, when the Officers of 211 will fill their respective posts. Lodge opens at eight o'clock.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present:—Bros. Clark W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., Smyth J.W., Carr S.D., Polak J.D., Greenwood I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor. Bros. Forss, Brasted, Allen, Christian, Wardell, C. Lorkin. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hand candidate. The Lodge was called off, and on resuming labour Bro. Allen worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. A vote of thanks was accorded the W.M., this being the first time he had occupied the chair. Bro. J. Lorkin was elected W.M. for next Tuesday evening.

Falcon Lodge 1416.—The Annual Excursion took place on the 19th inst., the party consisting of Bros. T. J. Wilkinson W.M., Rev. C. E. Camidge P.P.G. Chaplain, G. Ayre P.M., W. Coltman S.W., W. Hale J.W., &c., and a considerable number of ladies. The arrangements were most successfully carried out by the Secretary, Bro. J. Johnson. Carriages were in readiness at Masham Station to convey the visitors to Swinton Park, where they were conducted by Mr. Featherstone through the beautiful grounds of Mrs. Danby Harcourt. After luncheon they proceeded to Jervaulx Abbey, and the interesting ruins were examined, Mr. Maughan (Marquis of Ailesbury's agent) and Mr. Rennie affording much explanatory information. On their return to Masham a substantial and abundant repast was served by Mr. Stickland, at the King's Head Hotel, and the party afterwards inspected the fine Old Church, the Vicar, the Rev. G. M. Graham, M.A., and Mr. Bowes of the Swaledale Bank, contributing much to the enjoyment of the day by their most obliging and courteous attentions.

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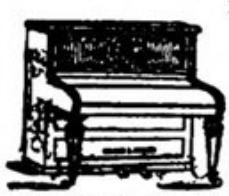

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ANALYSIS OF THE SUBSCRIPTION LISTS.

THAT the goddess Fortune is as fickle and capricious as ever is plentifully evidenced by the manner in which the barometer rises and falls when the "days of reckoning" come in connection with our several Masonic Charities. It were perhaps vain to sigh for the time when the tide of benevolence shall flow in one even and unvarying stream, and when the managers of our Institutions shall be able to calculate to a nicety the amount of revenue which, while steadily on the rise, will never fluctuate in an opposite direction. The same principle applies to all things mundane; and it is no doubt this which gives a charm and fascination to all matters in which speculation is involved. There are good crops and bad, rising and falling markets, briskness and depression in trade, and the balances are never allowed to remain for long at dead level. And so we prophecy and speculate on the eve of each of our recurring Festivals upon what kind of a harvest will be reaped, and whether the pulse of charity beats quickly or evinces a tendency in the reverse direction. It has been our pride to notice this year that notwithstanding the tightness of the money market, and the inability to give which has proved so disastrous to many other similar institutions, there has been no falling off in the amounts subscribed to the Charities which we regard as our peculiar care; but that, on the contrary, the Stewards' appeals to the brethren have been more vigorously responded to than ever before. We have had the gratification of raising our editorial hat to Bros. Terry and Hedges, and joining in the universal congratulations they have received from all quarters upon the triumphs which have been achieved in behalf of the objects with which they are so worthily associated. The magnificent sums realised for the Benevolent and Girls' Institutions cheered the heart of every truly good Mason, who has faith in the axiom that charity knows no bounds save that of prudence. Nor do we find that the efforts put forth in aid of the Boys' School furnish us with any very strong grounds for anticipating the "gigantic failure" which was hinted at by one of the speakers at the Festival last week. It is well understood that amongst very many Lodges the feeling prevails that if the efforts of the brethren are concentrated one year upon a certain branch of charitable work, they shall by a process of rotation be varied so as to afford an "all-round" help to all. Yet, although it would appear that this year affection has leaned more especially towards "Our Girls" and the "Old Folks," we do not think the lads at Wood Green have been treated at all in a niggardly spirit. Bro. Binckes, who fights like a valiant soldier in any cause that he may espouse, announced at the Alexandra Palace Festival, the other day, that a total of £10,534 3s had been handed in, notwithstanding that twelve lists remained outstanding. Compared with last year, when the Stewards met under all the *éclat* that attends a Royal presidency, the sum announced at the close of the day's festivities was £10,169, with twenty lists to come in. So that, allowing for the lists which we may reasonably anticipate will be shortly forthcoming, we may fairly assume that the aggregate will be on a par with, if not slightly in excess of, that of last year. It is quite true that, in comparison with the three preceding years—notably 1877, when no less than £13,160 was realised—the support accorded to the Boys' Institution presents a falling off which becomes all the more serious when we consider the heavy obligations which the executive are under since the extension of the school buildings at Wood Green. We can only hope, however, that those and all other contingencies have been duly weighed and provided against, and that the hands of those who have the responsible work to do in the management of the Institution may be generously and heartily strengthened by the brethren generally. One welcome ray of sunshine broke in upon the meeting of Wednesday week, when it was announced that the Grand Lodge of Scotland, through its Past Grand Steward, the zealous and esteemed Bro. C. F. Matier, had sent in the very substantial donation of £204 15s to the fund. We hail this gift from the "land o' cakes" with genuine pleasure; and we cordially echo the sentiments expressed by the Earl of Rosslyn, when he trusted that the dawning interest then evinced by our Northern brethren might tend to heal certain misunderstandings which have doubtless been equally regretted on both sides of the Tweed.

It is not our duty here, however, to enter even superficially into the matter so delicately hinted at by the noble Earl who presided on the occasion, but to take a bird's eye view of the hard and dry facts which were presented in the statistics which were duly printed in the last issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. Last year, the Metropolis was represented by 123 Stewards, of whom 104 appeared for 103 Lodges, whilst three represented as many Chapters, two figured under the head of A. and A. Rite and Mark, and fourteen were unattached. This year we find 105 Stewards respectively appearing for 91 Lodges, two Chapters, and five unattached. The total of their lists, including we presume fifty guineas from the Grosvenor Mark Lodge 144, per Bro. H. C. Levander, G. Reg. and Vice-President of the Institution, amounts to £5,345 1s 6d, as against £4,944 14s last year. This increase of £400 exemplifies that our Metropolitan brethren have by no means fallen out with their "old love," or relaxed in their efforts on behalf of the young lewises who are so hospitably cared for at the Wood Green academy. The place of honour is assigned to the young but vigorous Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, whose pleasant gatherings in the Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, have often proved the subject of gratifying record in our columns. That valiant Past Master Bro. George Penn has most pluckily taken up the running this year, and has won in the commonest of canters, swelling the general fund by the magnificent sum of £525. None of the other Lodges have been able to reach even a moiety of that contribution, which places even Bro. F. Binckes and the other Grand Stewards, with their substantial £249 18s, completely in the shade. Coming next in the order of merit is the aristocratic Friends in Council Lodge 1383, championed by Bro. R. W. H. Giddy D.G.M. South Africa, who appears to have fought with a courage almost Zulu—without, of course any of their other propensities!—to raise the credit of his Lodge by sending in £207 2s, the third highest on the poll. Another Vice-President of the Institution, Bro. R. Clutton, so stimulated the members of St. Peter's Lodge at Westminster, 1537, of which he is the honoured Worshipful Master, as to produce a total of £143 10s; whilst his fellow Vice-President, Bro. C. Lacey P.P.G.D. Herts, is next in the order of rivalry, with £135 from the Sincerity Lodge 174. We congratulate the Robert Burns Lodge 25 upon making an appearance on this year's roll of liberal donors, and Bro. G. R. Shervill P.G.S. upon raising his Lodge to so prominent a position

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amongst the "honourable mentions," with a total of £128 2s. He is overlapped, however, by a solitary sixpence, by Bro. Thomas Stevens P.M. of the Peckham Lodge 1475, which also we do not discover to have figured in last year's return. From the Kilburn Lodge 1608, Bro. Charles Brewer, as Worshipful Master, had the pleasure of celebrating his year of office by a contribution of £118 12s 6d; and it is infinitely to the credit of Bro. Charles Hubbard, considering the peculiar manner in which the Lily of Richmond Lodge 820 has lately been circumstanced, that he should during the second year of his able Mastership have contrived to raise the very creditable sum of £115 10s. This result fairly bears out the anticipations we formed at the time of Bro. Hubbard's installation, when we predicted a new era of prosperity to set in under his wise and discreet rule. Yet another Vice-President appears amongst the favoured twelve "over a hundred" contributors, and Bro. H. Brooks Marshall, of the Royal Hanover 1777—whose efforts as an Apprentice and Fellow Craft we have had occasion similarly to point out in our Analyses—brings up his hundred guineas as pluckily as he did for the Girls and the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Marshall evidently believes in treating them all alike—and certainly if it serves no other end, it is one way of preventing the jealousy that is often provoked by favouritism. Bro. W. Vaughan Morgan P.M. and also a Vice-President, brings £103 19s from the Burlington Lodge 96, whilst Bro. Geo. T. Brown P.M. and Sec. of the Prosperity 65, just comes within the charmed circle, by presenting exactly a hundred pounds. "Very nearly, but not quite," we see Bro. J. A. Farnfield, Vice-President, with £91 17s 6d on behalf of the Unions Lodge 256, while Bro. Thomas S. Mortlock P.M. of the Industry 186 appears for £87. Bro. James Chapman, of the Canonbury 657, for £84; the Worshipful Master of the Constitutional 55 (Bro. S. Pownceby), and Bro. H. A. Rigg, of the Prince of Wales 259, for £81 18s each. From Stockwell Lodge 1339 our well-known Bro. W. G. Brighten brought up £77 13s; and we are promised another contribution from the same direction when his co-steward's (Bro. J. M. Klenck) list is complete. The Old Concord 172 entrusted Bro. A. J. Dottridge P.M. with £78 15s; and La Tolerance 538 sent, through the hands of Bro. Thomas W. Cooper, its S.W., £73 10s. The Worshipful Master of the Macdonald 1216 (Bro. T. W. Carnell) totalled £76 18s; and Bro. Richard T. Kingham, of the Metropolitan 1507, £75 3s 6d. Bro. R. J. Fennell, from the Bromley St. Leonard 1805, "assisted" with £73 10s; and Bro. F. G. Richardson P.G. Steward and Vice-President £70 7s in favour of Bayard Lodge 1615. The remaining Lodges, whose contributions we have not space to allude to in detail, all behaved liberally; and with the nine Metropolitan lists still to come in, we may fairly reckon upon a substantial addition to the sum total already announced. We must not omit to mention the two London Chapters who have participated in this year's "round robin," viz., the Yarborough 554, who sent forward by Bro. John James Berry Z. £63; and the Macdonald 1216, whose Scribe N., A. C. Bradley, took up £23 2s. There is no memorandum this year from the A. and A. Rite, but Bro. H. C. Levander G. Reg. Vice-President, against whose name twenty guineas were placed in the former list to the credit of the A. and A. rite, now figures for fifty guineas, contributed by the Grosvenor Mark Lodge 144, showing that to whatever plough Bro. Levander puts his hand he never looks back.

We observe the names of no less than 98 Stewards representing the 29 contributing Provinces, whose united total was announced at the Festival as £5,189 1s 6d. Last year there were 31 Provinces assisting to make up a total of £5,152 18s 1d; showing that, although there were two more defaulters on this occasion, the aggregate result was a trifle greater. The absentees were Bristol, Cambridge, Cumberland and Westmorland, Herefordshire, Northampton and Hunts, South Wales E., South Wales W., Wilts, Yorks N. and E., Channel Islands, Jersey, and Isle of Man. We have often had occasion to lament the little interest manifested in Masonic charity by our brethren who dwell in the "islands of the sea," who must have peculiar notions about the moral obligations which rest upon them in common with the rest of the brotherhood. At all events their conspicuity is always marked by their absence from the charity lists, and it would seem that all the eloquence and energy of the Secretaries—usually so potent in other quarters—is powerless to move the compassion of our extend a hearty grip to some Lodges whose faces have been hidden from our ken at the Festivals for many years, but who now, we hope, are going to make up for much lost time. We are not disposed to make invidious allusions however, and we assure our readers that the comparisons which are necessary in giving a statistical outline of the various Provinces are made in the utmost friendliness and good faith. Worcestershire, famous for its plums, has given the Boys a rare good "plum" this year, in the shape of £580 13s towards their Institution, and we are very glad to be able to congratulate that county upon standing prominently forward amongst Provincial fruit-bearers. The movement seems to have been taken in hand by two sturdy-hearted Prov. Grand Officers, who have infused unwonted benevolence into the hearts of their followers there. Bro. William Bristow, Prov. G.W. and Prov. Grand Secretary, on behalf of the Harmonic Lodge 252 (Dudley), presents the noble sum of £428 8s; whilst Bro. George Taylor Prov. Grand Purst., as Treasurer of the Hope and Charity Lodge 377 (Kidderminster), adds £152 5s. No doubt the sympathies of the other Lodges in the Province were enlisted in this grand effort, which, to say the least, is most creditable to the county and gratifying to the Craft. The "Garden of England," ever faithful to its Masonic instincts and alive to its responsibilities, sends, from nine out of its forty-three Lodges, £485 0s 6d, as against £478 last year. Bro. Goldsmith, of Chiselhurst, bears away the Kentish honours with a good round £117 1s; the Immediate Past Master of the Acacia 1314 (Bro. J. Wyer) coming next with £84, and the others ranging between £33 and £55. In addition to these sums the Peace and Harmony Chapter 199, sends up from Dover, per Bro. Edward Lukey, £118 13s, showing that the "Continental" port is as alive as ever in its proverbial interest in charitable work. We have so often alluded to the systematic exertions of the men of Kent in this direction that it would be superfluous here to reiterate the praises they have won; and we therefore pass on to the third upon the list—the ever present West Yorkshire, who again gives us a bumper in the shape of a cheque for £400. This comes from thirteen Lodges, represented by twenty-two Stewards; and although slightly below the average contributed by this liberal Province to all the Charities, is nevertheless a substantial evidence of that continuous benevolence which flows from the Western Division of the premier county. We would that their excellent example were contagious, but we are weary of alluding to the stinginess and apathy of the North and East Ridings, who are as usual merely the spectators of the good deeds of their brethren in the West. Gloucestershire sends up, within a pound, precisely the same amount, as to the former Festival, namely £378 10s. Only two out of its fourteen Lodges are represented by the four Stewards whose names are chronicled, Bro. Henry Godfrey V.P. heading the three emissaries from the Foundation Lodge 82 (Cheltenham) with £236 15s. Bro. the Baron de Ferrieres, whose zeal as a young Mason we have had occasion previously to admire, comes next with £94 10s, as J.W. of the same Lodge, whose Worshipful Master (Bro. W. Analow Sole) adds a subscription of ten guineas. The Worshipful Master of the Royal Lebanon Lodge 493 (Bro. A. V. Hatton) brought up £36 15s, thus sustaining to within an ace the average of former years, and continuing the prestige Gloucestershire has always enjoyed for its charitable inclinations, especially in favour of "Our Boys." Berks and Bucks has made a wonderful and most laudable spurt on this occasion, its quota to the Fund being £305 14s, against £53 16s last year. Bro. Dick Radclyffe, always an earnest worker, headed the list in this Province with £131 16s from the Etonian Lodge 209 (Windsor), and he was followed by Bro. Chas. William Cox as Senior Warden of the Ellington 1566 (Maidenhead) with £67 1s. A handy little £42 was brought up by Bro. E. L. Shepherd Prov. G.S.B. from the Abbey Lodge 945; Bro. R. George Barton, of the Windsor Castle Lodge 771, £32 11s; while Bro. J. Reeve, Prov. G.S.B., on behalf of the Watling-street Lodge 1639 (Stony Stratford), is down for £21 16s, in addition to ten guineas from his co-Steward, Bro. Samuel K. Page. This is "excellently well done," Berks and Bucks, and we rejoice at the improving prospects of unity and liberality in your midst. There is no metaphorical "butter" in our allusion to the fine old county of Dorset, where we know so many staunch, true-hearted Masons dwell, when we compliment our Bro. R. N. Howard upon following so well in the

ring the benevolent faculties of his fellow countymen. We can imagine the pride of this active Prov. G. Sec., as with a glow upon his face almost vieing with the rose in his button hole, he handed in the sum of £295 2s to the fund. The thirteen Lodges in the county appear to have sent their contributions through one channel, namely, the Portland Lodge, No. 1037, and although the amount is very short of that last sent in, is nevertheless creditable for so small a Province. Derbyshire has been on the onward march since last we alluded to it in reference to the Boys' School; whereas on that occasion the contribution was only £56 14s, it is now swollen up to £227 2s, a little over the quadruple of the sum subscribed in 1878. Only three out of eighteen Lodges were represented, the great bulk of the proceeds coming from the Royal Sussex Lodge 353 (Winshill), from which Bro. G. T. Wright P.P.J.G.W. brought £161 12s, and the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. J. Booth, fifty guineas. Forty and twenty guineas respectively are set down to the account of Bros. W. L. Ball, of the Repose Lodge 802 (Derby), and Percy Wallis, St. Oswald 508. From Staffordshire also we witness a decided mark of progress, the total being £216 5s, against £35 14s last year. It is our invariable custom to report well of this Province, whose generosity is not confined merely to this or the other deserving object, and although on the present occasion only two out of its twenty-one Lodges appear on the list, yet the result is one upon which our brethren in the Potteries are to be complimented. Bro. W. Bayliss, as the Worshipful Master of the St. Matthew's Lodge 539 (Walsall), who is also a Vice-President of the Institution, brought up £183 15s. Some error appears to have crept into the Steward's list as representing Lodge 637, which is down for £32 11s.* No doubt this trifling mistake, which makes no difference in the amount, will be rectified, and the Brother, who is entitled to his "just due," will receive it in formal manner. Eighth in the order of precedence comes Hants and the Isle of Wight, which also presents a very bulky improvement upon its last year's list. Four Stewards were sent up by the thirty Lodges, Bro. T. Benham Provincial G. Purst. being the bearer of fifty guineas from the Panmure Lodge 723 at Aldershot; Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, Prov. G. Secretary, of £81 18s from the Southampton Lodge 130; Bro. A. Barfield Worshipful Master of Medina Lodge 35 (Cowes), fifteen guineas; and Bro. John Harrison, Prov G.S.W., £23 2s for the Carnarvon Lodge 804 (Havant). From North Wales and Salop, with its twenty-five Lodges, were sent up five Stewards, who amongst them brought up a total of £150 19s as against £169 1s last year; but the Eastern Division of the Province was not represented at this Festival. The Secretaries invariably look, and never in vain, to Warwickshire for a substantial modicum of aid; and last year, we remember, that of all the twenty-six Lodges in the Province the name of only one was absent. By a singular coincidence this year only one was present, namely, the Temperance, 739, from which Bro. J. C. Biermas brought £147 10s. This is considerably below last year's contribution, but the invariable generosity of our Warwickshire brethren forbids any odious comparison. Oxfordshire comes next, with £141 15s, which is nearly double the sum we had to record in 1878. Of its eight Lodges five put in an appearance, headed as usual by the Apollo University No. 357, which entrusted to Bro. the Rev. H. A. Pickard, one of the newly appointed Grand Chaplains, £28 7s. Bro. James Mace Dormer, of the Alfred Lodge 340 (Oxford), follows, with twenty guineas; Bro. John Potts, of the Cherwell 599 (Banbury), with eighteen guineas; and Bro. T. B. Brown, of the Marlborough 1399 (Woodstock), with ten guineas. There is another list promised, by Bro. Thos. E. Withington, of the Churchill Lodge 478 (Oxford), which will of course go to still further increase this year's contribution from the University county compared with that of 1878. Somersetshire, by two out of its nineteen Lodges, sent up £133 8s, of which sum the Worshipful Master of the Agriculture Lodge 1199, Bro. C. L. F. Edwards, furnished £97 13s, and Bro. T. E. Jelley, of the Royal Clarence 976 (Bruton), £35 15s. This county has always consistently discharged its duty to the Charities, and it is consequently needless to refer at greater length than we have already often done in the past to its various aids to the Masonic Institutions. Durham (twenty-five Lodges) is represented by Bro. Charles Sherriffe Lane, Worshipful Master of the Harbour of Refuge Lodge 764, into whose *omnium gatherum* the brethren had this year placed £134 4s. Sussex follows next, with £128 1s, an increase of something like ten pounds over last year's instalment, the representative of the Province on this occasion being Bro. Benjamin Bennett, of the Royal Brunswick Lodge 732 (Brighton). Middlesex is behindhand compared with its previous efforts, five Lodges only making up a total of £122 7s, or about £80 less than at the Festival of 1878; and there is also a slight falling off in the amount from Suffolk, which is represented this year by the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, P.G.W., with £112 7s against his name. Essex is the last Province on the list which claims inclusion in the "hundred pound contributors," just exceeding that qualification by £3 7s 6d. Last year it was a great deal more than double that sum, which is remarkable considering the impetus which has lately been given to Masonry in that Province; but perhaps the brethren have had other calls, to which we know they are not slow to respond. Coming to the eleven Provinces whose lists did not run into three figures, the first to receive attention is Surrey, which, after its gallant effort for £205 16s last year, has relapsed into a lower form with only £97 2s 6d. This may appear slothful in comparison with previous exertions, but, as we recently pointed out, there is no reason to complain of what has been done by our brethren south of the Thames. West Lancashire, represented by three of its Lodges, comes next, with £79 16s; and East Lancashire (four Lodges), with two subscriptions of ten guineas each, by Bros. T. Hargreaves, of the Amity Lodge 283 (Haslingden), and J. Chadwick Mather; but there are lists to come in, so far as the Eastern Division is concerned, from the Friendship 41, St. John's 221, and Affability 317; and from the West we are promised a list, per Bro. Sylvester Mattinson, representing the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge 1609. There is no knowing what these brethren can do if they try; and it were vain therefore to make any speculation on so *ex parte* a case. Last year the Provinces sent up £315 15s and £57 5s respectively; and when we recollect the splendid achievements of West Lancashire in 1876 and 1877, and also that East Lancashire has an Educational Establishment of its own, we must not expect too great things in the present condition of trade, especially in the great manufacturing districts. Devonshire seldom fails to be represented, and this year its "dumpling" consists of £68 5s, entrusted to Bro. J. Edward Curteis, of the Sincerity Lodge 189 (East Stonehouse). This is a long way astern of last year's contribution; and our rosy-cheeked brethren in the South-west must be a little more "dapper" in future if they would maintain their credit as the second largest county. Lincolnshire makes a leap from sixteen guineas to £64 1s, Bro. William Pollitt, Worshipful Master of St. Albans Lodge 1294 (Grimsby) contributing £53 11s, and stalwart Bro. W. H. Roberts, who presides so genially over the Pelham Pillar 792, in the same noted fishing port, stands for a donation of ten guineas. Leicester and Rutland follows in order, with forty guineas, sent through the trusty hands of Bro. George Toller jun., and this must be considered an improvement on last year's blank return. We are glad to see Bedfordshire awaking to a sense of its duty, and we regard the £38 17s brought up by Bro. R. B. Smith, on behalf of the Stuart Lodge 540, as an earnest of better things to come. Monmouth, through Bro. William Watkins, Treasurer of the Albert Edward Prince of Wales Lodge 1429, contributes £37 16s, short of a quarter of its last year's quota; whilst "little Herts," of whose liberality none can find fault, sends £25, through Bro. Stephen Austin, Worshipful Master of the Hertford Lodge 403. Last, and least, comes Cheshire, with a ten guinea donation, presumably from Bro. John J. Cunnah, of the Independence Lodge 721; but it must be recollected that here also there is a Provincial Educational Institution to looked after; so that the smallness of this year's subscription must not be regarded as an index of the charitable sentiments of the brethren of the thirty-six Lodges of which this Province is composed.

Having so recently given a copious analysis of what has been done by the various Lodges in London and the country for the Masonic Institutions, we deem it

* We have been informed that the published name of the Steward for Lodge No. 637 is wrong. It was represented at the Festival by Bro. J. W. Thomas P.M. P.G.S.B., and not by Bro. R. N. Howard as therein recorded. The amount of the list, according to a letter we have received from Bro. Thomas, was £33 11s 0d, but as he describes it as incomplete, we may, before the end of the year, look for an additional sum from this source.

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necessary, with the pressure upon our space this week, to furnish only the above superficial *résumé* of this year's doings, and to congratulate Bro. Binckes and the Managers of the Boys' School upon the very fair amount of support which has been accorded to the Charity from all quarters. We must not shut our eyes to the fact that the other Institutions have both received very largely increased subscriptions this year; and in the present outlook of trade and commerce we must not anticipate too largely. Compared with many other Institutions which call for a relaxing of the purses of the large-hearted, we have reason to content ourselves with the motto "rest and be thankful."

INSTALLATION OF LORD TENTERDEN PROV. G.M. FOR ESSEX.

AN important event, and one that marks an epoch in the history of Freemasonry in the Province of Essex, occurred on Wednesday, at Chelmsford, the occasion being the installation of the Right Hon. Lord Tenterden as Provincial Grand Master, a position to which he had been appointed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master of England. Reviewing the progress of the mystic art in the Province of Essex, we find that as far back as 1735 a Warrant was granted by the Grand Lodge of England (Moderns) for a Lodge to be held at the Three Cups, Colchester. This Lodge, which, according to the list published in 1736, was numbered 141 on the register of the Grand Lodge, and which at, that time bore no distinctive name, had by the various "closings up" that occurred between that year and the time of the "Union" been respectively designated as No. 126, 76, 64, 51 and 47. In 1814 at the Union of the "Ancient" and "Modern" branches of Freemasonry it was again altered, on this occasion to No. 67, while at the change of 1863 it once more assumed its old number, and the one it now bears, viz., 51, it having been classified in the interim (i.e., from 1832 to 1863) as No. 59. As a proof of the tenacity of the Lodge to its native hostelry it may be mentioned that its present meetings are held at the same place as were those at the time of its foundation in 1735, an almost unprecedented event in the career of Freemasonry. Next as regards age among the Lodges at present existing in the Province is that meeting at Rochford (now numbered 160) which traces back its origin to the 4th of December 1766, and was then numbered 380. At its establishment, and for many years subsequent, the meetings of this Lodge were held in London, and later on at Bromley, Middlesex; finally, about the beginning of the present century, it migrated to its present locality, and assumed the name "Lodge of True Friendship," and as such it is now recorded in the Calender of the Grand Lodge. No. 214 Hope and Unity Lodge, now meeting at Brentwood, was warranted by the "Ancients." For many years its meetings were held at Romford, its removal from that town being as recent as 1877. The fourth on the list—and the one which perhaps occupied the most prominent position in the ceremony of Wednesday—is that held at Chelmsford, now bearing the number 276. The early meetings of this Lodge were held under a dispensation from H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland, who was Grand Master at the time of its establishment (1789). In 1793, however, it was regularly warranted and duly consecrated by the then Provincial Grand Master Bro. Thomas Dunckerley, who may perhaps be regarded as one of the most distinguished Masons that ever graced the Order. He has been justly described by Oliver as the "Oracle of Grand Lodge," and styled by Preston "that truly Masonic luminary." The Consecration took place on the anniversary of the birthday of the then Grand Master, H.R.H. George Prince of Wales, and from the accounts published at the time, the ceremony and general arrangements of the day must have been most interesting. At the time of the "Union" the affairs of the Province were presided over by Bro. William Wix, but under his rule, as well as that of his immediate predecessors and successors, Freemasonry does not appear to have made much advance in the Province; indeed no new Lodges were warranted there during a period of nearly half a century. The remaining Essex Lodges may therefore be looked upon as of comparatively recent establishment, their present numbers, names, places of meeting, and dates of Constitution being as under:—

No.	Name	Held at	Constituted
433	Hope	Brightlingsea	1836
453	Chigwell	Woodford	1838
650	Star in the East	Harwich	1855
697	United	Colchester	1857
1000	Priory	Southend	1864
1024	St. Peter	Maldon	1864
1280	Walden	Saffron Walden	1869
1312	St. Mary	Bocking	1870
1343	St. John	Gray's	1870
1437	Liberty of Havering	Romford	1873
1457	Bagshaw	Buckhurst Hill	1873
1543	Rosslyn	Dunmow	1875
1734	Trinity	Rayleigh	1877
1799	Arnold	Walton-on-the-Naze	1879
1817	St. Andrew	Shoeburyness	1879

The present Provincial Grand Master (Lord Tenterden) was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R.W. Bro. Robert J. Bagshaw, who had occupied the position for a period of nearly twenty-four years, his presidency of the Province dating from the 5th December 1854, until his death, which occurred on 14th August 1878. He was, like his successor, installed at Chelmsford, the ceremony being performed by the Earl of Yarborough, then Deputy Grand Master of England, on the 17th of May 1855. Under his rule the number of Lodges in Essex increased considerably, no less than from eight to seventeen. Still the increase during the last few years was hardly so great as might have been expected, and from the fact that two warrants have already been granted since his decease, there may be some truth in the statement that he was somewhat averse to the formation of new Lodges. However this may be, the new Prov Grand Master starts with a roll of nineteen Lodges, most of which are in a flourishing condition, while signs are not wanting of still further increase taking place very shortly. The success which has already attended the Arnold Lodge, consecrated by Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, as recently as the 7th of May, can but act as an incentive to those brethren who contemplate applying for new warrants; and we are therefore the more assured that the Province will create ample work for its new ruler.

Lord Tenterden was first admitted to Masonic light on the 22nd January 1856, in the Lodge of Harmony, held at Richmond, Surrey. At the time of his initiation, and up to 1863 this Lodge was numbered 317 on the books of Grand Lodge. He was elected to preside over the Lodge in 1859, and again in 1864, on both of which occasions he displayed great ability in the duties required of him. In 1872 he was appointed by the Marquess of Ripon, Grand Master, to the position of Senior Warden in the Grand Lodge of England, his contemporary of the year in the chair of Junior Grand Warden being the late Hon. John Cranch Walker Vivian.

The Province has a good reputation as regards the Charities of our Order, and it is to be hoped the new Grand Master will make it his especial care that this feature is never neglected while the Province may remain under his guidance, but rather that increased efforts will be made by its members on behalf of those who are unfortunately obliged to crave the assistance of others. As an idea of what is expected of his lordship's constituency in the future, it may be as well to refer to what the Province has done for the central Masonic Charities during the past few years. The total of its contributions at the various Festivals of the three Institutions during the last five years amounts to about £1,050. Upwards of £626 having been contributed in that period to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £256 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and £164 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The totals for the various years being as follow:—

1875	3	Stewards	...	...	...	154 11	6*
1876	3	„	...	...	...	187 8	0
1877	8	„	...	...	...	227 18	0
1878	9	„	...	...	...	362 15	4*
1879	3	„	...	...	...	114 7	6
						£1,047 0	4

It may thus be imagined that it will be no light task to keep the Province up to its standard as regards this feature of Freemasonry. It is well known that it is only by continued exertions that anything like success can be achieved, still we entertain no doubt but that such exertions as are required will be forthcoming, and that the reign on which Lord Tenterden has just entered will be a prosperous and pleasant one. Such we feel assured is the wish entertained by every Freemason, not only in his own Province of Essex, but throughout the country generally.

The ceremony of Wednesday took place in the Shire Hall, where the brethren assembled at one o'clock. Among those who signed the attendance book were the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M. of England, Lord Tenterden Prov. Grand Master Essex, Lord Ebrington Prov. G.M. designate of Devon, Sir Albert W. Woods P.G.W. and G.D.C., Rev. S. R. Wigram P.G.C., Rev. Charles J. Martyn P.G.C. Deputy Prov. G.M. Suffolk, R. W. H. Giddy D.G.M. Griqualand, South Africa; Ernest Emil Wendt G.S. (G. Corr.), Shadwell H. Clerke P.G.D., T. Fenn P.G.D., Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G.C. and D. Prov. G.M. Surrey, J. Nunn P.G.S.B. Senior Vice President Board of Benevolence, Matthew Clark J.G.D., Gordon W. Clark P.M. 255.

After the Grand Lodge had been formally opened, the Earl of Carnarvon was saluted according to ancient custom. The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed, and the roll of the Lodges of the Province was called over. The announcement of the contributions of the Lodges of the Province was made, and the auditors' report was read.

The Earl of Carnarvon then said: I now will inform the Provincial Grand Lodge of the occasion which has called the brethren together. Brethren, you are aware that since the lamented death of your late Provincial Grand Master, this Province has been without its head, and it has pleased his Royal Highness the Grand Master to appoint our brother Lord Tenterden to fill this high office. I am quite satisfied from the way in which his name is received how popular that appointment will be with you. In some respects it is easier to pronounce praise upon a man in his absence than in his presence, but I think for the few remarks which I need make in this Grand Lodge, it will be better that Lord Tenterden himself should be here, and should hear what I have to say after the obligation has been administered to him, and therefore I shall now desire that the deputation, formed in the usual fashion, should proceed to introduce our Bro. Lord Tenterden.

Lord Tenterden was then introduced to the Grand Lodge, and formally installed as Provincial Grand Master.

The Earl of Carnarvon, after having installed Lord Tenterden, said:—Right Worshipful Sir, my noble Brother,—It has been my duty, and a most grateful duty it is to me, to place you in this chair. Very little indeed is needed now for me to add to the ceremony in which we have both taken this part. At the same time, it has always been held, I believe, customary that the Installing Master should at least tender his congratulations and good wishes, first of all to the Provincial Grand Master who henceforth is to rule the

* In each of these two cases there was the list of one Steward not returned at the time the lists were made up.

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Province, and next to the Province that will be under his sway. I can with a most sincere conscience offer alike my congratulations and my good wishes to you and to the Province on this fortunate occasion, and I trust that this bright ray of physical sunshine which is, after the long wet and storms of the last few days, coming in at these windows is an augury—after the depression which this Province has undergone since the death of your late lamented Provincial Grand Master—is a fitting augury of that which is in store for the Province. But, Worshipful Sir, you are no novice in the duties of the Craft, and it would be utterly unnecessary for me to remind you of the duties and the obligations which you have to-day undertaken. You know then, well, and I am satisfied that you will fulfil them with all the conscientiousness and zeal and energy of character which have distinguished the other actions of your public life; and I rejoice to think that under your sway this Province will take as it were a new start in its Masonic life and career, and I hope thrive and grow in the exercise of all those Masonic virtues and duties without which our internal procedure, our forms, our ceremonies, and our symbols are all but naught. Brethren, some of you may have noticed only a few days ago a very remarkable article in one of our leading newspapers upon the present position of the Craft in England. It was a high encomium pronounced upon the Craft, though apparently written by one who had little real knowledge of our internal life and actions, but it was true in this, that it pointed out that under the veil of symbolism, and under the external forms of rites and ceremonies which had descended to us through successive generations, and from a very remote antiquity, that there was a real active life and vigour enshrined, and that the Craft lived—lived indeed in the goodwill of the outside world, lived in the respect of men, lived in the honour and the regard which the people of this country pay it because of the belief that it lived for active good and in the exercise of active virtues. Brethren, that was a tribute offered to the Craft by one who was not familiar with its inner meaning and its inner life; but we may well lay that tribute to heart, and each and all of us, whether we be acting collectively in our several Lodges, or whether we be acting separately and singly as individual Masons, endeavour to make the light of Masonry so shine forth in our whole lives, collectively and individually, that we may reflect honour and credit upon that body to which we all belong. Brethren, I have now only, as I began, so to end, by wishing your new Provincial Grand Master every good fortune in the chair which he fills. I need not wish him ability, I need not wish him tact, and conciliation, and firmness all combined, because I know he possesses those qualities, and I know that he will exercise them for the good of you all. Nor need I, I think, in conclusion, remind you that you have also duties to him, and that it is by obedience to rule, by loyalty to the commands of your Provincial Grand Master, by rendering him every assistance, both in your Lodges and individually as Masons, that you can not only lighten the burden which from time to time will rest upon his shoulders, but also promote the cause of Masonry in this Masonic Province of Essex.

Lord Tenterden then rose and said, after the cheering with which he was greeted had ceased, Brethren, before we proceed with the business of the day, I cannot refrain from saying a few words of very earnest thanks to our Prov. Grand Master for the kind manner in which he has spoken of me to you, and I also thank you, Brethren of the Province of Essex, for the welcome you have been good enough to accord to me.

The Rev. S. R. Wigram Past Grand Chaplain was then appointed by his lordship Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the following brethren were appointed to the other offices in the Province:—Bros. J. Earle W.M. 214 P.G.S.W., D. M. B. Wheeler W.M. 276 P.G.J.W., Rev. H. F. Heaton 1734 P.G. Chap., Andrew Durrant P.M. 276 P.G. Treas., T. J. Ralling I.P.M. 51 P.G. Sec., G. D. Clapham P.M. 1543 P.G. Reg., S. Leverett P.M. 1280 P.G.S.D., A. Sturgeon P.M. 1343 P.G.S.D., H. J. Sansom W.M. 1024 P.G.J.D., G. W. Patmore W.M. 1437 P.G.J.D., T. Nicholson P.M. 1457 P.G. Supt. of Wrks., Albert Lucking P.M. 1000 P.G.D. of Cer., J. A. Wardell P.M. 1000 P.G. Asst. D. of Cer., J. J. C. Turner J.W. 51 P.G. Org., A. F. Ginn W.M. 276 P.G. Swd. B., T. King W.M. 160 P.G. Purs., C. Blyth P.M. 433 P.G. Asst. Purs., T. S. Sarel 276 P.G. Tyler; J. S. Brown 276, A. Mead 276, F. M. Williams 1543, W. Whitechurch 1280, and G. Harvey 697 P.G. Stewards.

Lord Tenterden afterwards said he thought it would not be fitting or becoming of him if he allowed Grand Lodge to depart without saying a few words to the memory of their departed Bro. Bagshaw. He had had the pleasure of the acquaintance of Bro. Bagshaw, and he knew how zealous he was on behalf of Freemasonry, and when he was racked with the disease of which he died, he attended Grand Lodge regularly rather than that the Province of Essex should not be represented. He therefore moved a vote of the deep regret of the Province at the loss of their late Grand Master.

The vote having been seconded, was put to Grand Lodge and carried unanimously, and Bro. Matthew Clarke P.D.G.M. of the Province was entrusted to convey it to the family of the late Brother Bagshaw.

Lord Tenterden then proposed a vote of thanks to the Earl of Carnarvon for performing the ceremony of installation.

Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram D.P.G.M. seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

The Earl of Carnarvon, in reply, said it would be very wrong if, after having already engaged so much of the time of the Provincial Grand Lodge, he were to make anything of a reply to the words which had fallen from the Chair, and from the excellent brother who had seconded them. He simply said that it had been a double pleasure to be there, from his personal friendship for him, and from his knowledge of him as a Mason.

A vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. Matthew Clarke P.D.P.G.M. for the way in which he conducted the business of the Province during the absence of the late Bro. Bagshaw.

Bro. Ernest Emil Wendt, representative of the Three Grand Lodges of Berlin, presented the congratulations of those Lodges to Lord Tenterden on his installation as Provincial Grand Master for Essex.

On the motion of the Rev. S. R. Wigram, a vote of thanks was passed to the Magistrates of the district for allowing the use of the Shire Hall for the purposes of the Grand Lodge on this installation. Ten guineas was voted to the Local Dispensary and Local Infirmary, and Grand Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, under the Presidency of the Prov. Grand Master. The usual toasts were afterwards proposed.

In giving that of the Queen and the Craft, Lord Tenterden said:—Brethren, there is an old saying that short reckonings make long friends. I think that expression may be supplemented by a further adage that short speeches make pleasant meetings. The first toast on our list needs no comment; the mere mention of it ensures a hearty welcome in this loyal Province of Essex. Brethren, I give you "The Queen and the Craft."

After the National Anthem, the Provincial Grand Master again rose; he said:—Brethren, when this Provincial Grand Lodge was last communed it was for the purpose of placing on the shore of Essex one of those life-boats that had been launched by the Craft as a thankoffering for the safe return of their Grand Master from his Indian tour. A more fitting memorial could not have been selected than that which was decided on by the Grand Lodge, when we remember that during the time our Craft was left without a head the Prince of Wales was found ready and willing to take the helm of the life-boat and labour for our rescue. I say the helm of the boat, for I am able to say, from having been among the Masonic advisers of H.R.R. for some years past, that H.R.H. does personally administer and govern the Craft to our great advantage. We have in the Prince of Wales no mere gilded figurehead at the top of the Craft, but we have instead the good head of an excellent man of business. The fact of the Prince of Wales being an admirable man of business ability has been testified on several occasions to the world at large, but more especially at the Exhibition last year at Paris when he acted as President of the British Section. The success of the English portion of that Exhibition was almost entirely owing to his exertions and his desire that there should be an adequate representation of the arts, products, and manufactures of the United Kingdom. I feel that I utter an expression gratifying to all of those present when I offer you an opportunity of shewing in Essex your appreciation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Brethren, I give you the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England.

The Provincial Grand Master then proposed the health of the Installing Master. It was only those, he said, who knew how many and how various were the engagements of a man in Lord Carnarvon's position who could really appreciate how truly fraternal an act this was on his part. When he (Lord Tenterden) first went to the University of Oxford, the name which was the pride of the College as the first classman of his year was that of the Earl of Carnarvon. (Applause). Since then, when maturer years had verified the promise of the schools, they still found the noble Earl in the first class in life—first class as a statesman, as a classical scholar, as an orator and as a Freemason, and he had recently added to his other honours those of poetry. There was one measure which, as it met with universal assent, he might here mention without hesitation, which showed how the Earl of Carnarvon had made his mark on the world—an achievement, indeed, which deserved to be ever emblazoned on the time-honoured escutcheon of the Herberts. He referred to the great work of the Confederation of the Dominion of Canada. The Earl of Carnarvon found the British North American Provinces scattered, weak and disunited across the great breadth of the American continent; he left them a consolidated dominion, the very jewel of our Colonial empire. Many of them were aware how genially, with what courtesy and ability their most distinguished brother presided in Grand Lodge; they had all of them seen to-day how he could preside in a Provincial Grand Lodge, and he was sure that he need say no more to commend the toast of his health to their most hearty welcome.

The Earl of Carnarvon in reply said: He was afraid the Prov. G. Master had very greatly exaggerated his poor merits in every single case to which he had been pleased to allude. He could not accept the flattering compliments that his Lordship had been pleased to pay him in that difficult sphere of politics where men would oftener respect censure and abuse than they did praise, and he doubted how far he could venture to appropriate to himself even those compliments which had been paid him in the quieter, the serener, the more domestic sphere of other matters. But one thing he could say—that it was with infinite satisfaction and pleasure that he was asked to take the part of Installing Master there to-day. He came with the greatest satisfaction to himself to discharge a duty in which his sympathies were so strongly, so personally enlisted; and independently of the satisfaction he felt at having placed Lord Tenterden in the chair, and having offered to him the sincere homage of his good wishes in the task which he was henceforth undertaking in this Province, he also had received with infinite pleasure and satisfaction the kindly, and the more than kindly, welcome which the Province of Essex had been good enough to give him (cheers). It had been his fortune to attend many Provincial meetings in many parts of England, but this at least he would say, he had never attended any where he had been received more kindly and cordially than he had here to-day, and when he left them he should carry away the recollection of the heartiness with which an Essex body of Freemasons could make their brother Mason welcome (loud cheers).

The Provincial Grand Master then proposed "Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers." He said that it was not a mere idle compliment that they paid this mark of respect, for Lord Skelmersdale was an earnest Mason, and was actually suffering his present illness through having come down to Walton-on-the-Naze to inaugurate a new Lodge. Lord Skelmersdale regretted very much that he was not present this day, but he was compelled to be absent through having Her Majesty's commands to attend upon her on her visit to

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the Agricultural Show. Lord Kensington and others had also expressed their regret at their absence. The Grand Officers well manned the Craft, and he did not know how the Freemasons would get on without such brethren as Sir Albert Woods, Thomas Fenn, and Bro. Martyn Past Grand Chaplain. He would particularly mention with regard to this toast, Bro. Alston, Past Grand Warden, whose father before him was—as he was—a worthy president over the Craft. Bro. Alston was one of the oldest Grand Officers, and the oldest living Grand Officer in the Province of Essex, and it was his name he would couple with the toast.

Bro. Alston in reply said the Grand Officers present have felt it a pleasure as well as a duty to support the chair on this auspicious occasion. To myself personally I may say that it has been a matter of intense interest to see placed in the chair of this Province a brother whom I have known so long, whose friendship I so value, and whose career I have so much admired, and we one and all of us feel most grateful to you for the hearty welcome which you have accorded us, and for the excellent cheer with which you have provided us. Your Provincial Grand Master has referred in terms which demand my warmest acknowledgments to one inexpressibly dear to me, who once occupied his chair. I will only say that if he could be present to-day he would fully ratify and confirm and approve the choice which his Royal Highness had made. For myself, I will say that I stand before you now as one, I believe, of the oldest members of the Grand Lodge of England, and for some years before that I was a member and a working member of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex. In coming before you to-day I have ventured to put on some of the clothing which belonged to me in this Grand Lodge, and I trust you will accept it as a compliment from me that I should have done so. I can truly say that to my Masonic connection with this Province, and it is not my only connection with this county, I owe some of the happiest recollections and experiences of my life; and time, which tries and proves all things, has only added to the halo with which those recollections are surrounded. I know the Province of Essex of old. It is a glorious Masonic Province; Masonic virtues shone always brightly here, and they will continue to do so, and for the comfort of your excellent Prov. Grand Master I will say that in no respect were the Masonic virtues more conspicuous than in the loyalty and the devotion which you were always ready to show to your Provincial Grand Master. In coming among you again to-day I miss many old accustomed faces, but others have taken their place, and are now engaged in spreading the tenets of Masonry throughout the Province; but I rejoice to find many of the old Lodges which I knew of old; I have been glad to see that grand old Lodge, the Angel Lodge at Colchester, so well represented. I rejoice to find that the Lodge at Chelmsford has been deemed worthy of being associated with the interesting ceremony of this day, and many other Lodges which I could name are still working with great advantage to themselves and to the Craft throughout the Province. When I first knew the Province there were but seven Lodges; I believe there are now nineteen. I need not refer to anything as better proving the success of the efforts made by your late most excellent Grand Master to spread Masonry throughout the Province. You have now had placed in your chair a brother who is destined to inaugurate an era of new prosperity. His untiring energy, his zeal for Masonry, and his excellent social qualities will be sure to attract to Masonry many others who have not yet joined you; and I feel certain that under his fostering care a great future is in store for Masonry throughout the Province. Brethren, I will detain you no longer, but assure you that I wish and pray that there may be a bright future for your Provincial Grand Master, and that Masonry under his beneficent presidency may prosper yet more than it ever has done in the Province of Essex.

The Earl of Carnarvon then proposed "The health of the Provincial Grand Master." He said: Brethren,—I have had a toast placed in my hands for which I thank those who have arranged the procedure of to-day. No toast could be more grateful to me to propose, no toast I am satisfied could meet with greater enthusiasm on your part. Brethren, we can none of us forget the cause which has called us together to-day. We can none of us forget who now occupies the chair of this Province. I have already had occasion more than once within the last few hours to offer the expressions of my own hearty good wishes for the success of my noble friend in the new duty that he has undertaken. I am very sanguine as to the mode in which he will discharge those duties. He has the guarantee, so to speak, of his whole past in his favour. My noble friend succeeded to a title and an already distinguished name. He was not a man to rest idle upon hereditary honours. His life has been emphatically, I should say, a life of hard, unsparing, laborious work. The frivolities, even the lighter pleasures in life, which form so large a portion of the existence of other men have passed comparatively by him; he has scorned a life of inglorious ease, and he has devoted time and strength and the energy both of mind and body to the service of the State. This has not been all. Step by step, patiently and by solid work, my noble friend has risen in the profession that he adorns, till at last he has arrived at the highest point of all, the highest post which I conceive any one in that profession can hold in England, the position of permanent under Secretary at the Foreign Office. Brethren, none but those who have had some experience as Ministers in a large department can tell how deeply indebted the country is to the permanent civil officers who practically manage and administer those departments. But if there be one officer in a great department upon whom hinges, so to speak, the whole administration of that department, and all abroad that that administration involves and carries with it, it is the permanent under Secretary. All day, every day, day and night I may say, the State has calls upon him; he is the adviser of his political and parliamentary chief; he is the hinge upon which all of that great office, and with the office that great service, in a great measure turns; and this, I may truly say from experience, that among all that band of highly educated, able, laborious men to carry on the work of our public offices, whose merits receive far less recognition when sometimes contrasted by the showy and the tawdry qualities of those who are so deeply indebted to them—I speak it in all humility, because I have had the benefit of similar advice as my noble friend has given to a succession of foreign secretaries—I say none but those who have served in a great department as a parliamentary head can be aware how deeply indebted the Crown and the country are to those who fill such a situation as my noble friend now fills. And therefore, brethren, I say that a great Masonic Province like this may gratefully and well appreciate when it can command the services of such a Provincial Grand Master. I know how heavy the claims of public business are upon any one in my noble friend's position, but I have always found this in life, that those who are really the busiest find the greatest amount of time to give to other persons. I remember hearing a story of Count Cavour when he was at the head of the Foreign Department in Italy, which was a very stormy time. A friend visited him one morning early, and after talking five minutes proposed to hurry away, apologising for having detained him so long from public business. Count Cavour said, "Why, I have plenty of time; there are twenty-four hours in the day, and they surely are enough for all purposes." And I believe my noble friend here is of the same opinion, when he could take himself away from the despatches of the Foreign Office to devote himself body and mind to such an occasion as the present. I hardly know, when I see such a meeting as this, on what Masonic text to preach. It has been my duty so often to inculcate Masonic principles or duties that I feel almost afraid of repeating what I have said. There are, no doubt, particular duties which are specially applicable to particular times and seasons. The duty of our Masonic Charity is one; the world-wide brotherhood which unites us in so many climates and countries is another great feature; the code of morals, so to speak, which lies enshrined in the old charges of the Order which is concealed veiled in the ritual and symbolism such as that to which I alluded in the Grand Lodge to-day, these are all distinctive features of the Craft; they may all be dwelt upon with advantage at different times and under different circumstances, but the one word that I would take the liberty of saying to-day is perhaps on a somewhat different subject; it is to ask you to bear in mind, as it suggests itself to me to-day, that our Masonic organisation, and the duties of loyal Provincial obedience to those who are placed high in authority, lie at the very root of all our Masonic system in England. Brethren, the administration of a great Masonic Province like this depends first of all upon the tact, the management, and the administrative ability of the Provincial Grand Master. It depends, in the next place, upon the zeal and the intelligence of those Grand Officers whom he appoints; and, lastly, it depends upon the hearty zeal and the loyal obedience of the whole body of Masons scattered throughout the Province; and by that I mean the loyal obedience not merely of individual Masons, but of Lodges acting collectively together, as a part of the Masonic organisation; and let me say that just as this is true of the Provincial Grand Lodge, so also is it true of the organisation of each individual Lodge. The Master there is elected to his high office; he is bound to exercise the functions and duties of that office with the same qualities as the Provincial Grand Master brings to bear; he looks to his Officers to give him their hearty support in the work of the Lodge, and he looks again to the individual members of the Lodge to support him in a way that no written rules and no precise laws can possibly give. But, brethren, this is not perhaps all. It might seem to some that the great powers which are lodged in the hands of the Provincial Grand Master, as they are lodged in the hands of the Grand Master of the Craft, would make our ancient and venerable body despotic and absolute in its character and working. That is not at all the case. Our body seems to me to be happily blended together of the great principles of rule, of obedience, of loyalty, and yet also of great freedom. Freedom of election lies at the very root of the whole matter, and confidence, the offspring of that freedom of choice on the one hand, and of that considerate and temperate rule on the other. In this it has often occurred to me that there is a strong resemblance between Freemasonry—English Freemasonry—and the English Constitution. You have large powers, great authority, great responsibility, great freedom, and, if the whole machine is to work together harmoniously and satisfactorily, great confidence on the part of those who are governed in those who govern. That is, in fact, what I believe the English Constitution gives you, roughly speaking—that is what we look for, and what we have found I believe in our Masonic system. And perhaps this is, among other causes, one of the reasons—and one of the principal reasons—why Freemasonry in England has united itself in such harmonious bonds with all the great institutions of the country. I know, indeed, nothing more remarkable than the contrast which exists now, and which still more existed a few years ago between English Freemasonry and foreign. Here in England the great institutions of the country are more or less connected with Freemasonry. There has never been any jealousy of Freemasonry here. Parliament, even in its most jealous moods, always made exceptions in favour of English Lodges. There was no suspicion, no jealousy, no ill-will, and, as my noble friend I think also pointed out in one of his speeches to-day, it has been our special characteristic and pleasure that in this country we have had a succession of Royal Princes at the head of our Masonic system. Formerly, indeed, Freemasonry abroad was bound up with many of those secret bodies which could certainly not be said to be allied to the State—which were at enmity with the State—and it brought on foreign Freemasonry often much doubt—sometimes discredit. We, I am thankful to say, have ever been spared this, and I trust that through the long course of English Freemasonry which is yet in store we shall always maintain the same even, temperate way which we have maintained in times past—that we shall still feel that with the laws, the institutions, the authorities of this country we are closely allied, that whilst we are Masons we are equally Englishmen—Englishmen in all the spirit of the laws, in all the spirit of the Constitution—and then we shall carry on, I doubt not, Freemasonry if possible even one step higher,

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and one step further than it has already achieved, we shall be able to hand down to those who come after us quite as great and fine a heritage as we have received from our forefathers (cheers). Brethren, in every Province it is necessary to have a high standard before us. In this Province you have had good traditions, and you now have at your head one who is fully competent to give those traditions practical life and effect. Let me congratulate him upon being placed in this chair; let me congratulate you upon having so good a Provincial Grand Master ruling over you. I beg to propose his health. Let me wish to him long life and success in the devotion of the same qualities to this Province that he has already given to his country, and let me wish for you all the happiness, and all the good fortune, and all the success that can flow from the wise, and temperate, and kindly, and conciliatory rule of your present Provincial Grand Master.

The Provincial Grand Master in reply said: Brethren,—I have to thank our Pro Grand Master for the too flattering and complimentary terms in which he has been good enough to propose my health to your notice, and I have to thank you, brethren of the Province of Essex, for the welcome that you have been good enough to accord to me on this occasion. Our Pro Grand Master has spoken of the organisation of Freemasonry. I am pretty confident that I am not wrong in supposing that in this town of Chelmsford at this very moment there are numbers of people who are asking the question, "What is it that all these gentlemen, wearing white ties and evening coats in the day time, have invaded our quiet neighbourhood for, with their little black bags and their tin boxes?" And, brethren, I do not doubt that to many the question has been put which has on this and other occasions been very frequently addressed to myself. "What is it that all you people are about? If you want to subscribe to schools and to asylums why don't you send your Post Office order and your cheques without all this fuss and paraphernalia?" Now, a lady told me the other day that she had discovered the secret. She said, "The fact is you men are so vain. You love to dress yourselves up; that is why the soldiers all wear red coats, and now the volunteers are going to wear red coats, and as for you people with the blue aprons, why you are no better." Other people say we are mere knife and fork philanthropists. Others again say, "the real fact is, there is nothing in it at all." Now, that reminds me of the story with regard to the Druces on Mount Lebanon. His lordship then proceeded to relate the story of one of a number of peeping busybodies who went into the Temple of the Druces, and finding it empty, returned and reported that there was "nothing in it," whereupon he was told that his story was disbelieved, and was ignominiously kicked out of the village. His lordship proceeded: Now, brethren, it cannot be said that there is nothing in our Lodges, for there is something in our Lodges—something which constitutes the very basis of our Masonic structure, and that is the Volume of the Sacred Law. Although with universal toleration we admit men of all creeds to the Craft, provided they are good men—I have myself initiated Persians, Parsees, Mussulmans, and Hindoos—yet all our work is begun, continued and completed in the name of Him whom we address in the spirit of that universal prayer written by our great poet Pope, a Roman Catholic:—

"Father of all, in every age,
In every clime adored
By saint, by savage, and by sage,
Jehovah, Jove, and Lord.
To Him whose temple is all space,
Whose altar—earth, sea, skies,
One chorus let all beings raise,
All Nature's incense rise."

It is, brethren, this spirit of toleration, this feeling of universal brotherhood under one great Heavenly Father, which constitutes as I deem it, the true object, the true principle of Freemasonry. It was for this object that Freemasonry was founded, and it is for this that it now claims to be maintained. Without going too far into the uncertainties of tradition, we are at all events sure of this—that the original object of Freemasonry was to provide a home, amongst their fellow brethren and Masons, where those skilled craftsmen who wandered in the pursuit of their craft might find in their travels a ready welcome. It was thus, brethren, that Freemasonry in former ages was the first to break down that barrier of distrust and exclusiveness which severed countries and provinces, and even towns. It is now of equal use, for Freemasonry, excluding as it does subjects of political and religious controversy, forms a neutral ground on which men of all classes, countries, and creeds may meet on the level and part upon the square. Brethren, that exclusiveness of which I have spoken has to some extent penetrated even to the present day. Most of you, I dare say, recollect the drawing of poor John Leech's two navvies, one of whom says to the other "Who be that, Bill?" and upon the other replying, "A stranger," he says, "'eave 'alf a brick at him." Well, brethren, that spirit was at one time very common amongst us. The other day I was reading the biography of one of our great naval heroes at the commencement of the present century. His creed was, "Fear God, honour the King, and hate the French." Now, brethren, we do, I hope, the two former, but the days for hatred of the French are happily passed away, and I trust may never come again. How little we now hate the French is shown in the chord of sympathy which has been touched in every English heart, in every English home for that unhappy lady who is now mourning for her gallant son slain in the English cause in South Africa. This spirit of universal brotherhood may perhaps by some be considered no longer of any moment in this country, but this is not so. Although political and religious rancour is happily no longer rife amongst us, there are many subjects upon which all men must differ, and by excluding those questions upon which men too frequently do differ, we are doing that which I am sure is of great good to this country; and I have seen myself a very remarkable instance of that in the United States of America where civil war had done its worst to scathe the land. Yet the brethren from the North could meet the brethren from the South after the war, and clasp the hands of Freemasonry in brotherhood which had so recently been raised to shed each other's blood. I feel with our Pro Grand Master that Freemasonry has a great future before it, a great future, I venture to say, in this feeling of universal toleration and brotherhood, a great future not only in this country, but in all countries, in pacifying hostilities, in creating friendships, in linking together men of all countries, of all classes, of all religions, all races, and all creeds. And, brethren, we cannot do better than take the advice of our Pro Grand Master as to how we should best extend and promote this, which I venture to say is a noble object, of which Freemasons in this Province and all over the world may be justly proud. The way to promote it, brethren, is, to use an expression familiar to all of us, that we should show ourselves to be good Masons and good men, not only in our words and in our emblems, but in our acts—that we should in truth show ourselves to be men to whom the afflicted may pour forth their sorrows and find consolation, to whom the distressed may pour forth their suit and find relief—whose hands are guided by justice, and whose hearts are expanded by benevolence. I once more thank you most cordially for the kind welcome which has been given to me in this Province. I always felt that although I was not known to many amongst you it would be so—that one whose heart was in Freemasonry would never fail a warm welcome at the hands of Freemasons.

The Provincial Grand Master then said:—The Pro Grand Master has desired me to express his extreme regret that he has been obliged to leave before the end of our festivities. I have now devolving on me the very agreeable task of proposing the health of the Deputy Grand Master, Rev. S. R. Wigram P.G.C., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past. I have for a long time had the pleasure of knowing our Bro. Wigram as distinguished in the Craft, distinguished as one of the Grand Chaplains, and distinguished, as I also know he has been, by his working at the Priory Lodge, at Southend; and it is with extreme gratification to me that he has accepted the position to which he has this day been appointed. You must all know that very much of the success of the Province depends on the Deputy of the Province. As the Pro Grand Master has told you, in the most flattering terms, I am engaged the bulk of my time, and must therefore leave the greater part of my duties to the brother who has this day been appointed my Deputy. We have among us in our Lodge the Past D. Prov. G.M. Bro. Matthew Clark, and I am especially pleased to see him. I feel sure that you also appreciate his services from the satisfaction with which you all agreed to the vote of thanks which has been passed upon him in Lodge. He is, with me, a Past Master of the Lodge of Harmony at Richmond, and has for many years past shared with me the duties of Secretary of that Lodge. I know from my personal experience that he is a good man, and you all know that he is a good Mason. We have to-day also invested several others who are worthy of the position to which they have been appointed. It was at the Lodge of Hope and Unity, at Romford, that I first received my early Masonic instruction. A friend of mine used to belong to that Lodge, and I was frequently present there as a visitor, and have on several occasions acted as one of its Officers, it is therefore with extreme pleasure that I have this day placed the W.M. of that Lodge in the chair of Senior Warden of the Province. The other Prov. Grand Officers are, I believe, equally well known to the Craft of Essex. I have done my best that the honours should be distributed to every point of our Provincial compass, and I hope that the various appointments will give satisfaction. I have pleasure in coupling with the toast the names of Bros. S. R. Wigram Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and Bro. Matthew Clark P.P.D.G.M. Bro. Wigram in reply said: I have to thank you, both on my own behalf and on behalf of the other Prov. Grand Officers. The honour I have received this day has come to me most acceptably. I am an Essex man, son of an Essex man, received the Masonic light in an Essex Lodge, and am a Past Master of two Essex Lodges. If we are spared to meet again at the end of twelve months, I hope you will receive this toast with as great cordiality as it has met to-night. We ask you to be to our virtues very kind, and to our follies ever blind. Bro. Clarke also offered a few remarks.

The Deputy Prov. G. Master stated that the Prov. Grand Master had entrusted to him the proposal of the next toast. He said:—I could at this moment express two wishes, one that the toast had fallen into better hands, and another that it had been placed earlier on the list so that it might have been given before those numerous visitors who have honoured us with their presence had been obliged to leave us. We have to-day been honoured with Masons conversant with the Craft, I may say in every part of the world. We are always proud to see our brethren among us, and tender them a hearty welcome. All we can do now is to honour those brethren who have to-day visited us by drinking heartily to the toast.

Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn in his reply tendered his thanks for the hearty reception accorded the toast. He hoped that he should have the pleasure of seeing several of the Essex brethren at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk on Monday next. He expressed the regret of the Master of his Province that he was unable to attend the meeting of to-day.

The health of the Officers of the Province, was acknowledged by Bro. Rev. F. Shepherd P.M. 276. Bro. Verey proposed the Masonic Charities, and Bro. J. Terry Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution replied.

A just compliment was paid by the Prov. Grand Master to the Committee of the Chelmsford Lodge, who had been entrusted with the arrangements of the day, and on the W.M. of that Lodge being called upon to respond, he expressed the thanks of his Lodge to those Prov. Grand Officers who had assisted him, more especially he wished to thank Bro. Ralling the Prov. J. Sec. who, he said, had been present at every meeting of the Committee.

Bro. Speight acted as toastmaster During the evening a selection of music was performed, under the direction of Bro. W. Gaus, by Bros. John Hodges, Faulkner Leigh, C. Beckett, and Thurley Beale.

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PROVINCE OF KENT.

THE ANNUAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT will be held at the CONCERT HALL, MAIDSTONE, on Wednesday, 9th July, at 12.0 noon precisely, when and where the Provincial Grand Officers and Past Officers, with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of the Lodges in the Province, are convoked to attend.

By order of the R.W. P.G.M. Viscount Holmesdale, M.P.

ALFRED SPENCER,
Prov. G. Secretary.

Maidstone, 17th June 1879.

PROVINCE OF SURREY.

The R.W. Bro. Gen. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B. Provincial Grand Master.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of July, 1879, at One o'clock in the Afternoon punctually, at the Public Hall, Redhill, in the County of Surrey, when the Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the other brethren of the Province, are requested to attend.

By command of the R.W. Prov. G. Master,
CHARLES GREENWOOD,
Provincial Grand Secretary.

61 Nelson Sq., Blackfriars Road.
23rd June 1879.

The Banquet will take place at Four o'clock precisely, Tickets for which (price 15s) may be had of Bro. Major Gant, P.M., at the Mount, Reigate, or of the Provincial Grand Secretary.

The R.W. P.G. Master requests the attendance of the Brethren at Divine Service at St. Matthew's Church, Redhill, at 2.30 p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the Provincial Grand Chaplain. Brethren not to appear in Masonic costume at Divine Service.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Saturday, the 12th day of July 1879, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution, to place candidates on the list for election in October next, and to declare the number of Girls then to be elected; also to consider the following notices of motion:—

By Bro. Thos. Meggy, Vice-President,

"That a Committee be appointed to regulate the manner in which the scrutiny of the votes shall be made, both for the Election of Candidates and for other purposes."

By Bro. Col. Creaton, Treasurer and Trustee,

"That Seven additional Girls be Elected at the Quarterly Court in October next, thereby raising the number of Elected Girls in the Institution to Two Hundred (making a total of 207 in all), seven of those now in the School having been admitted by purchase."

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THE Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks was held at the County Hall, Abingdon, on Thursday the 26th ult., and was largely attended by the members of the several Lodges in the Province, all but two being very fully represented. The London train calling at Reading conveyed the R.W. Provincial Grand Master Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., and Chairman of the Great Western Railway Company, to Didcot, where a considerable muster of brethren had assembled, and there a "special" was provided for the accommodation of the somewhat large party, enabling them to reach Abingdon in good time prior to the opening of Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. E. J. Trendell P.M. of the Abbey Lodge at Abingdon, in the most liberal manner received all comers as his guests, and placed his spacious dwelling and noble grounds at their disposal, entertaining them with a cold collation and means for refreshment prior to commencing labour. At the appointed hour the brethren assembled at the County Hall, over which the arms of the borough floated during the day in honour of their presence. The Provincial Grand Lodge was there opened by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, who was announced and accompanied in procession by the following Present and Past Grand Officers, viz., J. W. McCubbin J.G.W., C. R. Honey Chaplain, C. Stephens Treasurer, R. Bradley Secretary, W. W. Bingham S.D., W. J. Cantrell J.D., E. L. Shepherd Sword-bearer, E. Revill Purst., Dick Radcliffe, F. J. Ferguson, and A. H. Simpson Stewards; G. W. Dixon P.P.G.D.C., H. F. Turner P.P.S.D.C., J. P. Tilley jun. P.P.G.S.D., W. Biggs P.P.G. Sec., H. D'Almaine P.P.S.G.W., J. T. Morland P.P.G.R., H. Howard Hodges P.P.G.S.W., J.

.P.G.T., W. Hedges P.P.G.D., C. Nowell A.G.P. nt about 120 brethren, amongst whom were the rs W. B. Farr P.D.G.S.W. Bengal, H. G. Layton ershire, W. Belcher P.P.J.G.W. Oxon., E. Hopwood sex, H. Plumridge P.P.G.O. Oxon., H. Toombs Sec. R.M.B.I., C. F. Hogard 205, James Stevens J. Belsize W.M., A. B. Baker, R. Roberts, Mark d, G. Blizzard, and W. Crowhurst, all of the o. 209, E. Baker I.P.M., M. J. Withers, D. Webb, n Lodge No. 414, R. Ravenor P.M., G. J. Coburn, S. Knight of Hope Lodge No. 574, J. Adams P.M., G. French of Buckingham Lodge No. 591, S. B. Methuen 631, W. Bingham, W. J. Cantrell, J. O. rens Windsor Castle Lodge No. 771, S. J. Baker and T. Hyde of Abbey Lodge 945, W. G. Flanagan rell, W. Cordrey, W. Ravenscroft and E. Margrett ars Lodge No. 1101, W. H. Mason and J. Westfield e No. 1501, J. J. Button P.M., E. J. Shrewsbury, Legg, C. W. Cox, C. A. Vardy, W. Morris, R. Silver, nd, H. Arrowsmith, A. C. Hewitt and R. Nicholson, No. 1566, J. Elmes W.M. of Watling-street Lodge kins W.M., M. Wheeler, W. Jackson, J. Tpombe, Adams, G. Wade, C. E. Belcher, W. J. Bacon, G. Tarrant of Lodge 1770, the foregoing being ges forming the Province. Also Bros. E. G. yres 742, R. Puttick 820, E. J. Biggs 1472, who did not append the number of their signatures, viz., W. King, J. H. Clarke, H. s, J. T. Brown, H. D. Gooch, W. B. Comins, Saxby, B. Challern, W. Ballard, J. H. Daly, John gs, J. Watts, R. Illsley, C. P. Smith, W. Hinckley, J. Ballard. In the absence of the Deputy Prov. Rev. A. P. P. Cust, Archdeacon of Buckingham, led by W. Bro. E. J. Trendell, and W. Bro. H. fficiated as Prov. S.G.W. The Roll of Lodges having nd all but two found to be represented, the Roll of Officers was next fairly responded to. The Minutes ovincial Grand Lodge, holden at Windsor on the e confirmed. A financial statement and the report mittee were submitted, and both being of a highly ter were received and adopted. The report of the Secretary in respect to numbers and progress of s gave great satisfaction, the R.W. Prov. Grand asion to offer the representatives of the Lodges tulatious thereon, incidentally remarking, however, odges had not so liberally subscribed to the Charity mary with them in former years. He was, never- isfied with the general progress of the Order in the ed that it should be fully understood how much he dit of success was due to the earnest and inde- of Bro. Biggs, the late Prov. Grand Secretary, to his most agreeable duty to present a tangible steem and honour he had won in the discharge of . The presentation he was now about to make general subscription throughout the entire Pro- stified to the thorough appreciation of Bro. Biggs' half. Addressing Bro. Biggs in highly compli- R.W. Prov. Grand Master handed to that worthy taining a hundred guineas, pointing at the same marble mantel clock, and further requesting his ssive silver snuff-box, from which he hoped the many years to come "take a pinch" and a of the many good friends by whom he was lled upon the Provincial Grand Lodge to salute sonic honours, and this was done in the most . Each article presented bore a suitable inscrip- ok being in the following words:—"Presented to P.M. P.Z. P. Prov. G.S.W. Wilts, &c., by the vince of Berks and Bucks, together with a purse dineas, in recognition of his valuable services as ry from 1869 to 1877. This presentation was made , Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master, 26th June, in reply, said that he felt overwhelmed by the courtesy of the Prov. Grand Master, who during so greatly assisted his labours by ever affording necessary occasions, and whom he desired to say That he had left his position as Prov. Grand pproval of so large a body for services rendered ful. His anticipations during the fulfilment of salised in the success which had attended them, icipated such a magnificent return, for which, w to tender his heartiest acknowledgments. to give a somewhat rapid but very lucid account Province during eighty-five years, in the course six Provincial Grand Masters had presided over highly favoured in respect of the occupant of the never more favoured than now in the person who on entering on his Grand Mastership ruled f Freemasons now connected with the Province. a of Prov. Grand Officers had greatly tended to l been attained, and he gladly took this oppor- n opinion that never had a collar been better which had been conferred upon his successor, n he personally returned thanks for relieving hich at his time of life he could not carry out himself as in former years. He was sincerely ren for their handsome gifts, which while he re for the sake of the memory of glad associa- l be transmitted to his family as a tribute of which they as well as himself might feel justly him as he resumed his seat. The Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested in the following order, viz.:—S. Blandy Jenkins P.M. 745 W.M. 1770 G.S.W., H. Poynter P.M. 948 G.J.W., Rev. C. E. Honey 1101 G. Chap., Rev. Moses Margoliouth 1410 G. Asst. Chap., C. Stephens 414 G. Treas. re-elected, J. J. Britton W.M. 1566 G. Reg., Jabez Adams W.M. 591 G.S.D., Robert Roberts W.M. 209 G.J.D., Edward Baker W.M. 414 G. Supt. Wrks., R. Ravenor P.M. 574 G.D.C., Joseph Elmes P.M. 1639 G.A.D.C., Baker W.M. 945 G.S.B., J. Rutland 1566 G. Org., W. Flanagan W.M. 1101 G. Purst., Nowell G.A. Purst.; Cox, J. Leggett, Illsley, Vardy, E. Davies, E. J. Shrewsbury, all of 1566, G. Stewards, W. Hemmings re-elected G. Tyler. The next Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was appointed to be held at Maidenhead, under the banner of the Ellington Lodge, No. 1566. The sum of £78 15s was appropriated from the Charity Fund for distribution amongst sundry Lodges in aid of the Masonic Charities. Bros. R. Roberts W.M. 209, R. Bradley P.M. 414 P.G. Sec., and W. Goddard 771 were severally invested with the Provincial Charity jewel. Letters of apology from absent brethren were read, and no further business being brought forward, the Prov. G. Lodge was closed with solemn prayer. The banquet was given in the Council Chamber, the Prov. Grand Master presiding, and was fully attended, so fully, indeed, that one eminent brother and a magnate in the town, arriving after the brethren were seated, could not be accommodated, greatly to the regret of many there present. The tables were handsomely decorated by the liberal provision, and under the artistic direction of Bro. Dick Radclyffe, whose admirable and appropriate floral Masonic emblems at all times excite the wonder and delight of those who are favoured to witness the general effect produced. On this occasion some of his most valuable and choicest productions were tastefully scattered in profusion before the guests, who at the close of the proceedings were permitted to retain souvenirs from amongst them. Amongst the toasts at a later period of the day our worthy brother received a distinct acknowledgment of his generous addition to the pleasure of his brother Masons. Grace having been sung, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, referring to the necessity for enabling brethren to return by an early train, decided that both toasts and responses should be briefly given and returned. The Queen, the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master and Grand Officers were loyally received, and severally followed by appropriate solos and glees by an excellent quartette party, comprising Bros. Clarke, Shepherd, Rowley and Plumridge, whose services throughout the post-prandial proceedings were worthy of the highest praise. To the toast of the Right Worshipful P.G.M., proposed by Bro. E. J. Trendell, Sir Daniel Gooch replied, with thanks for the manner in which he had been at all times received by the members of his Province, and congratulated them on this meeting having been an excellent and very happy gathering. Having determined to be brief in reply, he would make those few remarks suffice, and at once propose the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Officers, and couple with the toast the name of Bro. H. H. Hodges P.P.G.S.W., who following his chief's lead likewise made brief response. The Visitors were represented by Bro. Bruton, who returned thanks for the great hospitality and good friendship they had received. For the Masonic Charities, proposed by the Prov. Grand Chaplain Bro. the Rev. C. E. Honey, in excellent terms, Bro. J. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, responded. After some very complimentary expressions to his entertainers, he said that the previous night had witnessed the completion of what might be called the Masonic year, with reference to the charitable institutions of the Order. At the three Festivals held this year the contributions received for these institutions had been as follows:—Benevolent Institution, £14,300; Girls' Schools, £12,200; Boys' Schools, £10,500; a total in round numbers of £37,000, which was in excess of that contributed in any previous year. He considered this a most satisfactory result, and when connected with the acknowledged adverse state of trade, it almost led one to believe that however others might be affected by such depression, the Order of Freemasons was peculiarly exempt therefrom. He would not infringe upon the decision of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master as to brevity of speech, and therefore would refrain from a lengthened explanation of the good work done by the several Charities, feeling assured that their respective claims were always considered by the Province, as was evinced by the liberal amounts that day granted, and he concluded by an earnest hope that the bread so cast upon the waters would never be lost to them. The remaining toasts were complimentary to Bro. E. J. Trendell, for his hospitality and welcome at Abbey Lodge; Bro. Dick Ratcliffe, for his generous adornment of the banquet table; the Abbey Lodge, for the reception of the Prov. Grand Lodge; the Prov. Grand Treasurer and Prov. Grand Sec., and the Prov. Grand Stewards; each of these were briefly acknowledged, and the Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a conclusion.

It is with pleasure we announce that it has been decided to recognise the past great and invaluable services rendered to the Lodge of Industry, No. 48, Gateshead, and the Craft generally, by our worthy Bro. J. E. Robson P.M. P.P.Sd. B. Durham, by presenting him with a suitable testimonial on his retiring from office and active working. A committee has been appointed to assist in this object, for which purpose subscriptions will be received by any of the following:—Bros. R. Whitfield W.M. 48, 5 Bloomfield-terrace, Gateshead; J. G. Smith J.W. 48, West-street, Gateshead; D. Sinclair P.M. 48, Quayside, Newcastle; Dr. R. F. Cook P.M. and D.C. 48, West-street, Gateshead;

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SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THE brethren of this Lodge held their Annual Summer Festival on Friday, 27th of June, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, Bro. E. White, the W.M. of the Lodge, ably presided, supported by Past Masters G. Everett, Foulger, Kent, Buscall (I.P.M), H. Elmes, Ferguson, and an efficient body of Stewards, who seemed to devote the whole of their energies to making the meeting worthy of this popular Lodge. There were 121 ladies and brethren present, the splendid banquet saloon of the hotel, commanding a fine view of the river, being devoted to their comfort by Bro. Hunt, who is likewise to be complimented on the way in which the banquet was put on the table. At the conclusion of the dinner, the W.M. gave the various toasts usual on such occasions. He considered that each of them deserved especial praise. He would have liked to debate on them to their fullest extent, but as they were so often and deservedly proposed, and generally met such hearty enthusiasm, he should be very brief on the present occasion, so as to give the company an opportunity of enjoying the amusements which had been provided. Bro. Buscall proposed the health of Bro. White. As far as the Lodge was concerned, he believed that its Worshipful Master was ready to devote the whole of his energies to its welfare. No one more fully had its interests at heart than he. When the question had arisen in Lodge as to the advisability of holding this summer festival, Bro. White had especially distinguished himself, and by his assiduity in promoting the movement had contributed greatly to its success. The fact of the attendance being far in advance of what was expected was, the speaker considered, ample evidence that the meeting had met the approval and support of a large majority of the members. There were none but would admit that the day had been a very pleasant one—it was to the W.M. they were indebted for it—and he felt assured that the arrangements had ensured the enjoyment of all. The W.M., in his reply, said that he felt highly flattered at the kind expressions of Bro. Buscall; he had not expected that he should be honoured with so large an assembly, and was pleased to find that it had proved such a great success. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the Visitors. They were, he said, very numerous, and therefore merited especial honour. He was pleased to greet them, and hoped that should the Domatic Lodge hold a summer festival next year, he should again have the pleasure of meeting those present. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. C. A. Smith, who in due course returned thanks for the hearty reception that had been accorded the guests of the day. The health of the Stewards was next given from the chair. The W.M. said that every credit was due to them for their exertions. He was also pleased to express his thanks to the Officers of the Lodge, who had so effectually rendered him aid, and between them contributed to make the day's gathering a complete success. Brother Spinks S.W. returned thanks, followed by Brother Kent P.M. in a very eloquent and humorous speech. The toast of the ladies was now given from the chair. The W.M. had great pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of a brother who he said would be sure to do justice to the toast, he meant Bro. G. Everett P.M. That brother felt very much flattered and honoured in being called upon to respond to what he considered was the toast of the evening. As a lady, he thanked the W.M. for the many kind things he had said; but he wished them to understand that Bro. White had said no more than the ladies were entitled to. The ladies knew what forlorn objects the men were, and the W.M. knew they were indebted to them for the success of the day. Although the ladies did not know the Masons' secret, they did know that the brethren well supported their three magnificent Charities; and knowing them to be engaged in such good work, they could trust they would always be profitably employed, although sometimes they might be kept out a little late. They might have a very good cause for it—looking to the interests of the noble Order. The room having been cleared, the ladies and brethren enjoyed a very agreeable evening, dancing being kept up with great spirit, Bros. F. Kent P.M. and J. R. Foulger efficiently acted as M.C.'s.

THE OLD FOLKS.

THE Annual Summer Entertainment was given on Tuesday, 1st of July, at the Asylum, Croydon. Notwithstanding the clerk of the weather was in the unamiable state of mind he has been displaying—we scarcely dare say for how long—there was a large attendance of brethren with their ladies, prominent amongst whom we noticed Bros. J. Terry, John Newton, C. J. Perceval, John Constable, C. G. Hill, G. Knill, J. E. Terry, W. Hicks, C. J. Hicks, G. M. Finch, A. Collins, J. J. Berry, E. H. Bowyer, E. G. Legge, F. Breuer, R. H. Halford, Thomas Cubitt, Raynham Stewart, William Stephens, C. Perceval, S. E. Gold, G. Recknell, G. Ward Verry, H. J. Strong, M.D., A. Trewinnard, H. Massey, John Wright, W. W. Morgan, &c. On reaching the Institution, the brethren and ladies were received by the Warden, Bro. Norris, who with his daughter exerted themselves most successfully during the day to render the visit of their guests as agreeable as those many successful ones that have already been participated in by those who look forward to these very pleasant reunions. Bro. Terry, with a strong band of assistants, distributed the customary gifts of tea and tobacco, presented by the Supreme Council, 33rd degree, and then the party, prior to partaking of refreshment, proceeded on the house to house visitation which it has become the custom to indulge in on these occasions. A feature of the day was the inauguration of an elegant flag staff, 60 feet in height, surmounted by a weather cock, and the hoisting of the flag of the Institution, which we trust will spread itself to the breeze on many and many a gala day in time to come. The residents are indebted for these, the latest of their "portables,"—as Mr. Wemmick might have designated these gifts,—to the noted East enders, Bros. J. J. Berry, T. J. Barnes, and J. G. Stevens, and it gladdened our hearts to hear some of our old friends descanting most nautically on the merits of their new acquisition. The duty of providing an entertainment for the Old People had been delegated to the Royal Criterion Glee Singers and Campanologists. This party comprises the following artistes:—Mr. Harry Tipper, Conductor (Baritone), Mr. Frederick James (Tenor), Mr. F. Taylor (Bass), Mr. J. Wise (Elocutionist), Mr. H. T. Allen (Pianist). The entertainment provided was of a most versatile character, and called forth the unanimous approval of the audience, whose applause must to the executants have been gratifying in the extreme. The great dexterity in manipulating their bells was commented on, while the delicacy of tone and perfection of harmony left nothing to be desired. On the completion of the performance, the customary votes of thanks were tendered, and the party returned to town in the saloon carriages that had been provided by the railway company.

MARK MASTER MASONS' BENEVOLENT FUND.

THE Annual Festival in aid of this Fund was held on Wednesday, 2nd July, at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, under the presidency of Lord Arthur Hill (P.M. 164, P.G.S.W. Sussex). The meeting was one of the most successful it has ever fallen to our lot to take part in, and resulted in a sum of £528 16s being collected. We are compelled to hold over our report of the proceedings until next week, but have pleasure in giving the following list of the Stewards, with the amounts collected by each:—

W. S. Gillard	P.G. Stwd., P.M. Science Lodge No. 128, Dorset	50	0	0
Baron de Ferrieres	Gloucestershire	34	12	0
G. F. Lancaster	Hants and the Isle of Wight	17	0	0
Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D.	Grand Chap., W.M. Hereward Lo. No. 227, Lincolnshire	16	16	0
Walter Spencer	P.G. Asst. Dir. of Cer., W.M. Bon Accord L., T.I.	14	3	6
Charles Jacques	G.J.D., P.M. Old Kent Lodge, T.I.	24	1	0
Thomas Cooper	P.M. York Lodge, T.I.			
Thomas D. Bolton	P.G. Stwd., Carnarvon Lodge No. 7	38	17	0
Benj. H. Swallow	S.W. Thistle Lodge No. 8	20	0	0
E. B. Bright	J.O. Hiram Lodge No. 13	18	18	0
E. C. Milligan	P.M. St. Andrew's Lodge No. 34	30	5	0
Capt. Charles Hunter	P. G. Swd.Br., P.M. St. David's Lodge No. 38	18	17	0
John Clark	Britannia Lodge No. 53	5	5	0
Joseph Spencer	ditto ditto	5	5	0
S. B. Ellis	ditto ditto	5	5	0
T. J. Pulley	G. Stwd., P.M. Aldershot Military Lodge No. 54	15	15	0
E. Diggle	G.I.G., P.M. Temperance L. No. 56	5	5	0
R. L. Loveland	St. Andrew's Lodge No. 63	9	19	6
W. T. Clarke	Prov. G. Sec. Sussex, Royal Sussex Lodge No. 75	30	19	0
Robert Berridge	G. Dir. of Cer. P.M. Macdonald Lodge No. 104	21	0	0
G. M. Lowe, M.D.	P.M. Remigius Lodge No. 117			
R. W. Philpott	Dover and Cinque Ports L. No. 152	10	10	0
A. Hopkinson	County Palatine Lodge No. 156	15	15	0
Rev. C. R. Davy	Prov. G. Master of Gloucestershire, P.M. Royal Sussex Lodge No. 177	5	5	0
R. Boggett	P.M. Humber Lodge No. 182	10	10	0
J. L. C. Hunter Little	P.M. St. John's Lodge No. 214	17	11	6
George Dalrymple	W.M. Henry Lodge No. 216	20	4	0
W. Ballard	W.M. Abbey Lodge No. 225			
Edward Margrett	G. Stwd., W.M. Leopold L. No. 235	15	15	0
William Stephens	W.M. Clapton Lodge No. 236			
Capt. George Watson	P.G.J.D., W.M. St. Andrew's Lodge No. 237			
T. Frodk. Halsey, M.P.	P.G.J.W., W.M. Watford L. No. 241	7	7	0
Dr. E. Passawer	W.M. Trinity College Ldg. No. 244	15	14	6
John Henry Hale	W.M. Simon de St. Liz L. No. 245	10	10	0
F. W. Ansell	W.M. Alfred Lodge No. 247	17	11	0

In consequence of the heavy demands on our space, we are compelled to hold over our report of the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Middlesex, which took place on Saturday last, at Great Stanmore. We may, however, here state that the day's proceedings were eminently satisfactory, and must have been gratifying to the Prov. Grand Master Colonel Burdett.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Sores, Wounds and Ulcers.—Every variety of sores, ulcer, eruption, boil, and carbuncle, is safely stopped in its destructive course by the timely application of this healing Ointment. It arrests unhealthy and substitutes healthy action, thus curing the inflamed, irritable, and spreading diseases affecting the skin. Holloway's Ointment has gained an imperishable fame for its facility in healing old inflammatory sores about the shins and ankles, and for bad legs and old wounds it cannot be equalled; nor is it less efficacious in gathered breasts and abscesses. When the complaint has been of long continuance, Holloway's Pills will expedite recovery, if taken in those doses which act as alteratives on the stomach, and tonics on the constitution.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

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VIEWS ON CHARITY VOTING.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I must respectfully but earnestly demur to the running commentary introduced by your reporter into the few remarks I made at the consecration of the Clapham Lodge in returning thanks for the Officers of Grand Lodge.

In the first place, I hold that it is scarcely becoming in a reporter to take such a self-sufficient line, on whatever side of a question his sympathies may lie.

In the second place I dispute the accuracy of almost every statement he has been pleased to make.

It is in my humble opinion the province of a reporter to report *what has been said*, or if he thinks it worthless, to *omit it altogether*, but it is not his function to suppress what has been said, and give instead thereof his own personal commentary, thus taking the place of judge, jury, and witness.

Now, as to his statements.

1. With all due deference to him, I contend my views on charity voting are not peculiar, but held by three men out of every four who have no vested interests to serve, and have not been involved in the haphazard jobbery which the present system so manifestly fosters.

2. I deny that these views are even "antagonistic to the Craft at large;" on the contrary, I assert that if Masons were polled to-morrow, three-fourths would be found on the side of enquiry, justice and mercy, and therefore opposed to the abuses of the present system. To one thing I can speak without hesitation, that I know of dozens of influential Masons, holding high rank in the Craft, who have denounced these abuses in no measured terms, and who will before long speak out (as I have dared to do) their minds upon this subject.

3. Though the brethren present did not express any "concurrence" in the views put forth, I have yet to learn that such silence meant dissent; and as to "disapprobation," I certainly did not catch the faintest sound of it. I may add, that in far the larger proportion of Masonic meetings at which I have named the subject, the views I have ventured to express have been received with loud concurrence and approval.

4. I never even named the "Charity Organization Society," but simply stated that if any of the brethren happened to have opportunity to attend the annual meeting of the "Charity Voting Reform Association," next day, they would hear from Lord Derby some instructive statements on this subject, so deeply interesting to Masons.

The "Alexandra Palace meeting" was not in my mind when I named this, nor shall I stop to show which of the two meetings was likely to confer more dignity and real profit on Masonry. But I think I could do this, and easily too.

And now, Dear Sir and Brother, permit me to say that I shall always feel myself perfectly at liberty to express my opinions in every assembly of Masons, on any subject that is good for Masonry in general, or for the "Lodge in particular" of which I may be a member; and no amount of sneer or perverse comment, either on the part of Secretaries or reporters, shall deter me from having the honesty of my convictions, and expressing them too. *Plain truth* must be evil-spoken of at least for a time, and *reform* must ever encounter much opposition and obloquy, but both will and must eventually triumph; as in the case of the Royal Medical Benevolent College it has recently done, wherein 2,770 as against 364 Governors endorsed our views, which were carried by resolution at the annual meeting by 5 to 1, in the face of the Council, the majority of whom were hostile to reform; and so, please God, we shall have it in Freemasonry soon, and while our votes remain, they will be stripped of those unjust, undignified, wasteful, and cruel accompaniments,—voting days, exchanges, trafficking, and wholesale canvassing, which are "spots on our Feasts of Charity," and on our Charity itself.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

R. J. SIMPSON.

"WHICH IS CORRECT?"

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—By a printer's error in my letter of last week you have caused me to use the word *dependent* instead of *despondent*, a very different signification to what I had intended. Please correct in your next, and oblige,

Yours truly and fraternally,

A PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICER.

Plymouth, 30th June 1879.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—"A PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICER'S" letter in your last impression is evidently so kindly meant that I cannot feel regret that doubts as to the success of my endeavours are expressed, and that in some quarters "difficulty and disappointment to myself" are anticipated. I may be sanguine, as he supposes,—even as faultily so; but I am quite as persistent as I am sanguine; and whilst certain my object and the means adopted to gain it are proper, I shall not spare myself the necessary labour to attain it. The Knight of de la Mancha may be my prototype in some respects, but I aim at the perseverance of another type of man to whom the lesson of the spider's oft-repeated failures and subsequent success was not lost.

Any way, the work I have announced is all but "in the press." It is true that at the present the requisite number of subscribers to cover cost of publication has not been secured, but some two hundred copies are subscribed for, and I have every hope that the remaining three hundred will be forthcoming when it is perfectly understood I "mean business." I scarcely understand your correspondent's expression "nervous and dependent." I certainly am not the former, and as to the latter, I venture to express the hope that beyond seeking the reasonable support of my brother Masons, who will receive "quid pro quo," the publication of the work will be undertaken without obligation (except for grateful co-operation) on my part towards any one.

The suggestion of your correspondent as to what he is pleased to term the "scheme" for the formation of a Lodge of Preceptors shall be carried into effect, as I plainly see—and thank him for pointing it out—that unless the practicability of its establishment can be generally understood approval and support could not expected.

I have yet very many "points" to submit for the consideration of the members of the Craft interested in the subject, but the compilation of the proposed work is sufficient for my present leisure, so I defer their introduction until after the publication of "Uniformity of Masonic Ritual and Observance," which I anticipate will be not later than the last week in July. Meanwhile I shall of course be glad to receive the names of further subscribers for the work.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS P.M. P.Z.

112 High-street, Clapham,
30th June 1879.

"ASSISTANCE" FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to call attention to a matter which I think will prove of great importance to the Craft generally, viz., the suggestion of the M.W. Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn as to the advisability of establishing a fund for the assistance of Boys and Girls *after leaving* our institutions.

This is not a new topic, as it has often been discussed by me, and no doubt many brethren; it has at last happily been brought prominently and gracefully before the brethren by the M.W. P.G.M. of Scotland, the Earl of Rosslyn, in his speech at the Boys' Festival. As chairman of the Festival he remarked: "I will tell you a little fault, and I am sure I have only to mention it to find it immediately corrected. It is not impossible that at the end of their schooling career some of these boys may leave the school homeless and in need. It may be that the good seed sown may bear fruit during their scholastic career, but it may also be that the fruit will perish for want of cultivation at a later period. It may be that they leave the institution to fall into evil courses and evil ways, and even to suffer penury and poverty. This is the only blot I can find in your excellent institution." I think another blot his Lordship has overlooked is the desirability of providing a sinking fund for the institutions, that they might be more independent of individual exertions, and not suffer from the vicissitudes of trade, hard times, &c.; however, this is digressing, so I return to the subject of his Lordship's remarks. I think he has struck a happy chord, there can be no doubt the children receive a splendid education, and are thoroughly cared for whilst in the institutions, but is it not proved that the comfort and ease the children experience in their early years makes it doubly hard to bear privations, when they have to face the stern fight of life. How often is it found that they are discouraged to give up, where others, who from childhood have been nursed in the rough school of life and are not so sensitive, plod on and succeed; a little assistance in such critical moments might be the means of laying the foundation of a life's success. I feel I am not competent to plead the children's cause as ably as I should like, and can only hope these remarks may strike the heart of some able writer who will take up the cause. I shall, therefore, content myself by stating a remedy. The M.W. and noble Chairman expressed his willingness to subscribe to such a fund, started for the purpose of assisting the children. I would propose therefore that on the next Stewards' papers a column is left for subscriptions and donations to the "Assistance" Fund. This would save expense of collecting, and as an inducement to brethren and Stewards to collect for the fund, to allow one vote say for every twenty pounds collected for this purpose. There need be no special banquet or festival. Simply let it be recognised as a special fund, and Stewards for the Boys' and Girls' Festivals invited to solicit subscriptions.

As such a fund only wants a start to be a reality, I would propose that one hundred brethren volunteer to raise subscriptions, and guarantee, say within two years, to collect at least one hundred pounds each, and if our M.W. Chairman heads the list, as he has promised, I have no doubt a good round sum would be soon forthcoming. This, invested in the names of trustees in Consols or other good security, would form the nucleus of a great charity fund. As deeds are better than words, I shall have much pleasure in offering my services as a Steward, and I guarantee no less than one hundred pounds within two years.

Having called attention to what I think is a want, may I hope you will give publicity to it, in the hope that the brethren will freely discuss the pros and cons with a view to finding out if the suggestion made by our illustrious chairman will prove as acceptable to the brethren at large as it does to yours,

Faithfully and fraternally,

DICK RADCLYFFE.

P.S. There are say 1600 Lodges, if each W.M. for the year 1880, instead of a jewel, were to propose the cost be placed to this fund no less than say £6,000 would be raised. I mention this to show how easy it would be in small matters to raise a large sum. To forego one banquet in each Lodge would treble this sum. Should we ever regret such privations?

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 5th JULY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1634—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley-road, Penge, at 3.30. (Consecration.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
515—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent
1233—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1456—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

MONDAY, 7th JULY.

174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1435—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1635—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
M. M. 139—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
462—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
604—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Room, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1009—Shakespere, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks.
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl.
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
M. M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 8th JULY.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
167—St. John, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
960—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.
178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
496—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
508—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury.
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford.
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent.
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks.
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
1678—Tonbridge, New Public Hall, Tonbridge.
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool.
R. A. 265—Prudence, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
R. A. 758—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire.
M. M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.

WEDNESDAY, 9th JULY.

PROVINCIAL G. LODGE, KENT, Concert Hall, Maidstone.
Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
901—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
238—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 3 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1044—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale.
145—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire.
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester.
281—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
463—Sympathy, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1309—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1348—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1364—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 160 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1398—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R. A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.
R. A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington.
M. M. 145—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 10th JULY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill.
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden.
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1514—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
R. A. 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
R. A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.

FRIDAY, 11th JULY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
R. C.—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A. 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme.

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SATURDAY, 12th JULY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
1301—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At Bro. Spurgin's, the Sportsman, City-road, on Monday, the 30th of June. Present—Bros. Pelikan M.W., Willison S.W., Halle J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Sec., Edmonds S.D., D. Moss J.D., Wing I.G., also Bro. J. W. Smith. Lodge was opened with all formalities, and the ceremony of raising was creditably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Moss being the candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. D. Moss of the Star Lodge No. 1275 was elected a member, Bro. Willison was duly elected to preside at the next meeting, which will take place on the first Monday in September. On the proposition of Bro. A. W. Fenner, seconded by Bro. J. W. Smith, it was resolved that a letter expressing the sympathy of the brethren of this Lodge of Instruction be sent to Bro. Spurgin in his present illness, and also expressing their hope that he will soon recover, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 28th ult. Bro. J. Lorkin presided, being ably supported by Bros. Fidler S.W., W. Williams J.W., A. W. Fenner Sec., Brasted acting Preceptor, Moss S.D., McMillan J.D., Valentine I.G.; also Bros. J. Millington, C. Lorkin, Garland, Yates, Garrod, Carr, and Fysh. Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and the ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed, Bro. Yates kindly officiating as candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree; Bro. Garrod having proved himself an efficient F.C., was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed in a creditable manner, the traditional history being included, Bro. Garrod being the candidate. Lodge was called off for refreshment and on to labour. The W.M. worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down to the first degree. Bros. Valentine, of the Star Lodge 1275, and Yates, of St. Barnabas Lodge 948, were elected members. Bro. Fidler was appointed W.M. for the next meeting, which is to take place on the first Saturday in September.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 826.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 25th June, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street. Present:—Bros. H. R. Hallam W.M., Gush S.W., T. S. Brown J.W., R. P. Tate S.D., W. B. Kidder J.D., Pate I.G., Long Preceptor, and sixteen other brethren. After the Lodge had been opened in the three degrees, the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Pate, Abell, Gush, Abell, Long, J. S. Brown, Thompson; SECOND LECTURE—H. S. Hallam, Marston, Tate, Kidder, Brown; THIRD LECTURE—Tate, Long, Gush. The work was carried out in the most satisfactory manner and on its conclusion a vote of thanks was cordially voted to the W.M. Bro. H. R. Hallam, who had also the dignity of honorary membership conferred upon him.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening last at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., Smyth S.W., Carr J.W., Polak S.D., Greenwood J.D., Hand I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Brasted, Forss, Christian, Clark, Wardell, Bonner, Williams, Allen, C. Lorkin. Lodge was opened and minutes of last meeting were confirmed. Ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Forss as candidate. The W.M. worked the first, second, third and fourth sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Smyth was elected W.M. for next Tuesday evening.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, 20th ultimo, at the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road. Bros. E. S. Friedeberg W.M., Green S.W., Tait J.W., J. West S.D., Burr I.G., Wm. Musto P.M. Hon. Sec., &c. After preliminaries, Bro. Grounds answered the questions, and the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed. Bro. West worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. Musto P.M. acting as Preceptor. Lodge having been closed down, Bro. Musto proposed that a vote of thanks be awarded to Bro. Friedeberg for his excellent rendering of the ceremony and general conduct of the business of the evening. Although this was the first occasion of Bro. Friedeberg occupying the chair, he (Bro. Musto) had seldom seen the work better done, even by old and experienced brethren. This was carried unanimously, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Bro. Green was elected to fulfil the Master's duties at the next meeting. Brethren desirous of Instruction will find this Lodge affords excellent opportunities of acquiring Masonic knowledge. The members meet every Friday evening.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1,044.—On Wednesday, 25th June, several of the members spent a very enjoyable day at Shepperton, whither they resorted for the purpose of enjoying a boating picnic. The morning was not a bright one, and but few had the courage to face the elements by a journey on the road. Amongst those brethren who travelled by rail were Bros. W. A. Morgan W.M. of 1,044, H. R. Jones, J. G. Carter, C. Digby and Mrs. Digby, J. J. Holland, F. W. Wardroper, F. Reed, Mrs. Reed, and Denham. Two boats were chartered, and a pleasant row, amidst delightful sunshine, for the dark clouds and rain had disappeared, was taken as far as Weybridge Ferry, where some slight refreshment was indulged in at a quaint boating hostelry. The return journey was then made,—with the tide in favour of the "Craft"—and the ladies and brethren sat down to a capital banquet, which was provided in a really first-class manner by Bro. R. Stone, of the Ship Hotel, whose savoury edibles were as much appreciated as his excellent wine. At the dinner the chair was taken by Bro. Morgan, while the Vice-chair was ably filled by Bro. Digby. The cloth having been removed, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given. The Chairman in feeling terms remarked, the day was one which he trusted would ever be thought of as a memorable one in the annals of local Freemasonry, for they were about to do honour to Bro. J. G. Carter, the worthy Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction. The brethren owed a debt of gratitude to their painstaking Preceptor for his untiring energy on their behalf. He (the Chairman) had much pleasure in presenting Bro. Carter, with a massive gold ring—a memento from the Lodge of Instruction—to show the respect in which he is held. The Vice-chairman warmly praised the Masonic tact of Bro. Carter, and felt that the brethren, in presenting the ring, were only bestowing honour where honour was due. Other brethren also spoke as to Bro. Carter' kindness. Bro. Carter suitably responded, and after some song from Bros. Digby, Holland, and others, tea was served and the party returned to town.

Lewis Lodge, No. 1185.—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 21st ult., at the King's Arms Hotel, Wood-green. Present—Bros. T. W. Bone W.M., J. W. Berrie S.W., G. D. Hooper J.W., T. H. Turner P.M. Sec., A. Durrant P.M. Treas., Lloyd S.D., Harrison J.D., Rev. Dr. Morris Chaplain, Pelton D.C., Harris Steward, Tolliss I.G., C. T. Speight Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Leared, Rowe, Durrant, Turner and Sayer. Visitors—Bros. Groome P.M. Finsbury 861, Harrison Fitzroy 569, &c. Business—The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Doree and Harrison (the latter of the Fitzroy Lodge) were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., and Bros. Richards and Joyce were passed to the degree of F.C. All business being ended, the brethren sat down to a cold collation (this Lodge annually, at this meeting, giving the cost of a banquet to the Masonic Charities), and spent a very enjoyable evening; Bros. Burgess Perry and others adding thereto by some very excellent songs.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—On Friday, 27th June, at the Alwyne Castle, Canonbury, N. Present—Bros. Cull W.M., Yeomans S.W., Rowley J.W., G. H. Hunter Sec. pro tem, Mendelsohn S.D., Beattie J.D., Byng Acting Preceptor, Potter I.G., and others. The minutes were read and confirmed. Ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Eldridge candidate; the ceremony of passing, Bro. Dickinson candidate; and the ceremony of raising, Bro. Edmonds being candidate. The Lodge was then closed in the third and second degrees. A cordial vote of thanks to the W.M. for his able working of the ceremonies was passed. The Lodge was closed in ancient form with solemn prayer.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 1,326.—The election meeting of this Lodge was held on 21st ult., at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. The W.M. Bro. J. C. Woodrow opened the Lodge, assisted by many Officers, Past Masters, and brethren. The resignation of the S.W. Bro. Capt. Williams was accepted with expressions of regret. Ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of Bros. T. W. Adams, P.M. 1,623, and J. T. Burchill 1,656, being elected as joining members. Also for Messrs. William John Smith, and Frederick William Dye as candidates for initiation into Freemasonry. The W.M. Bro. J. C. Woodrow, in an able and impressive manner, passed Bros. H. J. Buckley, W. R. Smith, D. Brown, and J. Cavell to the second degree, initiated Messrs. Wm. John Smith, and Frederick Wm. Dye, each candidate introduced separately, which added to the solemnity of the beautiful working. The Bye-Laws were read. Bro. J. B. Shackleton was elected W.M., S. Wickens P.M., re-elected Treas., J. Gilbert P.G. Tyler Middlesex re-elected Tyler. Twenty guineas were voted to the Girl's School (per Sec., in memory of R. W. Little P.P.D.G.M. Middlesex); the usual Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. J. C. Woodrow W.M., for services rendered to the Lodge during his year of office. Petitions to the Lodge of Benevolence Fund of Middlesex were unanimously recommended and signed in open Lodge. Business being ended, the Lodge was closed and adjourned to meet on the 19th July, at one o'clock precisely. Banquet followed. The usual toasts were given and responded to. There were present besides those named, Bros. C. W. Fox P.M., E. Gilbert P.M., W. Hammond P.P.S.D. Middlesex P.M., F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. Sec., J. Hanaman, C. Graham, Knight, W. Passila, C. H. Dye, E. Page, W. Blakeley, W. Stanton, C. Dulop, and others. Visitors—Bros. D. B. Raw P.M. 969, J. H. Buttern P.M. 1,309, W. C. Davey 1,512.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning-town E., on Tuesday, 1st July. W. J. Smith W.M., Barker S.W., Lloyd J.W., Pavitt S.D., Spencer J.D., Glasspoole I.G., Worsley Sec.; also Bros. Watson, Wright, Dixon, Sadler, Wilshire, Watkins, Ellis 129, Rawe, Gye, and Morgan 1472. Lodge was opened in due form, with requirements fully observed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Watson as candidate. Bro. Spencer worked the first section,

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Pavitt the second, Barker third, and Pavitt the fourth, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Guy and Morgan, of Henley Lodge 1472, were elected members. Bro. Barker was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Musto was in his place as Preceptor; his working was all that could be desired. We hear that several members of the Dalhousie Lodge 860 intend paying a visit to this Lodge of Instruction.

Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275. — An ordinary meeting of the members of this Lodge of Instruction took place on Saturday evening, at the Marquis of Granby, New Cross, when the attendance fell rather short of the usual number, in consequence, no doubt, of the many brethren who were drawn away by the attractions presented on Coronation Day to the holiday public, and also by the holding of an important meeting in connection with a neighbouring Lodge at Chiselhurst. However, some excellent work was done, and brethren who are in the habit of attending this very popular Lodge of Instruction will readily understand us when we say the evening afforded a real intellectual treat. Bro. H. Shaw acted as W.M., with Bros. A. Abell S.W., W. W. Medcalf W.M. of 1671 as J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. 147 S.D., R. A. Smith J.D., John H. King I.G.; Bros. W. Andrews P.M. 871 Preceptor, G. Heming, H. W. Fellows, &c. Lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Brother W. Heming being the candidate. The manner in which the duties were performed testified to the admirable instruction imparted in this Lodge, and elicited the deserved approbation of the brethren present. Subsequently the explanation of the working tools, and the lecture on the tracing-board, were given by Bro. W. Andrews, whose abilities as a Preceptor are known far and wide. We never heard him in better elocutionary form, and the style in which he delivered himself of a somewhat laborious task drew from the brethren the heartiest expressions of admiration and approval. He was assisted most efficiently by Bro. Abell, and the brethren separated amidst many expressions of pleasure at the treat which had been afforded them.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 26th June, at Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C. Present—Bros. Moss W.M., Staley S.W., Paddle J.W., Saul Preceptor, Blackie Sec., H. Bertram S.D., Bisset J.D., Le Rosignol I.G., Harper, G. Taylor, C. Taylor, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, and the third section of the lecture worked. The Lodge was closed to the first degree, and the second section of that lecture worked. Bro. Saul was unanimously elected W.M. for the first Thursday in September, the usual meetings being suspended until that date. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.—A meeting was held on 23rd June, 1879, at the Masonic Hall, Canterbury. Present:—Bros. H. Miskin W.M., J. F. Howarth S.W., T. Blamiers J.W., E. Beer (Treas.) D.C., W. Carter (Secretary) S.D., J. Vautier J.D., J. H. Naylor I.G.; Visitors—Bro. W. Ewell 31. After preliminaries, the questions leading from the first to the second degree were put to Bro. Beer, after which the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The Lodge was opened in the third, and lowered to second and first degrees. Nothing further having been offered, Lodge was closed.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday 23rd ult. Present—Bros. J. S. Cumberland W.M., T. B. Whytehead I.P.M., P. H. Rowland P.M., W. Beanland P.M., G. Balmford P.M. (Treas.), C. G. Padel S.W., J. T. Seller J.W., M. Millington S.D., T. D. Smith J.D., G. Simpson M. C., A. T. Turner Assist. M.C., J. Kay Sec., J. Blenkin I.G., and many other brethren. The business consisted of the initiation of Mr. O. Marshall, which was performed by the W.M., the working tools being explained by the J.W., and the charge given by the S.W. It was arranged to hold a Lodge picnic, when Cawood Castle should be visited. During the hour of refreshment the proceedings were much enlivened by the glee singing of Bros. J. S. Cumberland, T. Humphries, J. E. Wilkinson, and O. Marshall.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—On Thursday, 19th June, at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, Bros. Rickwood W.M., Acworth S.W., Coop J.W., Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, Wells S.D., Seward jun. J.D., Yewens I.G.; Bros. Stephens, J. Murch, F. Botley, C. Botley. Visitor—Bro. Woolner, Stability No. 217. After compliance with customary requirements, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Woolner candidate. Bro. Cook then took the chair, and worked the ceremony of passing, Bro. Woolner candidate. Bro. Rickwood re-occupied the chair, and closed the Lodge in the second degree. Bro. Coop gave notice of his intention at the meeting on the 3rd proximo to bring forward the subject of the Lodge of Instruction banquet. The Secretary was requested to communicate with Bro. Beasley, the President of the Benevolent Association, with a view to obtaining approval of the Bye Laws of the Association. Bro. Woolner, Stability Lodge No. 217, was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Acworth was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

Paxton Lodge, No. 1686.—A meeting of the above was held at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on Saturday the 28th June. There were present—Bros. Klenck I.P.M., H. E. Frances P.P.G.D. Surrey Sec., F. J. Sawyer J.W., Woodhams S.D., Basnett P.M. 1339 J.D., Dodd I.G., Goddard W.G.; Bros. Graves, Sharman, Moore, Dr. Pincote F.G.S., Damant, Partridge, Coward P.G.O. Hon. Organist. Visitors—Bros. Webb P.M. 1223, Butt P.M. 770, Pellatt 857. The business of the evening was to pass Bro. Pincote, to raise Bro. Pellatt 857, and to elect a W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler. In the absence of the W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. Frances, who well performed the duties of the evening. After the ceremonies, ballots were severally taken, and the following brethren declared unanimously elected: Bros. F. J. Sawyer S.W. W.M., J. M. Klenck P.M. Treasurer, Radford Tyler; Bros. Heller, Sharman, and James were elected Auditors. Letters were read apologising for the absence of Bros. F. W. Goddard W.M., W. H. Boswell J.W., and the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Hon. Chaplain. The meeting of the Lodge occurring on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught to the Palace, a large influx of visitors was there in consequence, and only a very small room could be procured for the accommodation of the brethren, in which they were necessitated to dine, after the Lodge business was over; but notwithstanding this inconvenience, and in a temperature alternating between the Black Hole and Nova Zembla, the greatest good humour prevailed. The toasts were given, and enthusiastically honoured. The M.W.G.M.'s toast calling up the fact that his royal brother, a distinguished Freemason, was at that moment in the same building, a suggestion was made that a greeting should be sent him. Bro. Klenck P.M., who presided at the banquet, acting on this, pencilled on a Lodge summons the following message:—"Crystal Palace, 28th June 1879. The W.M. and Brethren of the Paxton Lodge, now meeting, send fraternal greeting and duty to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught G.S.W., &c., and to H.R.H. the Duchess." Means having been found to convey this, in the course of the evening H.R.H. graciously, through Captain Fitzgerald, sent the following pencilled reply:—"His Royal Highness has received with much gratification the fraternal greetings of the Paxton Lodge." Bro. Frances proposed the health of the presiding Master Bro. Klenck, eliciting from him an excellent reply. The health of the W.M. elect, Bro. F. J. Sawyer, was enthusiastically greeted, and in a few eloquent words was ably replied to. Bro. Webb, in replying for the Visitors, spoke highly of the working of Bro. Frances, which, he said, was proverbially good, and always a pleasure to him (Bro. Webb) to hear. Bro. Coward contributed much to the harmony and pleasure of the evening by some excellent pianoforte playing, and despite the inconvenience all had been put to, each brother's opinion was that a delightful evening had been spent.

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"TAUGHT TO BE CAUTIOUS."

IT is tacitly understood amongst Freemasons everywhere that there shall be no persuasion applied to induce men to join the ranks of our "ancient and honourable Institution." Indeed, the very principle of proselytism is diametrically at variance with the avowals which the candidate is required to assent to prior to his initiation; and if recognised in the slightest degree it would undermine the very foundation of that spontaneity and free-will which it is held must actuate all who aspire to a participation in the privileges and mysteries of the Order. If it were needed we could enlarge to any extent upon this great guiding motive which must prompt all who wish to enrol themselves under the banner of Freemasonry. But the understanding is so thoroughly grounded in the faith of the brethren that we do not deem it expedient, or at all necessary, to refer to it except that the standpoint shall be admitted and religiously preserved. That he who joins our ranks with the firm intention of studying the sublime precepts inculcated by the art, and of striving to illustrate them in his daily life, never regrets the step thus undertaken, is an axiom the truth of which is amply borne out in every brother's experience. But the causes which lead to this inward satisfaction come under the category of those privileges which are highly prized amongst Masons, and must be guarded with the most scrupulous care. Still, we contend that the persuasion which is forbidden at the outset, and which cannot be honestly applied to "the popular world in general," relates with equal, if not greater, force to the advancing grades through which the brethren, once admitted, are laudably ambitious to pass. And we refer with unfeigned reluctance to the practice, which is far too prevalent, of buttonholing young Masons, and insidiously touting amongst them for candidates for the higher degrees, the Mark and Royal Arch included. In relation to this subject, the question naturally arises, are those connected with the higher degrees sufficiently circumspect in carrying out their original obligation? If so, is it not a matter for surprise that we should be so continuously receiving at our several meetings the notification that certain candidates whose names were set down on the agenda paper for raising or exaltation cannot make it convenient to be present—who occasionally make feeble excuses, and perhaps more frequently none at all? When a man takes so binding and serious an obligation as that which obtains in the initiatory stages of his Masonic career, we have a right to expect that it shall exert its unsullied influence upon all his subsequent acts and movements in connection with the Order. But how often is it tarnished by the overweening anxiety we see so constantly manifested by brethren to "rush" others into degrees for the acceptance of which they are not yet sufficiently educated, or which, to put it plainly, they are not pecuniarily justified in undertaking? We do not believe that in so doing our brethren are guilty of an intentional violation of their obligation; it more frequently arises from an excess of zeal, which gets the advantage of their discretion. Thus, when we hear the unwelcome announcement that certain candidates named in the agenda are unable to fulfil their promised engagements—when their names disappear from the list, and those who have the curiosity to preserve a record look in vain for their recurrence—no other conclusion can possibly be arrived at than that, in a moment of elation and want of thought, brethren have consented to accept responsibilities, the extent and cost of which they had not duly and carefully calculated beforehand. It is by no means an uncommon occurrence that propositions for advancement lapse by reason of the expiration of the time prescribed; and it only proves that in an unguarded moment brethren have yielded to undue pressure, such as should never have been applied, and that, on reconsideration, they have decided to wait till they can better afford the time and money which such a progress in the Science involves. The moral effect upon men's minds of such unwise solicitation, and its failure to be carried to a complete and satisfactory issue, is most painfully apparent. On the one hand, it creates disappointment in the mind of those who have canvassed for the honour and glory of proposing the brethren interested, that their *protégés* do not feel themselves warranted in fully responding to the call; whilst the candidate, who has unthinkingly assented to his nomination, suffers from the chagrin that is always attendant on a consciousness of having failed to ratify an engagement partially and hastily entered upon. The result is that either side looks askance at the other when next they meet, and not unfrequently a coolness springs up which, however unaccountable to others, is perfectly understood between the parties individually concerned. These are matters upon which we think the Masters and Officers of Lodges might expend a little profitable attention, with a view to checking the undesirable propensity so often betrayed to cozen others into a step beyond their capacities. We are firmly convinced that when a man accepts a position from which he would gladly recede, if he could honourably "eat his own words," and save his pride by pleading just cause for a revoke, he is never at home in the sphere into which he has been enticed; and this feeling of unsettled discontent must generate a laxity of spirit and interest which, if it became contagious, would tend to weaken the stability and destroy the *esprit de corps* which is essential to the healthy conduct of any Lodge. It will be well that at all convenient times and seasons the brethren should be impressed with the thought that the obligation should be enforced equally in the respect of gaining proselytes to the higher degrees as in the first. We know there is a great deal more touting for joining members to those degrees than there ought to be—especially for the Mark and the Royal Arch; and it is this system that all upright and sensible men will do their utmost to curb. This is best accomplished by the rulers of Lodges expounding to those over whom they are placed in authority the sanctity of that obligation which rests upon us all, and on the principle of "free will and accord" which prompts us to our first step across the threshold, and should guide us in every advance we wish to make along the chequered floor. We often hear the expression that Masonry is so expensive that many hesitate to realise the desire of their hearts by coming amongst us. And it is perfectly true that Masonry is a hobby which might, if one chooses, be "ridden to death." But such aspirations are bloated and flatulent, and too often the baubles melt into thin air in consequence of the too vigorous and indiscreet pressure that is put on. No such extraneous power is needed at all. If a man has gained such an insight into the groundwork of the Order as emboldens him to take fresh ground, knowing that his aims are legitimate and safe, all is well. But to rush in where sober, sensible men fear to tread, often leads to a recklessness that ends in grief, and leaves a lasting sting of regret in the circle which becomes the scene of such catastrophe. After all, it is the

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old story of the fly and the treacle over again. Men become dazzled by descriptions of the degrees beyond which they have not yet passed; and, lured on by roseate anticipations, they often find themselves saddled with responsibilities that are unexpectedly heavy, and which they are unable to carry comfortably, if at all. Then they discover that they cannot have both the sweet clog and the free flight, and so they relapse into a condition of involuntary backsliding, from which they never recover. A little wisdom and foresight enjoined on young aspirants would check this system, and older Masons should be the very first to take the advice.

THE TIMES ON FREEMASONRY.

THURSDAY, 26th JUNE 1879.

PRINCE Leopold's installation last night, at the Freemasons' Hall, as Master of the Lodge of Antiquity, is an event of greater public interest than the majority of Masonic proceedings. The office which Prince Leopold now fills was worthily filled by his great-uncle, the Duke of Sussex, for thirty-four years. This association with a Royal personage is not, however, the only or the greatest distinction of the Lodge of Antiquity. William III. was initiated into Masonry in this Lodge, which then bore the name of St. Paul's, and in which Sir Christopher Wren officiated as Master for eighteen years. It received from him what is both a treasure and a curiosity—that is, the mallet or gavel used by Charles II. to lay the foundation stone of St. Paul's Cathedral, and formed out of a piece of wood of the original structure. He also gave it a fragment of the stone of the Roman temple which stood on the site of the present cathedral, and which was dug up when the foundations were laid. Some of the Lodge furniture was designed and presented by the great architect, so that the members can boast of possessing many things of almost national value. It is appropriate that a body such as this should have at its head one whose literary and artistic tastes are so much in sympathy with its history, and who is well qualified to perpetuate the traditions of those Masters who have adorned the position to which he has been elected. Even the general public, to whom Masonry may not be a subject of particular concern, cannot but feel gratified that a body so venerable as the Lodge of Antiquity should continue to deserve and maintain its exceptional place among Masonic societies. The pretensions of enthusiasts about the great age of Masonry may not unreasonably excite the scorn of unimaginative critics. The stories which tell how St. Alban introduced the Order into Britain are in keeping with other fables in the legendary annals of this country. Extravagant claims naturally excite scepticism, and almost justify the rejection of any story as pure fiction. While no person competent to form a decision can soberly uphold the statements concerning the ancient, if not prehistoric, character of Freemasonry, yet it is quite as rash to argue, as is frequently done, that the whole system is but a thing of yesterday, and was the invention of some clever men in the eighteenth century. That Freemasonry, substantially the same in kind as that which now exists, was practised in this country as far back as the time of Henry VI. is by no means improbable. It has been surmised that the King himself was a member of the Order, though nothing more is proved in support of this than he left behind him a manuscript containing certain parts of Masonic ritual. In his reign the operative Masons were very unpopular, and an Act was passed forbidding them to hold their "chapiters and congregations." It is possible that, about this time, the change may have begun which eventually transformed the operative into speculative Masonry, substituting for the forms and rules under which buildings were actually constructed the mere theoretic Masonry of the present day, in which a peculiar system of morality is veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. The several steps of the process have never been clearly traced. There is no doubt that, however the result may have been achieved, it is a noteworthy one. The existence of such a Lodge as that of Antiquity, working under an immemorial constitution, and over which Sir Christopher Wren presided as Master, carries back the Order in this country to a period sufficiently remote to satisfy any reasonable person, and even to endow it with an archæological *status*.

However well-founded the doubts may be as to the right of Freemasons to claim an ancient origin for their Order, it is indisputable that the Order itself is widely diffused over the earth and wields an extended power. Not long ago we published some statistics on this subject, and these figures could not fail to produce a strong impression. There is no civilized country in which many Masonic Lodges cannot be found, and the more civilized the country, the greater the number of these Lodges. Russia is the only nation concerning which no Masonic statistics are forthcoming, the reason being that in Russia Freemasons have long shared with Jews the antipathy and condemnation of those in authority. Nowhere do Freemasons abound more than in the United States, and nowhere are they now held in higher honour, yet there was a time when they were the opprobrium of citizens of the North American Republic. When Miss Martineau visited the United States and wrote her "Society in America," she found the Masonic Order the object of general denunciation and antipathy. Commenting on what she heard, she wrote that "a bad institution is overthrown." It is obvious that the Order must subserve some practical end, otherwise it would not have survived the overthrow of forty years since. Across the Alantic it can make no pretensions to a long traditionary past; its introduction on North American soil dates from the middle of the eighteenth century. Washington and Franklin are numbered amongst the earliest as well died at Mount Vernon his funeral was conducted by his Masonic brethren in the Virginian Lodge, of which he had long been a member. It is no unusual thing in the United States to see an important personage take part in a Masonic demonstration; President Johnson, for instance, walked in the procession at the opening of the Temple in Boston, and, simply because he was a Freemason, was heartily welcomed by thousands who detested his politics. In the great cities of the Union, such as Boston, New York, and Philadelphia, the Masonic temples are the most striking architectural structures. Perhaps the love of parade which predominates in the breasts of citizens of the United States causes those of them who are Freemasons to indulge in more public display than is consonant with the principles of a society which professes to have the exclusive custody of important secrets and which conducts its business in strict privacy. But Freemasonry, like many other institutions, has its ranks, its degrees, and also its offshoots, and those parts of it which are least useful are the most demonstrative. One addition to the ordinary degrees is that of the Knight Templars, being an attempt to carry on the tradition of the old foes of the Saracens and conquerors of the Holy Land. This degree is a favourite one in the United States, partly because the clothing is very showy, and partly because all its members cease to be plain Jones, Brown, and Robinson, and become, for the time being, Sir Thomas Jones, Sir John Brown, and Sir Joseph Robinson. It is their custom to have an annual gathering in some city, where they parade in public and march about with a mock military air. When the International Exhibition took place in Philidelphia in 1876, the Knight Templars assembled there to the number of eight thousand, and proved themselves to be the most extraordinary sight which had been provided for the astonishment of the foreign visitors. In this country and in other European countries Freemasons are seldom seen in public, and are not often the subjects of comment, except in a Papal Bull. Yet in Europe, as in America, they are neither few in number nor wanting in influence.

A curious and interesting list might be compiled of the distinguished persons who have been Freemasons. Many men of note have been active members of the Order. The supposition that Cardinal Wolsey presided over a Lodge may be classed among unauthenticated stories. There is evidence in favour of Bacon being a Freemason, which every understanding reader can gather from a perusal of his "New Atlantis." An ingenious attempt has been made to prove that Shakespeare belonged to the Craft; but, then, what is there that Shakespeare has not been credited with having done? Most of our countrymen of note during the last and the present century are known to have been Freemasons. In Prussia the Great Frederick was not only a Freemason, but was the head of the Order; both the present German Emperor and the Crown Prince have followed the example set them by the illustrious consolidator of the Prussian realm. Germany numbers such men as Lessing, Herder, Fichte, and Goethe in the Masonic ranks. The latter, like his brother poet Burns, employed his poetical talents in celebrating the merits of the Order. Late in life Voltaire became a Freemason, and the majority of noteworthy Frenchmen since his day have also been members of the fraternity. It is supposed, not without reason, that the Masonic Lodges were instrumental in fostering the First Revolution in France. Not long ago the Grand Lodges in this country and the United States severed their connexion with that of France on the ground that the latter had expunged from the formula of initiation the expression of belief in a Deity. Indeed, the French have always been disposed to practise Freemasonry after a fashion of their own. They even turn the Lodge meeting to a very practical purpose—that of promoting great engineering enterprises. M. Littre, being recently mentioned among those persons who deserved credit for setting on foot a scheme for piercing the Isthmus of Panama, declared in explanation that the project had really been conceived in the Lodge of Clémente-Amitié, of which he became a member in 1875. Should Freemasons' Lodges add the furtherance of engineering to the practice of charity and good-fellowship, they will assuredly become more important bodies than even their advocates have deemed possible. In dealing with the pretensions of Masonry it is necessary, indeed, to pass judgment in the dark. The general public cannot repose full confidence in a secret society, whether, like that of the Freemasons, its objects are the practise of charity and the recognition of the personal equality and mutual dependence of mankind, or whether, like that of the Jesuits, its aims are the advancement of the Church of Rome. Perhaps, if the Freemasons and the Jesuits disclosed their secrets, they would lose little that was worth keeping, and the world would acquire little that was worth having. So far as has been shown, the five or six million Freemasons who inhabit the earth have never deserved the denunciations which the head of the Roman Catholic Church has often levelled against them. Notwithstanding the condemnation of successive Popes, the Order flourishes in such purely Roman Catholic countries as France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Belgium, Mexico, and Brazil. In France there are 287 Lodges; in Spain, 300; in Portugal, 22; in Italy, 110; in Belgium, 15; in Mexico, 13; and in Brazil, 256. In the United Kingdom there are nearly two thousand Lodges, while in the United States the number nearly reaches ten thousand. During the worst days in our history, when Parliament in a frenzy of terror passed laws against secret societies, the society of Freemasonry was specially excepted. The Act of 1799 exempts the Lodges of Freemasons from the pains and penalties inflicted upon United Englishmen, Scotsmen, Britons, and Irishmen, doing so on the ground that Masonic meetings are in a great measure directed to charitable purposes. The Act of 1817, which was designed to carry out the intent of that of 1799 more effectually, specifically exempts Freemasons and Quakers from its operation. Indeed, those persons who have seen the palatial establishments for the education of the sons and daughters of Freemasons and the asylums for the old and destitute which are maintained by English Freemasons cannot doubt that the Order amply justifies its existence in this country. When our Royal Princes associate themselves with Freemasonry, they not only follow

active functions of Master of the Lodge of Antiquity Prince Leopold will certainly receive the thanks of all the Freemasons who glory in a Lodge which is the centre of many venerable and cherished traditions of the craft.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *Times*.

SIR,—Your interesting article in *The Times* of to-day on the installation of his Royal Highness Prince Leopold as Master of the Lodge of Antiquity might have been forcibly supplemented by a statement made on the best authority at the "Summer Festival" held at the Alexandra Palace yesterday, at which I had the honour to preside.

This statement was that no less a sum than £37,000 has been subscribed in three years in aid of that excellent institution, the Masonic Boys' School. "Bad times" appear to have little influence upon Masonic Charities. The excellent management, the liberal education, and the wise moral discipline taught and enforced in this School have produced admirable results. I believe that in the Cambridge Examination 13 boys out of 14 passed in honours. I know that the Girls' School and the Benevolent Fund can make an equally satisfactory statement, and in a pecuniary sense (for their funded property together would exceed considerably £50,000) their *status* as charitable institutions is most remarkable. The Shibboleth of Freemasonry, like many ancient landmarks, may in these changing times pass away and be forgotten, but through all ages and all time the earnest endeavours of the Craft to promote practical charity and useful beneficence will be remembered to their honour.

Your obedient servant,

Easton Lodge, Dunmow, 26th June. ROSSLYN.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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VIEWS ON CHARITY VOTING.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—With, doubtless, the great majority of your readers, I can easily understand the earnestness with which your reverend correspondent, Bro. R. J. Simpson, demurs to the "running commentary introduced by your reporter into the few remarks" addressed to the brethren assembled at the consecration of the Clapham Lodge.

As the self-appointed champion in Masonic circles of an unpopular scheme of Charity voting, Bro. Simpson has had, and must expect to have, many opportunities for pleading a demurrer to the manner in which his views are received by unsympathetic and disapproving auditors. If, in season and out of season, he will persist in airing his crotchet, he ought not to complain if he successfully provokes comment. If, further, in propounding his views he assumes an aggressive tone, and adopts the language of controversy, he ought not to be surprised at a reception the reverse of favourable.

I do not intend now to discuss the merits of the scheme supported by Bro. Simpson, contenting myself with the expression of an assured belief that no efforts will render it acceptable to the Masonic Fraternity; while I shrink from a contest with one who feels himself justified in conveying his sentiments in terms which, to say the least, are characterised by an entire absence of good taste.

I pass over the sneering sarcasm contained in the allusion to the "two meetings," and their comparative merits, for the purpose of commending to the appreciation of your readers the exquisite delicacy of the allusion to "Secretaries and Reporters." Both are, no doubt, *bêtes noirs* to your earnest and amiable correspondent, who "respectfully" denounces those who, "having the honesty of *their* convictions, dare to express them," in opposition to *his*.

If the letter under notice is to be accepted as evidence of the fairness and discretion of the clique into whose hands it is desired to transfer the privilege of selecting candidates from the large and independent body by which it is now exercised, I can but exclaim,—"The Lord preserve me from Sir Harry Vane!"

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

7th July 1879.

FREEMASONRY AND ITS CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Although dissenting from some of his conclusions, I certainly consider that the compiler of the analysis of a part of the expenditure on the Girls' School during the past six years, which occupied so large a portion of your space on the 21st ultimo, has earned the warm thanks of subscribers for the information he has given, in a form and to an extent to which they have hitherto been strangers; and I should have been glad to admit, if it were possible to do so, that he had fully met the desire for intelligible accounts. I expected your later issues would have contained a further contribution from the same source, in which the balances of income for the same years would have been accounted for, and I still hope this may be forthcoming, in anticipation of a correct statement of accounts of the Institution. Comparing those figures with the Treasurer's cash statement for 1878, the amount expended in that year (independent of loans from Bankers) appears to have been £6,675 in excess of the sums mentioned in the Analysis, in reference to which it is remarked that new buildings, purchase of land, &c. &c. represent an important increase in capital. *Where is the Capital Account?*

The suggestion, that a perusal of the figures and calculations will satisfy your readers as to the management of the Schools, I should have preferred to leave for individual consideration, had there not been a direct reference to my previous letters in which I have complained of the want of proper accounts, *not* of expenditure on the children, but the "herring having been trailed across the scent," perhaps you will allow me to follow for a short distance, first asking your readers to note the object of the Institution as stated in the Laws by which it is governed. Law II. "OBJECT. To receive under its protection, and to maintain, clothe, and educate the daughters of Freemasons of every religious denomination, under the English Constitution, who from alteration of circumstances arising from the death, illness, or misfortune of their fathers, are reduced to a position requiring the benefits of the Institution."

Amongst the items of extra expenditure in 1878 is £163 17s, "solicitor's charges." Can any one seriously contend that this is a legitimate payment out of the funds collected for the charitable purpose set forth in the Law above quoted? Could any Steward be found to canvass for subscriptions on the plea that upwards of one hundred and sixty-three pounds were to be paid to a solicitor? Would any subscriber consider he was practising charity in contributing for such a purpose? I can only conceive replies in the negative; and to any opposite answer should be tempted to respond in the language of one who never erred, "It is not meet to take the children's bread and to cast it unto the dogs." It may be that the recipient of this large sum contemplates returning the amount by making an unprecedented donation, taking high rank and acquiring prestige as a munificent benefactor to the Institution. This might, to some extent, palliate his share in the transaction, but to those who have sanctioned such a misapplication of charity funds, would it be too harsh to say, "Never more be officer of mine"?

Again, take the following items:—

1875.	Stewards' visit	£23 7 0
1876.	Do. do. and gratuities to workmen ...	42 2 9
1876.	Votes of thanks to Stewards, three years ...	71 0 6
1877.	Stewards' visit and gratuities to workmen ...	32 1 0
1877.	Votes of thanks to Stewards	33 2 0
1878.	Do. do. do.	29 15 0
	Total	£231 8 3

And read the following extract from official announcement:—"EXPENSES ATTENDING STEWARDSHIPS. The total amount collected at the Festivals of this Institution *being exclusively devoted to the funds of the Charity*" (the italics are official) "the Stewards (irrespective of their individual donations to the Institution) are called upon for certain expenses incidental to the Festival." "N.B. All sums received, whether donations or subscriptions, are added to the Funds of the Institution WITHOUT ANY DEDUCTION WHATEVER" (the capitals are official). Is it satisfactory, then, for those who have served the office of Steward, paid their fees for expenses, and agreed to a vote disposing of *a surplus* after the payment of all charges, to find that amount—much more than sufficient to support and educate an additional inmate—has been charged against the funds of the School? Is this the object for which subscriptions were given? Is this Charity? Is it consistent with the official invitations to subscribe?

Many other charges are, more or less, irregular, but I leave them to return to my original subject—accounts. *Public* subscriptions have been invited and received for a charitable object; the disbursement of the funds collected is a *public* question. Feed the children—expensively if you will; clothe them—extravagantly if subscribers desire it; educate them—there is no fear you will do this *too* well; and liberally reward those to whose care they are entrusted. Money has been, and will be, freely subscribed for the children, to be expended in accordance with the Laws of the Institution; but Committees must fully recognise the fact that they are dealing with *trust funds*, and that as *Trustees* they must discharge their duty to the Craft and to the *public*. This they will not have done until they have put an end to illegal expenditure, and published intelligible accounts and clear balance sheets of the funds entrusted to their keeping.

Yours truly and fraternally,

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2nd July 1879.

"A DAY IN THE COUNTRY."

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—Last year some of your readers were led generously to help us provide for nearly 500 poor boys and girls who attend the Hackney Juvenile Mission a day's excursion into the country.

This year the manager hopes to be able to take some 300 children for a day in July or August, and I should be glad if your readers will again aid practically by sending donations to either Mr. John Newman, Hon. Manager, 117 Cheapside, E.C.; Mr. H. M. Heath, 4 St. Thomas's-road, Hackney; or to

Yours obediently,

ATHRO ALFRED KNIGHT.

71 King Edward's-road, South Hackney, London, E.

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SQUARE *v.* LEVEL?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I must take the opposite reading to your correspondent in last week's CHRONICLE. We meet (in accordance with the old and true rendering) on the Square—that is, Masonry is founded on the genuine and perfect principles symbolised by the Square; and none but those who are in perfect accord with such principles should be admitted into the Order. This is the "meeting" contemplated by my text.

We part on the Level, because they are only truly equal whose conduct and principles, whose lives and morals, are in unison.

Distinctions amongst men are necessary, and preserve subordination, says our Ritual, and I accept the doctrine, but they are merely the belongings of our lower sphere.

But principles are eternal, and have their functions in a higher state.

I must, then, give my adhesion to the antient formula in this case. There appears to me, as indeed there does in many a Masonic axiom, a depth of thought, and height of wisdom, a hidden truth, that pays well for research, and should make us pause before we, with profane hands, attempt to alter but not improve.

In seems to me that the weakness of the Masonic Ritual does not lie in much that has been commented upon under this heading, but is yet untouched; *re* which I may trouble you with further remarks.

Fraternally yours,

H. E. FRANCES, P.P.G.D.

1st July 1879.

P.S.—I regret that my time only allows me to write thus briefly.

BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The Kilburn Lodge, 1608, sent through me, their Steward, £210 for the Boys' School, not £118 12s 6d as stated in your report, so that the Lodge is *third* on the list, not *seventh*. By kindly inserting this in your next you will oblige,

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES BREWER W.M. 1608.

[We gave the amounts as stated at the time of the Festival. It is always a pleasant duty for us to record any increase that may afterwards be made.—ED. F.C.]

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. H. W. Hunt (in the chair), A. J. D. Filer, Magnus Ohren, James Robins, R. B. Webster, G. T. K. Seddon, D. M. Dewar, James Warner, Joyce Murray, E. Spooner, A. E. Gladwell, J. J. Berry, Charles Lacey, Rev. Richard Morris (Head Master), A. Tisley, W. T. C. Moutrie, Charles Ccote, John Constable, George J. Palin, Frederick Adlard, S. Rosenthal Thos. Meggy. J. W. M. Dosell, D. W. Pearce, A. Torkington, and F. Binckes Secretary. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the petitions were taken, and eighteen were accepted. The list of candidates for the election on 13th October next was settled. There will be 77 candidates for this election, and 16 vacancies. The Committee increased the Head Master's salary £50 a year, and ordered the transfer of £500 from the General Fund to the Sustentation Fund. This concluded the business of the meeting, and the brethren separated, after paying the usual compliment to the chairman.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Committe of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday. There were present Bros. Colonel J. Creaton (in the chair), S. Rawson, Jno. H. Leggott, Frederick Adlard, Griffiths Smith, Richard Hervé Giraud, Edgar Bowyer, Jas. Brett, Jas. Kench, Louis Stean, Wm. Hilton, Charles Atkins, Charles F. Hogard, Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, George Penn, Charles John Perceval, and James Terry Secretary. The death of three of the Annuitants of the Institution was reported by the Secretary, who also read the Warden's report, and that of the Finance Committee. The chairman was authorised to sign cheques, and Bro. Terry reported that the Supreme Council had presented to the residents in the Institution at Croydon gifts of tea and tobacco. He also reported that Bros. John G. Stevens, J. J. Berry and T. J. Barnes had presented a flagstaff, fittings and flag, inscribed "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," for the Asylum. The brethren passed a vote of thanks for these liberal donations, and then placed three petitioners on the list for next election.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—In all sores, wounds, bad legs, and sprains of any kind this Ointment is the most efficient application. It at once gives ease by allaying inflammation and moderating the flow of blood to the part. Whenever the malady has been of long standing the Ointment should be assisted by Holloway's purifying Pills, which act upon the stomach and liver, guarding digestion from falling into that disorded state which the pain, restlessness, and fever attending these ailments are apt to produce, and which much retards recovery, and sometimes even makes serious the slightest case. No mother or nurse should be without these noble remedies; they are equally

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX

THE annual meeting of this Grand Lodge was held at the Memorial Institute, Great Stanmore, on Saturday, 28th June. The R.W. Bro. Col. J. Burdett P.S.G.W. of England Prov. G.M. in the chair, supported by Bros. F. Davison S.W., H. G. Buss Assistant G. Sec. J.W., and a numerous gathering of distinguished Grand and Prov. Grand Lodge Officers and brethren. Prov. Grand Lodge was opened at 1.30. p.m., and after the roll of Officers and Lodges had been called, the minutes of the last Prov. G. Lodge were submitted and confirmed. The Reports of the Audit Committee and the work of the Charity Committee having been also submitted to the brethren, the same were confirmed. The election of Provincial Grand Treasurer resulted in the return of Bro. H. G. Buss the esteemed Assist. Grand Sec. The R.W.P.G.M. then proceeded to appoint his Officers, each investiture being accompanied with appropriate remarks. Bros. Sir Charles Bright Deputy P.G.M., T. J. Sabine P.G.S.W., H. A. Dubois P.G.J.W., Rev. J. Robbins, D.D., P.G. Chaplain, H. G. Buss P.G. Treas., Thos. Keene P.M. P.G. Reg., H. C. Levander P.M. P.G. Sec., F. S. Knyvett P.G.S.D., John Hammond P.G.J.D., John Verity P.G. Sup. of Works, W. Stephens P.M. P.G.D.C., G. H. Mead P.M.P.G.A.D.C., T. C. Walls P.G. Sword Bearer, J. B. Shackleton P.G. Pur., Hurst P.G.A.P., Louis Beck P.G. Org., J. W. Davis P.M., F. W. Levander P.M., E. H. Bright P.M., Tidcombe, W. H. Stevens, J. Tickel Prov. Grand Stewards, J. Gilbert P.G. Tyler. The motion of the R.W.P.G.M. to grant sums of £10 10s to each of the three Masonic Charitable Institutions was then considered, and the amounts stated were duly awarded. Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren were marshalled and marched in Masonic clothing to the parish church of Great Stanmore, Middlesex, which had been graciously placed at the service of the brethren by the Rev. L. J. Bernays, the Vicar, who read the abridged form of service, and kindly permitted the newly-appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. J. Robbins, D.D., to occupy the pulpit. The rev. brother selected for his text 1 John iv. 20: "For he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" The reverend preacher first acknowledged the courtesy of the Vicar in allowing him to occupy that pulpit to make a short address to his brethren, remarking that these kindly acts, so closely resembling the conduct of Masons to each other, would be the best means of determining the future of the Establishment in this country. The rev. brother then proceeded to show that Masonry, which he described as a peculiar system of morality, enjoined upon its followers an adherence to the moral law, and acknowledgement of the Supreme Being who guides and directs all things. Hence a Freemason can never be a stupid atheist nor a religious libertine. Tracing the teaching of our system, he showed how its practice brought us to the words of the text, and that to be a good Freemason was to possess the characteristics of good Christians. In concluding, the Masonic virtue Charity was enjoined, an opportunity of performing which was offered on the present occasion, in aid of the funds of the parish schools. During the singing of the "Old Hundredth" Psalm a collection was made, and at the conclusion of Divine service the brethren reformed in procession, and marched back to the Memorial Institute, which during their temporary absence had been transformed into a banquetting hall. The tables were laid with considerable taste, and the floral decorations, both on the tables and the gas brackets, evinced a highly educated taste, and rendered the scene most charming. Ample justice having been done to the splendid banquet, prepared by Bro. G. Veal, of Great Stanmore, grace was sung by the professional brethren, and the Prov. G. Master rose to propose the health of Her Majesty the Queen, claiming as enthusiastic a response to it as it always receives from the Craft, which he coupled with the toast. "God save the Queen" was sung. The next toast given was H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the R.W.P.G.M. said: As heir to the British throne no toast would be received with greater pleasure by the brethren. Masonry under the Prince's rule had been most prosperous, and had attained to over 1800 Lodges. Looking back some years ago, 1300 Lodges was considered a long roll, but the present increase was in a great measure due to the Grand Master. Much credit was due to him for the great interest he displays in the Order; nothing was done without his sanction or supervision. The many calls upon his time for charitable and other purposes should render them grateful for his giving such attention to the interest of the Craft. There are not many, perhaps, who undertake the hard work he does, and we may feel sure no brother in Masonry wishes well to the Craft more than does the Prince of Wales. "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was next given, Bro. Cozens rendering the solo part. The next toast introduced was the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present, by whom the whole machinery of Freemasonry was carried on. Lord Carnarvon Pro G.M. was always pleased to be present, even at great inconvenience, to forward the interests of Masonry, and Lord Skelmersdale's zeal was known to all having opportunities of meeting him and witnessing the kind manner in which he performed his Masonic duties. Of the other Grand Officers Past and Present it was well-known; by their endeavours they had brought Masonry to its present position, a position its present Grand Master well sustained. The name of Bro. the Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, D.G.M. Griqualand, South Africa, was coupled with this toast. After a song, "Friends of the Brave," had been sung by Bro. Farquharson, Bro. Giddy thanked the Right Worshipful P.G. Master and brethren for proposing and receiving his name so heartily in connection with so important a toast. He experienced a difficulty, coming from a distance, in replying to so worthy a toast, but quite agreed with all present in their hearty approval of the efforts of the G. Master, Pro G. Master and Deputy G. Master, a recognition they and the other G. Lodge Officers fully deserve. Still, worthy as they may be, it will

sung by Bro. G. Fox, Bro. Giddy expressed his appreciation of the high honour he as a guest had in proposing the next toast, one which was sure to be received with much enthusiasm. He would ask to be allowed to give expression to his feelings on attending Prov. Grand Lodge that day, and witnessing how successfully their Prov. G. Master conducts the business before him. You must be proud of having a leader such as your Grand Master, who rules with temperance and exercises mercy and justice in all he does. He is well-known throughout the country as a good man and Mason. In response to a hearty reception of the toast, R.W. Bro. Col. Burdett Prov. G. Master expressed his sense of the enthusiastic reception he had received. He had had the honour to preside over the Province of Middlesex for ten years, and it was gratifying to him and the Prov. G. Officers, indeed, to all present, to see it in its present position. This was due to the united exertions of the Grand Lodge Officers, and Officers who preside over the private members and Lodges in so praiseworthy a manner; while this continues Prov. Grand Lodge of Middlesex will surely hold its own. He might be considered during the ten years to have governed the Lodge with a rod of iron, but however that might be, he must say that there had been no necessity to use the Officers with severity or a rod of iron. The Right Worshipful Brother then read the following letter he had just received from the vicar whose church had been so kindly devoted to their service that day, and for which they were deeply indebted to the reverend gentleman:—

Stanmore Vicarage, 28th June 1879.

My Dear Sir,—I am much flattered by your invitation to join your banquet, especially as I understand it is not your rule to admit other than Masons. It is, unfortunately, not in my power to leave home this evening at all, as I am very especially engaged; otherwise I need not say how gladly I would have expressed to you all the pleasure with which I welcomed so excellent a Craft to my church and parish. I have to thank you for a contribution of £3 17s. in aid of our parish schools. We are sadly in want of two additional desks, with one of which your liberality will provide us, and which shall be called the "Freemasons' Desk." Will you be so good as to say for me that I hope it will not be the last time that you may visit a place, where you will, as long as I am here, always find a hearty welcome.

Yours truly,

L. J. Bernays.

This letter was read amid the cheers of the brethren, and it was decided to supplement the collection, so as to enable the vicar to procure both the desks he required. Bro. Cozens favoured the brethren with the song "The Blue Alsatian Mountains," and the R.W.P.G.M. next proposed the Provincial Grand Officers' toast, one which he said they were all glad to hear and to regard. Having paid all respect due to the Grand Lodge Officers, they should also give their own Grand Officers due honour. They had always been energetic in performing their duties. Unfortunately our Deputy G.M. Bro. Sir Charles Bright had been obliged to leave early, as also had Bro. T. J. Sabine S.W. Bro. Dubois the J.W. is known to you all. He will never be found wanting when any duty is required of him. If we can say all the Officers still do their duty in the very excellent and efficient manner they have for the ten years past we may be sure of the continued prosperity of the Prov. G. Lodge. Bro. H. A. Dubois J.W. said the brethren had been pleased to call upon him for a response to their hearty reception of the toast. Unfortunately, the R.W.P.G.M. had spoken of his endeavours in the past, but he felt the other Officers deserved praise, and while serving them and the Province they were proud to be doing suit and service. He trusted he might still continue to deserve the praise bestowed on him, and that he might be permitted to see a continuance of the admirable rule of the R.W.P.G.M., which all felt so highly the value of. Bro. Farquharson here gave an amusing rendering of the "Little Fat Man," responding to an *encore* by singing "Tom the Tinker." The toast of the Visitors was next honoured. The R.W.P.G.M. said that among their many toasts was one which was sure to be heartily responded to. They were glad to find their P.G. Lodge honoured by a number of distinguished visitors giving it their presence and sanction, evincing that their Grand Lodge was worth supporting. One was a distinguished brother—in fact at the top of the tree—Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, who was an old friend, and had been of great service to him in Masonry, and he was well qualified to perform the highest duties the Craft required. Were he not present, he might probably say much more; however, he was an excellent brother and dear friend, and he hoped they would have the pleasure of seeing him for many years amongs them. "The Village Blacksmith" was here sung by Bro. Fox, after which Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke returned thanks for the kind manner in which they had toasted the Visitors. All fully agreed with what was said by Bro. Giddy, and congratulated the Province upon the grace with which it was ruled. If the R.W.P.G.M. had ruled the Lodge with a rod of iron, as he had said he had certainly concealed it under a silken glove. He (Bro. Clerke) had watched the progress of the Lodge, and seen it fulfil the promise of its youth. He thought the R.W.P.G.M. must have made the acquaintance of the clerk of the weather, and arranged for the beautiful weather of the day, as a Mason, by "squaring" him. He had been there before, and hoped to be there again. In proposing the Masonic Charities, the R.W.P.G.M. alluded to the great success that attended the Festival of the Boys' Institution on the previous Wednesday—a success which did honour to Freemasonry and the world—a success which surprises those who are not acquainted with our Craft, but who, visiting our Institutions, find how excellent are the arrangements. Many brethren do their part to promote the welfare of these Institutions, among whom may be mentioned the names of Bros. Terry and Hedges; both exert themselves nobly for their benefit, their labours resulting in the bringing in of £11,000 or £13,000 respectively to those Institutions; but among all who work for the good of the Masonic Charities they could not have a more able advocate than Bro. Binckes. Bros. H. G. Buss P.G.Tr. Middlesex Asst. G.S. here read letters from Bro. Terry, who regretted being unable to attend in consequence of a previous engagement, and from Bro. Hedges, whose official duties prevented him from coming. A duet by Bros. Cozens and Fox having enlivened the proceedings, Bro. F. Binckes returned thanks for the cordial reception which his name, coupled with the Masonic Charities, had received. It could not be otherwise than gratifying to him to hear what had been said, and that too by brethren conversant with the subject of the Benevolent Institutions. In a long and able speech Bro. Binckes gracefully acknowledged the many services which those around him had rendered to the Institution with which he was connected, and thanked them especially for the splendid return they had assisted in procuring on the occasion of the recent Festival. After some very pleasing music, the Tyler was summoned, and the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, the brethren separating at an early hour, to catch their various trains home. Every attention was paid to the comfort of the visiting brethren, and the untiring efforts of those responsible were crowned with success. In addition to those mentioned, the following were present:—Bros. F. W. Lavender P.M. 1415, C. Thompson W.M. 1237, E. H. Bright P.M. 778, J. Hurst P.M. 1512, H. Lovegrove S.W. 1777, H. Mead P.M. 788, T. Verity S.W. 1194, J. W. Davis P.M. 282, W. Grist J.W. 1637, W. Stephens W.M. 1637, W. Radford S.W. 1702, Thomas Keene P.M. 1415, H. C. Finch P.M. 708, J. C. Walls J.W. 1702, J. R. Nichols W.M. 1367, J. M. Lambert P.M. 142, H. Massey P.M. 619, G. H. Stephens 1623, &c., &c.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge held its annual meeting on Monday, under the banner of the Prudence Lodge 388, at Halesworth. The lodge was held at the Congregational School-room, where upwards of 200 brethren assembled. The room was very nicely decorated with festoons of evergreens and with flowers in pots. The banners of the Provincial Grand Lodge were placed behind the chair, and the following Lodge banners were put round the room:—Doric 81, Unity 71, British Union 114, St. John's 225, Virtue and Silence 382, Prudence 388, Phœnix 516, Fidelity 555, Prince of Wales' 959, Royal St. Edmund's 1008, Stour Valley 1224, Waveney 929, Adair 936, and Perfect Friendship 376. At about 1.30 the brethren received the R.W. P.G.M. Lord Waveney, with the usual Masonic honours, and he was escorted to the chair, and, together with the R.W. D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., was saluted in due form. The other Provincial Grand Officers present were:—Bros. W. Page T. Phillips P.S.G.W., W. O. Chambers P.P.J.G.W., F. B. Strathern P.P.J.G.W., P. Allez P.P.G.S.W., C. S. Pedgrift P.P.G.R., Fred. Minter P.G.R., W. C. Randall P.P.G.P., G. Abbott P.G.S.B., W. T. Westgate P.P.D.C., Rev. W. W. Bird P.G.C., C. Schulen P.P.G.D.C., N. Tracy P.P.J.W., T. Newman P.P.G.P., A. Cracknell P.G.S., J. Read P.P.G.S.W. Norfolk, T. Holland P.P.G.D.C., T. Noble P.P.J.D., Rev. M. Menser P.P.G.C. of Norfolk, T. J. Huddleston P.G.Tr., W. H. Lucia P.G. Sec., W. Wilmshurst P.P.G.S.D., C. F. Browne P.G.S. The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read and adopted, as also the report of the General Purposes Committee. The following brethren were then invested by the R.W. P.G.M. as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. E. P. Yonell Gorleston S.G.W., H. C. Casley Ipswich J.G.W., T. J. Wentworth Ipswich S.G.D., R. W. Flick Saxmundham J.G.D., Rev. J. W. Collins Clare Chaplain, W. H. Lucia Bury St. Edmund's G. Sec., T. J. Huddleston Bury St. Edmund's G. Treas., F. Grimwood Hadleigh G. Registrar, W. B. Jeffries Ipswich G. Superintendent of Works, W. Clarke London G. Director of Ceremonies, C. W. Dance Lowestoft G.A.D. of Ceremonies, A. Cracknell Eye G. Sword Bearer, J. M. Harvey Saxmundham G. Pursuivant, B. Syer Ipswich G. Tyler, R. Garrod 555 and J. P. Smyth 929 Grand Stewards. The R.W. P.G.M. adverted to the satisfactory working of the plan adopted of electing the officers yearly, and the brethren then adjourned to the church, where an excellent sermon was preached by the R.W. Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. J. W. Collins, rector of Clare, from the following texts:—Hebrews xiii. 1, "Let brotherly love continue;" Acts xx. 35, "'Tis more blessed to give than to receive;" and Proverbs xii. 19, "The lips of truth shall be established for ever." The service was rendered especially attractive by the performances of the choir of the Albert Memorial College, Framlingham, who attended at Halesworth to take part in the ceremony. The collection amounted to £9 10s 5½d. At the conclusion of the service the procession was reformed, and the brethren returned to the Lodge. A resolution was passed increasing the collection to £10 10s, to be divided between the Church and Nonconformist schools of the town. Thanks were also passed to the rector of Halesworth for placing the church at the disposal of the Lodge, and to the managers of the school for granting the use of the building. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master then delivered an address. He referred, in feeling and appropriate terms, to the loss sustained in the death of Past Provincial Grand Master Bro. Head, bearing testimony to his eminent service to the Province. Having also alluded to the position of the Provinces of Norfolk and Essex, and the cordial feeling existing between the three Provinces, and to the success which has attended the Craft in Suffolk, he went on to speak of the efforts made by the Masons of Ipswich to provide a hall in which the brethren of the Province might meet. The first efforts were not successful—circumstances were stronger than men, and all the industry that was exercised in the building of that hall, and the taste employed in its decoration, and the preparation made to render it a fitting resort for the Masons of the Province, were, from circumstances entirely beyond control, defeated, and the hall had to be consigned to purposes other than those of the Craft. But undaunted by that unfortunate circumstance, the Lodges of Ipswich had revived their efforts, and had

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now a Masonic Hall which, for arrangement, cheapness, and usefulness of construction, would find no parellel in the Province or in neighbouring Provinces, and he was glad to find that it was likely to fulfil those uses, as the General Purposes Committee met within its walls. The Worshipful Master referred to the difficulty of having a central Lodge for the county on account of the inconvenience of the railway, but expressed a hope that by lateral lines this would be overcome. After some further remarks the Worshipful Master went on to speak of the existing agricultural depression. Notwithstanding the genial sunshine which at that moment was pouring upon the earth, the state of agriculture in this and other districts was very dull. A succession of five bad seasons had placed the agricultural interest in a position of constraint, he would not say of decay, but of constraint. In the honest efforts to derive the full benefit of their industry there had been no lack of zeal. He had been surprised, and being surprised, he had been proud to be a fellow worker with those who had displayed energy and persistent endurance under those circumstances. His Lordship then referred to matters connected with the Craft. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren proceeded to the Rifle Hall, where the banquet was served. Grace before and after meat was said by the P.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. A. Collins. A telegram was received from Lord Henniker, Senior G.W. of England, expressing his regret at being unable to attend the meeting, and tendering his good wishes to the Prov. G. Master and the brethren of the Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Master in proposing the toast of the Queen said: It was one at all times honoured, by all classes. He would simply call upon the brethren to heartily receive it. In giving that of the M.W. the Grand Master, Lord Waveney referred to the zeal shown by H.R.H. in any work he undertook in connection with Freemasonry. Whenever there was a question to decide H.R.H. was ready to answer it, and whenever there was any work to do in Lodge he was ready to perform it. In fact, in all seasons and at all times he was ready to do anything required of him. This toast having met with a most hearty reception, the Prov. Grand Master followed with that of "The Clergy of all Denominations." In proposing it, he said: Before we proceed to do the honours to which the chiefs of our Order are entitled, there is one class in this country who deserve our sympathy—the clergy of all denominations. They were, he considered, at all times ready to take up any good cause that might offer, and to many of their number the Freemasons of England were greatly indebted. He especially thanked the Chaplain on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge for his sermon delivered that day. He had therein ably expounded the many forms that Charity might take. Bro. Rev. A. Collins Prov. G. Chaplain replied, He felt, with considerable jealousy, the way in which the toast had been received. He looked upon it, not merely as a compliment paid by the brethren to himself as Prov. G. Chaplain, or to the clergy of all denominations, but more as a reverential sign of their respect for the Almighty ruler of the Universe itself. From the hearty reception the brethren accorded His ministers below, Bro. Collins looked upon it that they were in the habit of giving to Him that respect due to His divine Majesty. As regarded himself he had especially to thank the Prov. G. Master for the kind words he had used in referring to his efforts of the afternoon, and also for the great honour paid him in appointing him to the position of Prov. G. Chaplain. It was quite unexpected and, he feared, quite undeserved, for he could not remember anything that could entitle him to such recognition. The brethren of his town—Clare—were about to start a Lodge, and he considered his appointment should be looked upon as a great compliment paid by the Prov. Grand Master to the new Lodge, and as such he had most willingly accepted it. He tendered a hearty invitation to all who might be able to attend the consecration of the Clarence Lodge, No. 1823, at Clare, to take place on the 23rd inst., if they were there they would have an opportunity of judging of the hospitality of the brethren in that quarter. The Prov. Grand Master next gave the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present. All knew, he said, how much Grand Lodge, by its periodical meetings tended to consolidate the operations of Freemasonry throughout the country. It also supplied a model for subordinate Lodges to work to, and ever attended to the requirements of the Colonial and Indian Lodges. With the toast he coupled the name of Bro. Lucia, their Prov. Grand Secretary, who had the honour to occupy the position of Grand Sword Bearer of England. That brother in reply thanked the Prov. Grand Master for associating his name with so distinguished a toast. He felt it a very great honour that he was placed in the position he occupied in Grand Lodge. After a song from Bro. Abbott, Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn Dep. P.G.M., rose to propose the health of Lord Waveney. Among the very many pleasing duties that devolved on him, none was more gratifying than to ask the brethren to drink to the very good health of the Prov. G.M. It was at all times a very great pleasure to him, as he believed it was to all the brethren of Suffo'k, to welcome the well known, and he might say, well-loved face o: their Prov. Grand Master. Under his presidency, the brethren mi ht be assured all would go well. Whenever they had the pleasur of seeing him at their meetings, they always heard many things vhich were useful and tended to the welfare of the Province. He c nsidered the brethren ought to feel very proud at having so distin, ished a nobleman to preside over them. It was, he said, no easy ask to govern so large a Province as that of Suffolk, and great ca had to be exercised in the various appointments lest any feeling o favouritism might creep in. Bro. Martyn felt assured that all the appointments made by the Prov. G.M. had been offered as a reward for merit and ability. As regarded his attendance to the work of the Province, it was well known that he was always at hand when he might be wanted. On the 23rd he had arranged to consecrate the new Lodge at Clare, and the fact of the Prov. Grand Master himself taking so active a part in its formation should ensure success for the new Lodge. The remarks of Bro. Martyn were frequently interrupted by the cheers of the brethren, and on their being called upon to drink the toast they expressed their approval in the heartiest manner. The R.W. Prov. G. Master in reply said: He sometimes thought that if kindness could have spoilt him he would have been spoilt long ago. The impression made on him by the kindness of the brethren made him, if possible, more careful to deserve a repetition. In the work of his office he fully appreciated the assistance he received from the brethren. He always endeavoured to make himself conversant with what was going on in the Province, and hoped by personal interest in the work to ensure success. With regard to the question of promotion to the purple, it had ever been his desire that genuine merit should receive its just reward. He would especially remind the brethren that in conferring the honour of Provincial rank on any brother it was not merely a compliment for the time being, but for all time, just the same as was any great dignity conferred by England on those who had deserved well of their country. He then referred in complimentary words to the Stewards of the Province, especially mentioning their efforts on behalf of the Charities, and concluded by expressing his idea of the working of each Officer of his Province in the words of one of the homely ballads of our American cousins:—

"Whatever he did, he did it with zest;
Whatever he did, he did his level best."

After a song from Bro. Clarke P.G.D. of C., Lord Waveney proposed the health of his Deputy, Bro. C. J. Martyn. Without him, he said, anything he could do would be very trifling; without him any shortcomings on his part would remain unrepaired. He was indebted to Bro. Martyn for the repose he was able to enjoy in the Masonic duties of the Province, and were it not for that brother he feared that the Craft in Suffolk would not continue its prosperous career. He was known and trusted in Suffolk, and known and trusted wherever Freemasonry was known. Bro. Martyn, after the hearty cheers which greeted him had subsided, said,—He hardly knew how to thank the brethren for the reception they had accorded him. If the Provincial Grand Master was in danger of being spoilt by kindness, he wondered how it was that he had not been spoilt long since. One of his first thoughts in Freemasonry was for the welfare of the Province of Suffolk, where, as the Deputy Prov. G.M., he considered it was his duty to attend the Lodges and look after the interests of the members. If he did not fulfil those duties as efficiently as he should do, it was because his time was so much occupied by other duties. He should continue to take a great interest in the various Lodges, and if he saw anything needing amendment should not be slow in mentioning it. He considered it a great pleasure to have to work under such a Prov. G. Master, who on every occasion conscienciously did his duty. Were it otherwise, he would deserve the appellation D.P.G.M., not Deputy Past Grand Master in the sense in which it was applied to him (Brother Martyn), but as Deposed Prov. Grand Master. English Freemasons should, he considered, be thankful that they were enabled to keep clear of political and other discussions in Lodge. He concluded by paying a just compliment to the Prov. G. Chaplain on the merits of the sermon preached by that brother after the meeting of Grand Lodge. Lord Waveney then proposed the health of his Officers, coupling with the toast the name of the Junior Grand Warden of the Province. That brother replied, a song was given by Bro. Greenfield, and the thanks of the brethren were tendered to the entertaining Lodge for the hearty reception they had given the Visitors to their town. Bros. Smyth and Strathern replied. The latter brother, having thanked the Prov. G.M. for coupling his name with the toast, referred to the unity that existed in the Province, which he hoped would long continue, as then they could not fail to prosper. The brethren of Halesworth—a very small town compared with some in the Province—felt it a very great honour that so many members of the Province should assemble at the Grand Lodge when held in their midst. He considered that the plan of holding the meetings of Prov. Grand Lodge from town to town did much to strengthen Lodges and give an impetus to Freemasonry in the particular district. Bro. Pedgrift endorsed the remarks of the last speaker, saying that after the last visit of Prov. Grand Lodge to their town in 1866 fifteen gentlemen had joined the Lodge. The health of Bro. Clarke the Director of Ceremonies was most heartily proposed by Lord Waveney, in connection with "Our Masonic Charities," the only regret of the Prov. G. Master seeming to be that the abilities of Bro. Clarke as D. of C. had not been given to the army, where, he felt sure, he would have made his mark; the way in which he had marshalled the procession of the day particularly calling for approval. The Prov. Grand Master also referred to the scheme proposed by Lord Henniker some two years since, by which the brethren of Suffolk might take a prominent place in the charitable lists of the country, and hoped that before the next meeting of Prov. G. Lodge something definite would be arranged. Bro. Clarke tendered his thanks; he considered it only his duty to do all in his power to enhance the comfort of the brethren. He was especially gratified that his name had been coupled with what might really be considered the toast of the evening. He felt assured that if any brother would only pay a visit to London during the time of election to either of the Charities he would be sure to support the Institutions personally, and do something in the way of inducing his friends to do the same. He felt assured that if the brethren of Suffolk would combine they could make sure of carrying every candidate they brought forward. Some further remarks followed from various speakers, who, although complimenting the Province on what it had done, considered that very much more ought to result from such an influential district. One brother pointed out that more than one-half of the votes to which the Province was entitled had been secured by their Deputy Prov. G. Master, and therefore with such an example they were more to blame for being, as he considered, far from the position they should occupy. The health of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Province was next given and acknowledged by those brethren. The Prov. G. Master then proposed the toast of the Visitors, to which Bro. W. W. Morgan jun. responded. The proceedings were then brought to a close and

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the brethren separated, after having spent a very enjoyable day, which was greatly enhanced by the admirable arrangements of the Halesworth brethren. We regret to announce that an alarming accident befell the passengers by the up train, still we hope that all will eventually recover from the severe shock and fright they experienced.

ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE LODGE OF PROSPERITY, No. 65.

IT has for some years been the custom of this Lodge to give the ladies and brethren a summer outing. Last year, under the presidency of Bro. Brown, a very enjoyable day was passed on board the "Maria Wood." On Tuesday, the 8th inst., a numerous attendance of ladies and brethren met at the Star and Garter, Richmond, where they were received by the W.M. Bro. C. Daniel (who now occupies the chair for the second time), and an efficient body of Stewards, at 2 o'clock. The ladies and brethren adjourned to the Pavilion Room, where 116 sat down to banquet, which was provided by Bro. Hunt, and gave great satisfaction, the wines and viands being of first rate quality. The table was beautifully and artistically decorated with flowers. Bro. Daniel, the W.M., on entering, was loudly cheered. There were passing showers, but occasionally a gleam of sunshine broke through the clouds. Among the brethren present were Bros. P.M.'s Brown, Bellerby Leins, Carruthers, Arnold and Davey; and Bros. Pierce, Muggleton, Sim, Braine, Marfleet, Devenish, Rich, Ratcliff, Feltham, Fells, Meade, Billing, Goodall, Roberts, Chickens, Terry, Chadler, Miller, Lawrence, Walker, Birch, H. M. Levy, &c. Grace having been said, the brethren and ladies, after taking a walk on the terrace, enjoying the scenery, returned to the banquet room, where a very excellent dessert was laid out; the W.M. very genially presided, briefly proposing the toasts of the Queen and the Craft, the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Fowler sang the "Village Blacksmith," accompanied by Mr. Marsi on the piano. The W.M. then proposed what he considered the toast of the day—The Ladies—without them the meeting would be an uninteresting one. He was sure the brethren would like to see them oftener among them, but Masonic duties precluded such enjoyment. He called on Bro. Allen to return thanks for the single, and Bro. Billing for the married ladies who had honoured the brethren by their presence. The W.M. stated that Bro. Goodall had composed some very appropriate verses, which were then sung by Mr. Marsi, and were enthusiastically received. Both brethren called upon returned thanks. Bro. Allen very eloquently and humbly returned thanks for the single, and Bro. Billing briefly, but to the purpose, responded for the married ladies. Bro. Braine amused the company by the song of the "Five o'clock 'bus," which excited roars of laughter. Bro. Brown I.P.M. said he had much pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M., who had not only endeavoured, but had succeeded in doing his duty, both in his capacity of W.M. in the Lodge, and as President of the day. The success of the day's proceedings was due to him, and he asked the brethren to drink his health, as well as of that of his amiable wife. Bro. E. W. Miller sang a very excellent song. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Brown for his kind expressions on behalf of himself and his dear wife. He was the representative of the Lodge, and while in that position he would do what was right and just. He hoped to give them the same satisfaction as he did when he was W.M. in 1877. Arrangements had been made to hold the meeting at another hotel, but it was found that they could not meet there, and so had met at the Star and Garter. They had there received every satisfaction. He hoped they would meet there for many years to come. Mrs. Plater sang "Ernani." The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. Those brethren were very numerous. He called on Bros. Fowler and H. M. Levy to respond. Each having replied, the W.M. proposed the toast of the P.M.'s, who, he said were all worthy brethren. Bro. Brown I.P.M., in reply, said he felt proud to be associated with the toast. It was the duty of the P.M.'s to look after the interest of the Lodge. Bro. Arnold followed. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Officers, spoke of Bro. A. L. Leins P.M. Whatever duties he undertakes he carries out in every way to their satisfaction. All the Officers know their duties, but the Lodge was especially indebted to its old and indefatigable member, Bro. A. L. Leins. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Masonic Charities; speaking of what had been done for their benefit. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Bellerby P.M., who he said was indefatigable in his exertions in the cause of charity. Mrs. Plater again delighted the brethren, and was deservedly encored. Bro. Leins P.M. returned thanks for the toast of the Officers, and Bro. Bellerby for the Charities. He said the Lodge had made itself Vice-President of two Institutions, and V.P. of the R.M.B.I. Bro. Brown at the last Festival took up the sum of £110 for the Boys' School, which they as members of the Lodge of Prosperity were proud of. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Stewards, who had so materially conduced to the day's enjoyment, coupled with the name of Bro. Roberts S.D., who responded. Bro. Speight P.M. acted efficiently as toast-master. The room was then cleared, and after an interval tea and coffee was served, and the ladies and brethren enjoyed the pleasures of dancing, which was kept up with great spirit.

ELEANOR LODGE, No. 1707.

THE Annual Festival of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, 2nd July, at the Angel Hotel, Edmonton, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. J. H. Thompson P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, who was assisted by Bros. Lovibond S.W., Garnet J.W., Byers Treasurer, J. Tanner P.M. Secretary, Ramsay as S.D., Leaman J.D., F. Meen Organist, H. G. Buss Asst. Grand Sec. of England, Webb, Gunningham, Perry, Smith, Ford, and others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last regular, as also those of an emergency meeting, were read and confirmed. The brethren appeared in mourning, as a token of respect to the memory of the late I.G., Bro. Oliver. The ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. R. Ford, which being declared unanimous in his favour, that gentleman was duly initiated into the Order. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. C. Lovibond, the W.M. elect, was duly presented, and installed into the chair by Bro. Thompson, in a manner that well merited the encomiums passed on him at the conclusion of the ceremony. The W.M. having received the usual salutations, appointed the following brethren to fill the offices for the year:—Bros. Garnett S.W., Ramsay J.W., Byers Treasurer, J. Tanner P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Essex Secretary, Leaman S.D., Symonds J.D., F. Meen Organist and I.G., Frith D.C., and Goddard P.M. Tyler. Applause followed the investiture of each Officer, and the W.M., by his remarks to each on appointment showed his aptitude for the office he had just been called upon to fill. The resignation of a brother was received with regret. Letters from Bro. Col. Burdett, Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, and other brethren, expressing their inability to attend, were read. A subscription on behalf of the widow of a deceased brother resulted in a good round sum being contributed. A letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to Mrs. Oliver, expressing the sympathy of the members with her in her recent bereavement. Hearty good wishes having been tendered by the Visitors, the Lodge was formally closed until September next. The banquet, which was well served, was universally praised, the catering of Bro. Newall being such as to merit the kind expressions made by the brethren. At the conclusion of the banquet grace was sung by the English Glee Union (Bros. H. Ashton, F. H. Cozens, F. T. Gordon, and A. Hubbard), accompanied by the Organist of the Lodge. The health of Her Majesty the Queen was the first toast given from the chair. This was followed by that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master of England, the W.M. in giving it referred to the many Masonic duties undertaken by His Royal Highness. The toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers was now given. The W.M. considered that English Freemasonry owed a great deal to these brethren to whom was entrusted the management of the Craft. He especially referred to the presence of the Assistant Grand Sec. (Bro. Buss), who was at the time of the W.M.'s initiation the Secretary of the Lodge which received him. He considered that no better representative of Grand Lodge could be found, and he had the greatest pleasure in calling on him to respond. Bro. Buss was extremely pleased to have to return thanks for the kind expressions of the W.M. in giving the last toast, and also for the hearty reception those remarks had met at the hands of the brethren. In his position in the Office of the Grand Lodge he should ever hold himself at the service of the members of the Craft. Bro. Thompson I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., whom he said had earned a great reputation by his labours in the Craft. The speaker had had the pleasure of raising him to the third degree, and had watched his progress with pleasure. He felt assured that in his new position he would carry out his duties most efficiently. The W.M. in reply tendered his thanks for the kind reception the brethren accorded him. He should ever consider the prestige of the Lodge, and should endeavour to emulate those brethren who had preceded him. He hoped that during his year of office he should carry out every duty to their satisfaction. He then proposed the health of the newly-initiated brother. He was well introduced, and would command the respect of every member. Bro. Ford, in acknowledging the toast, expressed his indebtedness to the W.M. for the kind way in which he had referred to his qualifications, and hoped that he should by his future conduct prove that the confidence reposed in him had not been misplaced. The W.M. next gave the toast of the Visitors, coupling therewith the names of Bros. Giles, Buscall, Rawlinson and H. M. Levy, each of whom responded. The health of the Past Masters followed. Both Bros. Tanner and Thompson were, the W.M. said, entitled to the heartiest thanks of the Lodge for the way in which they had laboured for its benefit. He had an especially pleasing task before him—to present to Bro. Thompson the P.M.'s jewel which had been voted by the Lodge, and which that brother had so justly merited. Bro. Thompson, after thanking the brethren for the jewel, stated that he should ever feel it a source of great pleasure to do all in his power for the good of the Lodge. Bro. Tanner followed, urging the brethren to attend the Lodge of Instruction held under the sanction of the "Eleanor;" they would then receive able instruction. The W.M. then gave the toast of the Officers of the Lodge, which was acknowledged by the two Wardens. "Success to the Masonic Charities" followed; the W.M. in the course of his remarks strongly urging the brethren to support the noble Institutions connected with our Order. He pointed out that a very small sum, if given by each Freemason, would supply sufficient to enable the Committees to relieve every case of distress that might come under their notice. He called upon Bro. Tanner to respond. that brother had, the W.M. said, laboured earnestly in the cause of charity, as the jewels on his breast would amply testify. Bro. Tanner detailed the results of the several Festivals held during the year in aid of the funds of the Charities. He considered that the total (£37,000) was a wonderful sum to collect, considering the general depression throughout the country. He hoped that he should be able to work further in the cause, and that he should ever have the assistance and co-operation of the brethren around him. After some other remarks, interspersed with songs, the Tyler was summoned and he gave the farewell toast. Among the Visitors present were Bros. Dance I.P.M. 754, I. Buscall P.M. 177, J. Pinder P.M. 15, W. T. Nell 45, W. Giles P.M. 188, Addy 754, R. Silvester 1308, Poore 1337, Palmer late 913, Taverner 1237, W. Praed 1237, Snell 610, Rawlinson late 754, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Monday, the 14th day of July 1879, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To receive for approval a list of 77 candidates on the recommendation of the General Committee as that from which 16 Boys shall be elected at the Quarterly General Court to be held on Monday, 13th October. To consider the following notice of motion: By Bro. Thomas Meggy, V. Patron, "That a Committee be appointed to regulate the manner in which the scrutiny of the votes shall be made, both for the election of candidates and for other purposes. The Chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

FREDERICK BINCKES,
(V.P., P.G. Std.) Secretary.

THE 82nd ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held in June 1880, under the presidency of the RT. HON. LORD SKELMERSDALE, R.W. Deputy Grand Master and Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire. The names of Brethren willing to act as Stewards will be received and acknowledged with grateful thanks.

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THE GRAND LODGE of this Province will assemble, by command of the M.W.P.G.M.M. at Cowes, on Thursday, the 17th day of July, at Two o'clock, and be close tyled punctually at half-past Two o'clock. The Brethren will meet at the Town Hall, where the Provincial business will be transacted.

Dinner will be provided at the Fountain Hotel, at 3.45 p.m. Tickets, including wine, 10s 6d each.

In order to ensure the comfort of every one who attends, the W.M. of Lodges are requested to send (addressed to the P.G. Sec., Southampton), the names of all who propose to join the Banquet, not later than Tuesday morning, the 15th July.

The attendance of visiting Brethren is particularly invited.

By command of the M.W. P.G.M.M.M.,
J. E. LE FEUVRE, P.M., 63 and 37,
Southampton, 30th June 1879. P.G.M. Sec.

PROVINCE OF SURREY.

The R.W. Bro. Gen. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B. Provincial Grand Master.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of July, 1879, at One o'clock in the Afternoon punctually, at the Public Hall, Redhill, in the County of Surrey, when the Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the other brethren of the Province, are requested to attend.

By command of the R.W. Prov. G. Master,
CHARLES GREENWOOD,
Provincial Grand Secretary.

61 Nelson Sq., Blackfriars Road.
23rd June 1879.

The Banquet will take place at Four o'clock precisely, Tickets for which (price 15s) may be had of Bro. Major Gant, P.M., at the Mount, Reigate, or of the Provincial Grand Secretary.

The R.W. P.G. Master requests the attendance of the Brethren at Divine Service at St. Matthew's Church, Redhill, at 2.30 p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the Provincial Grand Chaplain. Brethren not to appear in Masonic costume at Divine Service.

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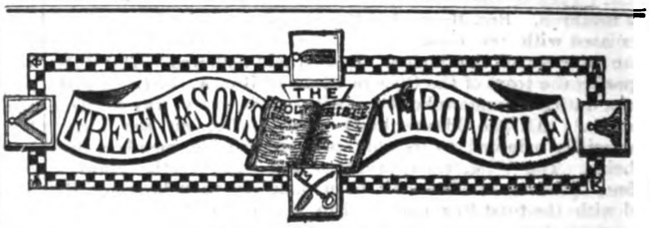

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CONSECRATION OF THE PENGE LODGE, No. 1815.

A considerable amount of pleasurable excitement was occasioned amongst the brethren in the pretty suburban district surrounding the Crystal Palace, on Saturday last, when another addition was made to the roll of Grand Lodge by the consecration of Penge Lodge No. 1815. The weather was fine—indeed almost the only summer day we have experienced this year—and a visit to this picturesque and sequestered spot proved a source of enjoyment to a large number of the brethren and visitors. Moreover, the event had been anticipated with much interest, the opening of a new Lodge having long been desired by brethren who reside in the district, and who often found it inconvenient to be constantly running up to town to attend to their Masonic duties and pleasures. The matter was, therefore, taken up in earnest, and Bro. Robert Jackson P.M. 104 having consented to accept the position of the first W.M., the petition was forwarded to Grand Lodge and signed by the following brethren:

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as founders:—Bros. William Cook, Thomas West, H. G. Denbigh, George Bird, A. J. Cox, and George Wright. The Warrant having been obtained, Saturday last was fixed for the consecration, and, as we have said, the ceremony was witnessed by a goodly number of brethren residing in the Metropolitan District. Shortly after half-past three o'clock the brethren assembled at the Thicket Hotel, on the Anerley-road—the comfortable and luxurious quarters of two or three other Lodges—and, having walked in procession to the Lodge-room the chair was taken by Bro. H. E. Frances P.P.S.G.D. of Surrey, who appointed as his Wardens *pro tem* Bros. F. J. Smith P.P.G.A.D.C. Norfolk, and A. N. Bethune. Amongst those also present we observed:—Bros. Robert Jackson P.M. 104, C. T. Speight P.M. 27, Edward Whitehead 236, S. R. Speight P.M. 147, S. Beattie 17, Dr. Edward A. Basley 548, T. Thexton 1572, M. Hayman 1802, J. M. Klenck 1686, W. Malyon 1613, A. J. Rogers 1356, B. Neale 177, Augustus F. Lay 1364, J. G. Attwood 569, H. J. Amphlett 1511, John Lassam 742, H. W. Lindsey 1269, and the following brethren from the neighbouring Upper Norwood Lodge 1586:—C. Pugsley W.M., G. J. E. Marsh, J. A. Stock, F. Bullock, J. C. Larner, and F. Stafford. The business of the day having been opened in accordance with ancient formality, the presiding Officer addressed the brethren on the nature of their meeting, and the brethren of the new Lodge having been arranged in order, Bro. Cook, as the acting Secretary, read the Petition and Warrant, signed by the above-named founders. These having been approved of, the ceremony of constituting the Lodge was proceeded with in due form, Bro. Frances delivering an interesting and impressive oration, in the course of which he said: On such an occasion as the present it was only wise that they should devote a short period of their evening's ceremony to a review of the antiquity of our Order, and the purposes of its constitution: to our individual responsibilities as Masons, working under the supervision of the world's great Architect and amenable to His laws. It was a tradition amongst them that the origin of Freemasonry was with the building of the Temple at Jerusalem—a statement as difficult to assert with the onus of proof as to deny. The absolute origin of every human institution must of necessity be but obscurely defined. The distant past was almost as removed from our ken as was the far-off future, and as the social wants grew with dawning intellect we could scarcely trace a commencement to any known system of ethics or of religious polity. But, intimately connected as the ancient Jewish systems were with our own—their forms and ceremonies but the prototypes of those we at present use—their very modes of expression the life-blood of our language—it was not improbable that an Order with esoteric teaching should have been founded to commemorate what, in the time of Solomon, must have been regarded as a stupendous event. This society or order would be carried to other climes on the dispersion of the people amongst whom it was nurtured; it would take root in strange lands, grow, progress, and suffer decadence, to be renewed in a succeeding age from record or tradition. It increased the difficulty of fixing with absolute certainty the origin of our own Order, to find in widely severed peoples similar mysteries; but it did not follow that our system was the copy of another because it had a resemblance to it. With the advance of civilisation in all parts of the world, communities had been formed and institutions established, differing in language but alike in design and tendency, the necessities of mankind being everywhere identical. They might be a continuation or an imitation of ancient Hebrew rites; we could not prove either. But when they considered how much our modes of civil and religious polity were indebted to that ancient people they could accept the Masonic tradition *cum grano salis*. The Temple whose building they commemorated to-night was described in the Book they always had present in their Lodges, with all the minuteness of a modern architect's specification; but we must not judge of its magnificence from our modern standpoint. Among a primitive and nomadic people, from a plan revealed to David, was erected by King Solomon an edifice of, in those days, unparalleled magnificence. No clang of hammers resounded in its construction; in solemn silence and with deep reverence a house was built for the worship of the Most High—every stroke a history, every symbol on its walls a lesson. Modern Freemasonry was understood as a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. They were governed by their own laws, which were easily defined, and were rarely wilfully broken. In their ranks and under the banner of the Order were to be found men of the highest learning, and the genius and talent of our country might be numbered amongst the brethren of the Craft. The royal prince and humble artisan were the extreme links of a fraternal chain that united men of every social position or religious denomination. The principles of Freemasonry were derived from the Volume of the Sacred Law, which lay open before the Master of every Lodge, culling from its pages neither exclusive creed nor dogmatic teaching. Masons could hail as brethren men of all ranks, creeds, and climes; so that, provided a man believe in the Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth, and practise morali[ty], he was worthy of being a Mason. These principles taught us o[ur] duty to God, allegiance to our Sovereign, care for our neighbo[ur]s, respect for ourselves. There were amongst them some who saw no[th]ing in the Order but a facile means of sensuous enjoyment. But to [oth]ers and wiser, who are not necessarily averse to the charms of g[ood] fellowship, a duty is understood and a responsibility admitted w[hi]ch could not be shelved. Our duty is, first the perfecting of our o[wn] knowledge. Our responsibility—the conveyance of such knowled[ge] to the minds of the less enlightened of our fellows. The ethics of [Fr]eemasonry being essentially taught by a system of symbolism, eve[ry] implement used in our Lodges has its appropriate lesson, as was [fu]ll and thoroughly explained in the beautiful language of the lect[ure]. And no brother taking office in his Lodge could be excused for i[gn]orance of the moral tenets attached to the symbol he wears. Fr[om] the sword of the Tyler to the Pythagorean problem worn by [the] P.M.—marvellous in its mathematical truth—nothing shoul[d] be misunderstood, or lack due consideration by the wearer. T[he] three degrees were but types and symbols of the birth, culture, a[nd] destiny of man. In the first they had the conception of an idea—the birth or admittance of an initiate—a being coming into the world, in the darkness of ignorance, his steps guided by those who had obtained the light. By culture and education he obtained the rank of a skilled craftsman, and later on he was taught that to the earnest worshipper of the Divine Architect, the diligent student of nature, the fearless follower of truth, was given a knowledge that would enable him to face the principles symbolised by the plumb, level, and setting maul, and to acknowledge that death had no terror equal to the stain of falsehood or dishonour. Humanly speaking, brotherly love was the highest principle taught by our Order. Life is too short for animosities; too solemn a gift to be wasted in promoting discords or cherishing hatreds; and the practice of this virtue would always compel us to be mindful of the failings and necessities of our brethren. In loving charity they should reprove their follies and suffer reproof themselves. In generous benevolence they should relieve their wants and assist the noble Institutions connected with the Order—be mindful of the fatherless, the aged, and the afflicted. In conclusion, let it be the aim of the Lodge now about to be formed so to cultivate and disseminate the principle of brotherly love, that though our teaching is esoteric and the outer world could not penetrate its mysteries, yet it might at least know that it taught men to be more mindful of each other, to practise charity, to maintain harmony, and to live in unity. At the close of the oration, which was listened to with profound attention, the anthem, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is" (Psalm cxxxiii.) was chanted, and the first portion of the dedication prayer offered. After the sanctus and the invocation, the Presiding Officer read 2 Chron. ii. 1 to 16, the Lodge Board was then uncovered, and the elements of consecration were carried round, amidst solemn music, this portion of the ceremony being most effectively rendered by Bro. D. Basley and the choir. The impressive rite having been duly and most perfectly carried out, with Bro. J. M. Klenck as Director of Ceremonies, the second portion of the dedication prayer was read, and the Lodge was constituted in due form, the proceedings terminating with the anthem, "I have surely built Thee an house to dwell in," and the patriarchal benediction. Lodge having been resumed to the second degree, Bro. Robert Jackson was duly installed as the first Master of the Penge Lodge, and after he had received the customary salutations of the brethren, he invested his Officers for the year as follow:—Bros. Fredk. J. Smith I.P.M., William Cook S.W. and Sec., Thomas West J.W., H. G. Denbigh S.D., Geo. Bird J.D., A. J. Cox I.G., Geo. Wright Treas. The W.M. then proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Frances for his kindness in consecrating the Lodge, and for the excellent way in which he had conducted the ceremony; and Bro. Frances briefly acknowledged the compliment which the brethren so readily and cordially paid him. Similar compliments were also paid to Bros. Basley, Stock and Marsh, for their valuable services in the musical renderings of the day, and also to Bro. Klenck for the way in which he had officiated as Director of Ceremonies. At the conclusion of business the brethren partook of a *récherché* banquet, provided in a style for which Bro. Lassam, of the Thicket Hotel, is famous. The tables were decked with magnificent flowers, ferns and fruits, presenting a most luxurious and picturesque aspect, and the repast was served to perfection. Dessert having been partaken of, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the W.M. observing that as long as they had such rulers at the head of affairs there need be no fear for the progress and prosperity of the Craft. Bro. Frances, in felicitous terms, proposed the Worshipful Master and prosperity to the Penge Lodge, the toast being received with the utmost acclamation. From the zeal which Bro. Jackson had shown, and from the fact of his being present, although not in robust health, he was sure they had a Master who would do honour to their choice, and upon whom they would look back as upon one who had reflected credit on the Lodge. He trusted that the acquaintance he had made to-day with their W.M. might ripen into a friendship that should last for years. He reminded them that the prosperity of the Lodge was in their own hands to a very great extent. They had about them a very estimable set of men, and all they had to do was to be very careful as to whom they admitted into their midst. The greatest mistake was to take in anybody; they did not want numbers, they wanted men with whom they could mingle with pleasure after the hurry and bustle of business, such friends as they would delight to meet at their own table. He entreated them to be careful and discreet in this matter, and then the prosperity which they all hoped might attend the Lodge would be ensured. The W.M., who was enthusiastically received, thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which the toast had been drunk, and said he felt the great importance of the office he held, and the responsibilities which attached to himself and officers; but what he could do to promote the prosperity of the Craft, and more particularly this Lodge, he should be only too happy to do, and he hoped to hand down the warrant to his successor pure and unsullied. His officers were all good men, and had it not been for their enthusiasm this Lodge would not have been formed. He felt certain they would do their best for the Lodge, and that their efforts would be attended with success. They were all united and harmonious now, and he hoped that no goddess of discord would throw an apple into their midst. Before concluding, he proposed the health of the Consecrating and Installing Master, who had up to this time been a comparative stranger to the members of the Lodge. But, finding there was a Lodge wanting his assistance, Bro. Frances came without hesitation, notwithstanding that his visit involved some little personal inconvenience to himself. They all thanked him for this example of a true Masonic spirit that he had shown them, and hoped Bro. Frances might come amongst them on many future occasions. The toast was received with full honours, and Bro. Frances, in responding, briefly acknowledged the kindness with which he had been met by the brethren to-day, and thanked those who had so kindly assisted in the musical arrangements and the direction of the ceremonies. The health of the Visitors followed, and the hearty welcome extended to the brethren from other Lodges was acknowledged in suitable terms by Bros. F. J. Smith,

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Attwood, and others. Bro. F. J. Smith proposed the Officers of the Lodge, in doing which he expressed his belief that the W.M. had the best assistants he possibly could have in the carrying out of his important duties. Bro. W. Cook responded, and said although there had been a great deal of work to do in the formation of this Lodge, yet he had been ably backed up by his fellow Officers. Twelve months ago Bros. Denbigh and Wright mooted the idea of the Lodge for this district, as it often proved inconveniently late before they could get back from Lodges in town. The result of their deliberations on this subject was what they had witnessed to-day, and they had to thank Grand Lodge for the readiness with which it when applied to granted the Warrant. He regretted that their excellent W.M. was not well enough to remain during the whole of the proceedings of the evening, but expressed himself confident of the success of the Lodge. Bro. Denbigh also returned thanks, in doing which he said although it was true, as Bro. Cook had said, that he was one of the instigators in forming the Lodge, to Bro. Cook himself was the credit due of doing all the work. He had carried the whole affair through in the most perfect and business-like manner, and was entitled to the thanks of all the brethren. Bro. Bird also acknowledged the toast, in a few happily-chosen sentences. The toast of the Stanley and Anerley Lodges was next honoured, and the Tyler brought the list to a close, soon after eleven o'clock. During the evening some capital selections of vocal and instrumental music were given, Bro. Dr. Baaley presiding most efficiently at the pianoforte, and the brethren separated amidst hearty expressions of satisfaction with the admirable arrangements which had been made by Bro. Lassam for their "opening day."

THE FESTIVAL OF THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

IN accordance with our promise last week we recur to this interesting event, and it is with infinite pleasure we approach our task. This year has essentially been a red letter one for the Mark Degree. We have had occasion to report several most interesting gatherings, and the most sceptical of the cynics who strove to throw cold water on the hopes of the executive who so bravely put forth a hand to aid in raising what may now emphatically be declared a substantial fabric, are fain to admit that there are some grounds for the self-satisfaction with which that body claim they are entitled to have success recorded as the result of their labours. The Benevolent Fund of the Mark Degree, with which to-day it is our more immediate province to deal, was commenced in 1868 by a grant from Grand Lodge of £50, since that time Annual Festivals have been held:—

In 1869, at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, under the Chairmanship of Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., M.W.G.M.M.M., assisted by the following Board of Stewards—Bros. Thomas Meggy, F. Binckes, T. J. Sabine, Thos. Wescombe, and S. Rosenthal, when an amount of £97 2s 8d was realised.

In 1870, the Festival took place at the Talbot Hotel, Richmond, when the Earl Percy, M.P., R.W.D.G.M. presided, supported by Bros. Thos. Meggy, F. Binckes, S. Rosenthal, H. C. Levander, and R. Spencer, the united result of their Stewardships being £53 4s 10d.

In 1871, R.W. Bro. J. C. Parkinson presided, the *locale* selected was the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, and the following brethren took part in conducting the duties of the day—Bros. Magnus Ohren, Rev. D. Shaboe, Rev. C. W. S. Stanhope, F. Binckes, S. Rosenthal, Frederic Davison, J. H. Wynne, Rev. L. O. Bigg, T. Y. Strachan, Rev. A. B. Fraser, and the Rev. V. H. Moyle. This Board of Stewards raised £85 8s.

In 1872, the Talbot Hotel, Richmond, was the favoured spot. The Chairman was Colonel Francis Burdett R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M. Middlesex and Surrey, representing the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M. for Cumb. and Westmoreland, who was absent through indisposition. And here the Board of Stewards comprised Bros. G. P. Brockbank, Rev. P. H. Newnham, Rev. W. B. Church Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, Capt. C. J. Burgess, Thomas Hargreaves, George Neall, J. H. Wynne, Alfred Williams, W. O. Walker, Colonel Thomas Birchall, and Captain George Barlow—£177 being the result of their combined exertions.

In 1873, the Festival was held for the first time at the Alexandra Palace, Wood Green; R.W. Bro. Col. J. Whitwell, M.P., G.S.W., presided, and the following formed his Board of Stewards:—Bros. Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner Davy, R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M. Devon, Thomas Entwisle, C. F. Matier, Rev. W. M. Heath, E. T. Inskip, T. W. Coffin, H. R. Trigg, Wm. Sugg, F. A. Philbrick, R. H. Thrupp, S. G. Homfray, Arthur Wolton. On this occasion a sum of £141 15s was realised.

In 1874, the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, was the rendezvous, and R.W. Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., P.D.G.M.M.M., undertook the duties of President, supported by Bros. H. C. Levander, William Hudson, J. H. Wynne, Clement Stretton, George Page, Wm. Charles Gilles, E. M. Haigh, E. Spencer Stidolph, Charles Lacey, Charles Horsley, Frank Richardson, and Nathaniel J. F. Basnett, who between them raised the sum of £91 19s.

Since 1874 the meetings have been held uninterruptedly at Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill. In 1875, R.W. Bro. William Romaine Callender, M.P., D.G.M.M.M., was the Chairman, and the following Stewards rendered him assistance:—Bros. Rev. D. J. Drakeford, Thomas Trollope, M.D., T. J. Lancashire, J. Handley, Richd. Chambers, Nathl. Horrocks, Wm. Roebuck, H. T. Robberds, G. W. Verry, Wm. Richards, W. H. Wellsted, John Duffield, Jack Sutcliffe, Fras. Griffiths, M.D., Thos. Collinson, H. H. Bedford, W. White. The amount realised was £176 11s.

In 1876, R.W. Bro. Lieut.-General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., G.J.W., acted as Chairman, and the Board of Stewards comprised Bros. Rev. Dr. Brette, T. Y. Strachan, F. Binckes, T. S. Mortlock, Robt. Berridge, H. M. Baker, C. W. Duke, J. F. Norris, E. B. Webb, Richd. Newhouse, T. S. Morris, J. R. Wright. The united exertions of this band realised £96 15s.

In 1877, R.W. Bro. Rt. Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, G.S.W., undertook the duties, supported by Bros. John Wordsworth, Rev. F. W. Thoyts, Major Geo. Barlow, J. D. Moore, M.D., F. Binckes, S. Rosenthal, C. W. Wyndham, J. H. Spencer, J. G. Podevin, Alfred Williams, H. R. Cooper-Smith, Richard Boggett, George Higgins, Arthur Middleton, F. M. Tindall, Robert Arnison, C. H. Perrott. Their united exertions realising £221 9s.

In 1878 M.W. Bro. Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, G.M.M.M., lent his valuable aid, and the following represented the Board of Stewards on the occasion:—Bros. the Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, John Wordsworth, J. R. Goepel, Rev. H. J. Hatch, Richard Boggett, Capt. A. Thrale Perkins, J. L. Thomas, Thomas Cubitt, J. Cattley Mason, Wm. G. Brighten, James Gardiner, Edward Geo. Tattershall, Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D., G. Ward Verry, Richard Eve, John Barker, Capt. J. Ritchie, Major C. Harding, Henry Bagot, J. T. Robinson, Wm. Nicholl, Alfred Scargill, John Fawcett, Francis Trickett, Charles H. Coates. £371 4s was the amount announced.

We now come to the present year of grace, 1879, when Lord Arthur Hill fulfilled the functions of Chairman. He was supported by a band of Stewards numbering 35, and in our last week's issue will be found detailed their names, and the amount each handed over as the result of his exertions.

Since the establishment of the Mark Benevolent Fund, 36 cases have been relieved, with sums ranging from £1 to £50, and amounting in the aggregate to £433, while with the additional sum that has accrued by way of interest on moneys invested the Executive has been enabled to invest £1,000. Economy in management has been the order of the day, and it is gratifying to know that the total sum expended for printing, advertising, &c., since 1868 is under £40. Since Dec. 1878 one-half of all sums subscribed go to the Education Fund, the object of which is to assist in the education (under the charge of their parents or guardians) of the children of Mark Master Masons, who on application to the Board shall be considered eligible for the Fund. The business is conducted by a General Board, who hold special meetings on the third Thursday in April and October, and at such other times as may be deemed necessary, for the purpose of considering applications, and for fixing the days of election. This Board consists of a Patron or Patrons, President, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, Treasurer, Secretary, and an unlimited number of Life Governors, Life and Annual Subscribers. The mode of election is by means of voting papers. Every donor of five shillings per annum being entitled to one vote at a single election. A donation of five guineas gives five votes for life at every election, and constitutes the donor a life subscriber. A donation of ten guineas, in one or more payments of not less than £5 5s each, gives twelve votes for life at every election, and constitutes the donor a Life Governor. A donation of twenty guineas, in one or more payments of not less than £5 5s each, gives twenty-five votes for life at every election, and constitutes the donor a Vice-President. Similar privileges are acquired by Lodges on payment of double the amounts, in sums of not less than £5 5s each. No applicant shall be eligible for election unless the father has been for at least three years a subscribing member of some Mark Lodge under the English Constitution. No boy shall be admitted to the benefits of the Institution who is under eight or above thirteen years of age, nor continue a recipient after the age of sixteen. No candidate shall be placed on the list until approved of by the Board. Petitioners are required to produce a certificate signed by the Master and Secretary of the Mark Lodge in which the father was advanced, or of which he had been a subscribing member for at least three years, together with a certificate or satisfactory proof of the date of the birth of the applicant. Lists of approved candidates, together with such particulars as the Board may deem necessary, are sent to every Subscriber at least fourteen days before days of election. As a condition of a grant from the Fund, a quarterly report of the progress, conduct, and health of every boy assisted by this Institution shall be required from the head of the educational establishment where the boy is placed, and the General Board shall take such other steps as may be practicable for ascertaining the progress made by the child. These, briefly are the rules by which the fund is governed and are, we consider, ample to warrant the support which has been accorded the Fund in the past and to secure increased aid in the future. At the Annual Festival of the present year held, as we have already stated, on the 2nd inst., under the presidency of Lord Arthur Hill, the sum announced as contributed by the Stewards and their friends was far in advance of any previous year, thus clearly proving the firm foundation on which this especial branch of Masonic Charity stands, and ranking our Mark brethren among the foremost of those who make it a pleasure to give to their less fortunate fellows. We understand that the subscriptions have since been augmented by one and another donation until they now reach the sum of £537 4s. At the conclusion of the banquet, the noble chairman gave the usual toasts, briefly and to the point,—the lateness of the hour precluding, as he said, long speeches. In proposing Prosperity to the Fund, his Lordship referred to the progress which had marked it since its establishment, quoting largely from particulars, the substance of which is given above. Bro. D. M. Dewar then announced the subscriptions, which had been received, and which, as we stated last week, at the time amounted to £528 16s. Bro. Frederick Binckes replied to the toast, referring to the very large amount of support which had been given to the Mark fund and the Masonic Charities generally. He confidently looked forward to a steady increase in the amounts contributed to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and pointed out that but a very few years since the Boys' School Festivals had not realised greater amounts than had that day been announced on behalf of the Mark Fund, he then proceeded to give the toast of the Chairman, whom he characterised as being imbued

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with an admiration for Freemasonry and an ardent lover of the Mark degree. He trusted his lordship would before long be placed in the foremost ranks of the Craft, but hoped that he would never forget the Mark Benevolent Fund, which, under his presidency, had that day held its most successful meeting. Lord A. Hill, in reply, said that he entertained the greatest regard for the Mark degree. He was very pleased that the result of the Festival had been so far in advance of those that preceded it, and hoped that his efforts, and those of his successors, would lead to increases as great if not greater. Bro. Davison now assumed the chair, and first proposed the health of the Board of Stewards. He considered, from the way in which they had laboured, they were entitled to a great amount of gratitude. He coupled with this toast the name of Bro. Baron de Ferriers, whose efforts on behalf of the various Charities of the Order are so well known as to need no further remarks necessary. He considered it must be gratifying to all Mark Masters to hear the result of the day, and to Masons generally the result of the year as far as the Charities were concerned. He considered that the plan adopted by the Mark Fund, of sending the boys who were elected to its benefits to schools near their own homes, was deserving the attention of the large institutions. There could be no doubt, he said, that beyond a certain point it was not desirable to associate children in one body, and he therefore thought that what was done by this institution might, perhaps, be advantageously adopted by the other Charities. He hardly thought a Steward should be appraised by the amount of his list, as it might be that the brother with a small amount had worked harder than he who in a more favourable district, had secured a larger amount. Bro. Binckes explained the peculiar nature of the Mark Fund, which he said was for the assistance of sons of Mark Masters, who, from having a large family or some other reason required aid in providing for the education of their children. Bro. Capt. Hunter called upon the brethren to drink to the health of the Ladies, to which Bro. Rushworth replied. The chairman in a few complimentary words thanked Bro. Lott, the Grand Organist, for the music which had been provided under his direction.

Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178.—The summer festival was held at Purfleet, on Thursday, 3rd inst. The weather was unfavourable in the extreme, but those who accompanied the excursionists enjoyed themselves fully. Upon arriving at their destination the company were invited to go on board the training ship "Cornwall," which is anchored in the river, and upon which are 246 boys reclaimed from the streets of London and elsewhere, who having passed through a reformatory are instructed in the duties of a sailor's calling. The discipline and general conduct of the lads produced the most favourable impression upon the minds of those present, whilst the singing of the boys at the service which was held whilst the visitors were present was exceedingly creditable and gave great satisfaction to all. Had the weather been fine the lads would have been put through a short drill. An idea of the good accomplished by the establishment of such training vessels may be gathered from the fact that since the inauguration of the "Cornwall," 1587 lads have received instruction on board, and of those 96 per cent. have become good citizens, and one who had become the captain of a merchant vessel always visits his old home when he returns to England. Of the 244 boys discharged during the years 1875-6-7 219 are doing well, 9 are dead, 5 are doubtful, 6 have been convicted, and 5 are unknown. This is highly satisfactory to the supporters of the institution, which is sustained by voluntary contributions. The ship is commanded by Capt. Morrell, R.N., Mr. Chas. Willis being the schoolmaster. Upon returning ashore the party repaired to the Royal Hotel, Purfleet, where the banquetting table was amply spread with excellent fare. The chair was occupied by Bro. Stock W.M., who upon the cloth being removed gave the usual loyal toast, which was responded to most heartily, and by singing the National Anthem. "The Grand Master of the Order" was given from the chair, and received with the greatest enthusiasm, Bro. Challoner following with a song. "The Ladies" was also given as a toast from the chair, to which Bro. Willett replied in a facetious manner. The "Health of the W.M." was proposed by P.M. Garbutt, to which Bro. Stock suitably responded, observing that the contributions to the various Masonic Charities during the past amounted to a larger sum than in any previous year, £17,000 having been contributed; this should be highly satisfactory to the general body. The company then returned to town, having spent as pleasant a time as the weather would allow.

The Brethren of Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, have decided to have a pic-nic to Cawood and Naburn Lock by steamer on Monday afternoon, the 21st July inst., leaving the New Walk Ferry at one o'clock. A short time will be allowed to visit Cawood Castle, and the grounds of T. H. Preston, Esq., Moreby Hall, in returning, if convenient and time will permit. The number will be limited, and in order that arrangements may be made for the comfort and convenience of those intending to join the pic-nic early application should be made for tickets,—to Bro. James Kay Secretary, or Bro. Thos. Humphries Asst. Sec., at the Queen's Hotel, York.

Madame Worrell-Duval, a lady favourably known to many of our readers, is now fulfilling a highly successful engagement with Bro. Marriott at the Pier, Hastings. The local paper, in commenting on this talented lady's performance, says:—"Madame Worrell followed with 'What the Birds say' (Roeckel), and so musically did she succeed in interpreting what the feathered songsters say that an *encore* was exacted. In response she gave Theodore Marzial's 'Twickenham Ferry,' and so archly and effectively, that almost a second *encore* was asked for. Madame Worrell is an Associate of the Royal Academy of Music, and is the holder of the Westmoreland Scholarship."

NEW ZEALAND.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Ireland.—The quarterly Grand Lodge meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of New Zealand, I.C., was held on Monday, 5th May, at the Masonic Hotel, Bro. G. P. Pierce R.W.P.G.M. presided. The other officers present were: Bros. J. Doull P.G.S.W., W. L. Mitchell P.G. Treasurer, G. Rees P.G. Secretary, W. M. Ball P.G.J.D., C. Porter Tyler. The other members present were: Bros. C. Goodacre W.M. Lodge United Service, Holmes J.W. London United Service, E. W. Page W.M. Lodge Ara, Crothers S.W. Lodge Ara, Holmes J.W. Lodge Ara, S. E. Hughes P.M. Lodge Ara, J. E. Durance J.D. Lodge Ara, and about 40 visitors. The business was of a routine character. Correspondence was read and various applications were received. The Ara Lodge was opened for the reception of the Grand Lodge, and at the conclusion of the proceedings, closed the Lodge in the usual form.

District Grand Lodge of England.—The regular communication of the District Grand Lodge of England, E.C., was held on Wednesday, 7th May, at the large room of the Insurance Buildings. Bro. Wildman V.G. D.G.M. presided. There was a good attendance of officers and members, and a large attendance of visitors, amongst whom were Bro. A. Whitaker P.G.M. of the Scottish Constitution, and a number of other officers, as well as members of the Grand Lodge holding office by virtue of their positions in minor Lodges. The business transacted was of a routine character. The most interesting feature was the presentation of an address, handsomely engrossed and illuminated, to Brother Wildman, on his retirement from his high position. The text of the address is as follows:—"E. T. Wildman P.D.D.G.M., V.W. Sir and Brother,—We, the officers of the District Grand Lodge of Freemasons, E.C., of Auckland, having heard with sincere regret that circumstances have arisen which compel you to leave the district and resign the office of D.D.G.M., desire to express our unqualified satisfaction with the courteous and dignified manner in which you have discharged the onerous duties appertaining to it, from the consecration of this Grand Lodge to the present time, during the greater portion of which period, owing to the absence of the R.W.D.G.M., you have virtually ruled the district. At the same time, we beg your acceptance of the regalia of your office, as a token of our respect and esteem, and to assure you that wherever you go you will be accompanied by the hearty good wishes of this Lodge."—Bro. Wildman suitably replied. He expressed the sorrow he felt at leaving his Masonic and personal friends in Auckland. He tendered his sincere and heartfelt thanks for the kindness which had been extended to him, not only on this occasion, but on all others. He assured the brethren of his feelings for the welfare of Masonry in New Zealand, and said he would always feel a keen interest in the district. Bro. Wildman having resigned the office of D.D.G.M., the W.G.M., Brother G. S. Graham, sent in his nomination that Brother Lodder should succeed.—Brother Wildman installed Bro. Lodder, and Bro. Moat was installed as successor to the late Bro. W. H. Kissling as Deputy Grand Registrar. The P.G.M. of the S.C., Brother Whitaker, addressed the brethren. Brother Trewheela, in the absence of Brother Hesketh, conducted the musical arrangements. The illuminated address was prepared by Mr. J. Slator, and it is really a handsome and artistic work. The body of the address is in "black letter," red and black. The border is unique and elegant in the style of ornamentation known as the fifteenth century style,—an English foliage pattern of chaste design. The capital W, at the opening of the address, is also of the fifteenth century style, copied from the *fac simile* of a manuscript now in the British Museum. It is richly ornamented, the letter being in gold on a blue and white ground, with a branch leading off into a rich, elaborate border of crimson lake. In appropriate positions on the address are Masonic emblems of the Grand Lodge—Past Master, Mark Master, and Royal Arch,—in all degrees of which Brother Wildman has sustained distinguished positions in this province. The design and execution of the address are throughout very elegant, and a credit alike to Mr. Slator, Bro. Wildman, and the District Grand Lodge, by whom it has been presented, and we have no doubt it will be cherished by the recipient as a memento of his long connection with the Masonic fraternity of New Zealand.

Rodney Lodge, No. 1711, E.C.—The annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Warkworth, on Thursday, 8th May. Among the visitors were several prominent members of the Craft from Auckland. After the ordinary business of the Lodge had been finished, Brother Munro S.W., on behalf of the brethren of the Lodge, presented the W.M., Brother W. P. Moat, D.G.R., with a very handsome Past Master's jewel. The brethren then proceeded to the large dining-room of the Warkworth Hotel, where a banquet of a most *récherché* character had been laid out by Mr. Irwin, the room itself having been beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens by Mrs. Irwin. The W.M. Brother Moat, presided, supported on the right by Bro. Paige W.M., Lodge Ara, 848 I.C., and on the left by Bro. M. M. Irving 83. After full justice had been done to the good things provided and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been drunk and honoured, Bro. Munro S.W. and M.E. proposed, "The Health of the W.M." It was owing to his exertions that the Lodge had been established, and it was solely owing to his zeal and ability that the Lodge was in so successful operation at the present time. He could not adequately express the esteem, love, and affection entertained for Bro. Moat by every member of the Lodge. The W.M. responded. Proceedings were shortly after brought to a close, and the brethren hastened to the Public Hall, to join the friends whom they had invited to the ball.

The members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, held a very successful meeting on Thursday at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Samuel Parkhouse. The brethren afterwards repaired to Ealing, to the residence of Bro. George Penn I.P.M., who entertained his guests in a most bounteous fashion. A full report shall appear next week.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 12th JULY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.

MONDAY, 14th JULY.

Quarterly Meeting, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
589—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate.
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.
R. A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington.
R. A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
R. A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
R. A. 496—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
R. C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster.
R. C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 15th JULY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
452—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1008—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
R. A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
R. A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford.
R. A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 16th JULY.

General Committee, Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instr ion.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. struction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camde own, 8.(In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.3 (nstruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (truction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Wal orth, at 8. (In.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw.
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks.
1066—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom.
R. A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire.
R. A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R. A. 580—Unity, Wheatsheaf, Ornskirk.
R. A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth.
M. M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick.

THURSDAY, 17th JULY.

Provincial Grand Lodge, Mark Master Masons, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Cowes, at 2 o'clock.
8—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn.
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge.
800—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford.
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool.
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath.
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town.
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
R. A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
R. A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.

FRIDAY, 18th JULY.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme.
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
R. C.—Talbot, Freemason's Hall, Sheffield.

SATURDAY, 19th JULY.

1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
R. A. 206—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—On 1st July, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampt -buildings, Holborn. Bros. Willey W.M., T. B. Dodson S.W., Lins J.W., Dickins Sec., Hallam S.D., Abell J.D., Baker I.G.; Bros. Co , Soper, Abell, Watts, and several other brethren. The Lodge wa pened in due form and with solemn prayer. The minutes of prec ng meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiati was rehearsed, Bro. Lister being the candidate. The first and nd sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Hallam, third by o. Abell, and fourth by Bro. Watts. Bros. Timothy 87, Linscott 32, and E. Jacobs 1614, were unanimously elected joining members. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Willey.

On 8th July, Bros. Dodson W.M., H am S.W., Abell J.W., Lister S.D., Tate J.D., Snodin I.G., Dickir Secretary; Cornu, Brown, Pantor, and several others. The dge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. he ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Soper candidate. The irst section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Hallam, second by Br . Tate, third by Bro. Brown, fourth by Bro. Hallam, fifth by Bro. Br wn. Bro. Hallam was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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Carnarvon Lodge, No. 84, Havant.—The annual festival of this flourishing Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., the following Officers being present:—Bros. T. P. Hall W.M., H. C. Liddell S.W. (W.M. elect), J. Weeks P.M. Treasurer, J. N. Hillman P.M. M. of C., T. Francis P.M. Secretary, W. Dart S.D., H. Kimber J.D., J. A. Elverstone I.G., and the following P.M.'s:—Bros. Purnell, H. R. Trigg P.P.G.S. of Works, E. Good, J. Lintott P.P.G.S. of Works, and a goodly muster of members and Visitors, the latter consisting of Bro. T. U. Price W.M. 56 P.P.G.D. Sussex, V. Brown W.M. 903, H. W. Townsend I.P.M. 1428, J. Taylor P.M. 309 P.P.G. Registrar, Rev. A. G. Hervey F.C. 309, Nichols 903, F. Wilton, C. Birch 1428, and A. McKinley 1776. The W.M.'s of all the Lodges in the District having been invited, acknowledgments, with hearty congratulations, were received from the following:—Bros. Rev. — Darey 38 P.P.G. Chaplain Sussex, — Puttock 257, E. Goble 309, W. Wilmott 342, R. Murrell 1776, and Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre Prov. Grand Secretary, and J. Ogburn P.M. 342 P.P.J.G.W. The first business on the agenda was the initiation of Mr. J. J. Bascombe, which was performed by the W.M. in his usual fluent and impressive manner. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, Bro. Francis P.M. presiding as Installing Master. Bro. C. H. Liddell was then presented as W.M. elect. After the usual formalities in this degree had been complied with, the Lodge was opened in the third. The M.M.'s retired, and a Board of Installed Masters was then duly formed, and Bro. Charles Henry Liddell was installed as W.M. for the year ensuing. The Board of Installed Masters was then closed, and after the customary greetings in the various degrees, the W.M. invested his Officers as follow, first presenting Bro. T. P. Hall with a handsome P.M.'s jewel:—E. Good P.M. S.W., W. Dart J.W., J. Weeks Treasurer, J. N. Hillman M. of C., T. Francis Secretary, J. A. Elverstone S.D., H. G. Richardson J.D., J. J. Field I.G., T. D. Askew Organist, J. Collings, H. W. Smith and Parsons Stewards, and W. Blackmore Tyler. After a vote of thanks to Bro. Francis for his services during the past year, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Dolphin Hotel, where thirty-four sat down to the banquet.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sistern' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Smyth W.M., Polak S.W., Forss J.W., Williams S.D., Clark J.D., J. Lorkin I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Brasted, Allen, Carr, Dignam, Edwards, and others. At this season of the year we are accustomed to meet at this Lodge of Instruction many of our friends who take advantage of the summertide to combine the pleasures of an evening stroll with their desire for Masonic instruction. To the uncertain state of the weather must be attributed the non-appearance of these "birds of passage." However, as a friend remarked, a change may be expected soon, and then we shall see better attendances, and more interest shown. On Tuesday last, under the presidency of the officers named above, Lodge was opened, and after formalities had been complied with, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Dignam as candidate. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and regularly closed to the first. The Lodge was called off, and Bro. C. Lorkin worked the third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Edwards, of Lodge 907, was elected a member. Bro. Polak was appointed W.M. for next Tuesday evening. The Preceptor will work the installation ceremony on Tuesday evening, 22nd inst. This Lodge does not close during the summer months.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—On Friday 4th July, at the Alwyne Castle, Canonbury. Bros. Yeomans W.M., Rowley S.W., Mendelsohn J.W., Cull Preceptor, G. H. Hunter Secretary *pro tem*, Beattie S.E., Ager J.D., Potter I.G., and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sheffield being candidate. Bro. Preceptor gave the lecture on the tracing board, and worked the fourth and fifth sections. Bro. Rowley will preside next week.

Sackville Lodge, No. 1619.—The Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held at the Crown Hotel, East Grinstead, on Tuesday, 1st instant. Present Bros. Chas. Sawyer W.M., C. T. Young S.W., John G. Horsey J.W., E. A. Head Sec., S. Davison S.D., Wm. Rudge J.D., J. G. Calway I.G.; Bros. C. W. Noehmer P.M., John Noke P.M., W. H. Hook I.P.M., J. H. Heckford, C. Absalom, John Woodbridge, Jas. E. Woodbridge, Jas. Cooper, W. Harwood, Jas. Hare, R. G. Goodson, E. Dickman, G. Woolgar, and Wm. Pile. Visitors—Bros. Geo. Bond P.G.S.B. Hampshire and I. of W., P.M. Portsmouth 487, 1069, C. W. Hudson W.M. Royal Oak 315, Bros. Sinnock 315, W. C. Banks W.M. Amherst 1223, B. Kempster P.M. Earl Spencer 1420, D. J. Robinson I.P.M. Industry 186, J. Seex P.M. 186, A. Black P.M. 186, John Gillett 186, Chubb 186, Thompson 1056, A. Billyeald West Kent 1297, Harland 463, O. Newman 616, Wm. Hamlyn 1622, T. Bigg 781, W. W. Heasman Oakman 1420, Margetson East Surrey, Smith 186, and J. Ridge Surrey Lodge of Concord. The R.W. P.G.M. Sir Walter Burrell, Bart., M.P. and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers were prevented by previous engagement from being present. The Lodge was opened at 2 p.m. in due form and with solemn prayer, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The presentation of the Report of the audit Committee was postponed until next meeting. Bro. Pile, the candidate for passing, was then entrusted, and he retired. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd and 3rd degrees, and resumed to the second, when Bro. Pile was passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. John G. Horsey W.M. elect was then presented for the benefit of installation by Bro. C. W. Noehmer P.M. and acting D.C. The first part of the ceremony completed, the Lodge was resumed to the 3rd degree. The W.M. then declared all offices in the Lodge vacant, and placed Past Masters Robinson and Noke in the W. and S. All below the rank of Installed Master having retired, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the W.M. elect was duly placed in the chair of K.S. Having been proclaimed, saluted and greeted in the usual form the now W.M. Bro. John G. Horsey invested the installing Master Bro. Chas. Sawyer as I.P.M. and closed the Board. The brethren in the three degrees were then re-admitted and the W.M. was saluted, proclaimed and greeted in each degree. The W.M. then invested the following brethren as Officers for the ensuing year, addressing each of them fully with respect to the teaching of their jewels and emblems of office, situation and duty:—Bro. S. Davison S.W., Bro. E. A. Head J.W., Bro. W. Hale P.M. Treasurer, Bro. Chas. Sawyer I.P.M. Secretary, Bro. Rudge S.D., Bro. J. G. Calway J.D., Bro. J. H. Walker I.G., Bro. Jas. E. Woodbridge W.S., Bro. F. Sargeant Tyler, and Bro. C. W. Noehmer P.M as D.C. In investing the latter the W.M. expressed, on behalf of himself and the other brethren of the Lodge, the debt of gratitude they owed him for affording them the benefit of his experience by accepting the position. The Installing Master Bro. Chas. Sawyer then delivered the ancient charges to the W.M., Wardens and Brethren, explaining the respective working tools at length. The greatest credit is due to Bro. Sawyer for the very able, careful and impressive manner in which he rendered the beautiful ceremony of Installation from beginning to end, and many encomiums were afterwards passed upon him by the brethren present. At the second rising the W.M. said that he had now on behalf of the Lodge a very pleasing duty to perform, viz. that of presenting to Bro. Sawyer I.P.M. a handsome Past Master's jewel. As expressed by the inscription thereon, it was given as a token of the regard and esteem in which the brethren of the Lodge held him, and as a slight recognition of the valuable services he had rendered the Lodge, not only during his year of office (which had been a very successful one), but since the formation of the Lodge, of which he (Bro. Sawyer) was one of the founders, and he (the W.M.) prayed that the G.A.O.T.U. would spare him for many years to wear it. The presentation was greeted with great acclamation and approval. Bro. Sawyer returned thanks in a short but impressive speech. Bro. Noehmer then explained to the brethren that their W.M. Bro. John G. Horsey had that evening very kindly presented to the Lodge the handsome gauntlets that he (the W.M.) and the Wardens were now wearing, and moved that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes; this being seconded, was carried unanimously. Bro. Davison S.W. having proposed three candidates for initiation, which were duly seconded, and some other business transacted, the Lodge was closed in due form, after which the brethren adjourned to a substantial banquet. After grace had been sung in a very impressive manner the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and followed with the other usual loyal toasts, all of which were duly honoured. When giving that of the R.W. the Grand Master of the Province, Sir W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., the V.W. the Prov. G.M. of the Province, Bro. Scott and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, the W.M. said that he had received a communication from the Prov. Grand Secretary, stating that a previous engagement unfortunately prevented the Prov. G.M. and Prov. Grand Officers from being present on this occasion, which he as W.M. very much regretted. The I.P.M. proposed The Worshipful Master, and spoke at some length as to the virtues and capabilities of Bro. John G. Horsey, who he felt sure was (as W.M. of the Sackville Lodge) the right man in the right place, and would at the end of his year of office evince to the brethren by his conduct of the affairs of the Lodge that he well deserved the terms of praise he now passed upon him; he knew well the love their W.M. had for Masonry, and the great care and attention he always paid to the proper performance of its rites, and the strict following of the landmarks of the order. The toast was received with much applause. In proposing the toast "The Visitors," the W.M. coupled with it the names of Bro. C. W. Hudson W.M. 315 and Bro. W. C. Banks W.M. 1223, who on behalf of the rest of the visitors and themselves expressed the pleasure they feel at being then present, and their thanks for the entertainment afforded them. In giving the toast "The Past Masters of the Sackville Lodge," the W.M. again spoke very highly of the I.P.M. Bro. Sawyer, and of his unremitting attention to the interests of the Lodge. In that of the officers he could not help observing that whilst one and all were most able and energetic, Bros. Davison S.W., Head J.W., and Bro. Rudge S.D., had done great service. He concluded this toast by again thanking Bro. C. W. Noehmer P.M. for accepting the office of D.C. During the evening Bros. Hook, W. Hamlyn, Chubb, and others sang some songs in excellent style, and Bro. A. Billyeald gave three recitations with great power and feeling. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. The London brethren were much indebted to the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company for attaching to the 10.15 a.m. train a Saloon Carriage for their accommodation.

West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623.—The regular meeting was held at Bro. T. Butt's, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, E.C., on Monday last. Bro. W. B. Kidder P.M. 12 occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. R. Greenwood S.W., G. H. Stephens J.W., W. Pennefather P.M. Preceptor, E. Mallett P.M. Hon. Sec., H. J. Lardner S.D., H. Forss J.D., W. Smyth I.G.; also Bros. Renaut, W. Jennings W.M. 907, Edwards, D. Moss, and Humphreys. Lodge was opened in due form, and the usual formalities having been observed, Bro. Kidder worked the initiation ceremony, Bro. Renaut candidate. The W.M. next called upon Bro. Stuart (who, owing to Bro. Pennefather having been called away, kindly acted as Preceptor) to work the first, Bro. D. Moss the second, Bro. H. J. Lardner the third, and Bro. Stephens the fourth sections of the lecture, all of which working was admirably rendered, with the assistance of the brethren. The Lodge may be congratulated upon having so many of the brethren of the mother Lodge who take an active part in its working. Bro. Sec. then read a letter from Bro. Dickinson, Sec. Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, offering a cordial invitation to the West Smithfield brethren to visit them and work the Fifteen Sections. This was unanimously accepted, and arrangements were made for doing so on the 25th July. Bro.

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Humphreys 1509, was elected a member, and Bro. Greenwood to occupy the chair at next meeting. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Kidder for the excellent conduct of the business. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday evening, 3rd July, at 7.30. Present—Bros. Beedell W.M., J. Da Silva S.W., Ginningham J.W., Moss S.D., Woodward J.D., M. Myers I.G., L. Norden Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. The Lodge was opened in usual form, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. D. Moss acting as candidate. Bro. J. Da Silva worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Myers having satisfactorily answered the usual questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. worked the ceremony of passing, Bro. Myers acting as candidate. The Lodge was closed down to the first degree. Bro. Da Silva worked the second section of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Da Silva was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

On 10th July Bros. J. Da Silva W.M., Ginningham S.W., Woodward J.W., Forss S.D., Myers J.D., Lake I.G., L. Norden Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, Moss, Hill, Beedell and other brethren. The W.M. ably rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Beedell acting as candidate. Bro. Moss worked the first, second, third, fourth and fifth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Myers who has to be raised at the next meeting of his Lodge, ably answered the questions leading to the degree. Bro. Ginningham was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406.—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place on the 2nd July, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Bro. John Page W.M. in the chair, supported by the following Officers:—R. G. Soloman S.W., G. W. Lax J.W., S. M. Harris Sec., J. Boyes as S.D., J. S. B. Bell J.D., A. Long as I.G., A. Hume S.S., A. Lisson J.S., and G. S. Sims Tyler. The Lodge was opened, and minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Macdonald was passed to the degree of F.C., the ceremony being very perfectly worked by the Master. The ballot was now taken for two gentlemen, and it proved unanimous in their favour. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, as also several complimentary ones, were duly given and responded to. Some capital harmony and a magnificent recitation, kindly given by Bro. Charles Harrington, the manager of the Tyne Theatre, enlivened the evening. The recitation was an intellectual treat, and was received most enthusiastically by the brethren. The Visitors were—Bros. J. Milburn P.M. 919 and District G.J.W. of Egypt, J. Cook P.M. 481 P.P.G.S.W., A. R. Taylor W.M. 1676, Wackfield W.M. 48, W. Cooper W.M. 1342, J. Boyes S.D. 426, Charles Harrington 541, &c.

Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319.—The regular meeting was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the able presidency of the W.M., Bro. G. Buckland; E. Swanborough S.W., Wellard J.W., E. S. Jones Sec., H. Cox S.D., J. Maclean I.G., Tinney Org.; P.M.'s. E. Frewin, Tinney, Jas. Weaver, J. M. Chamberlain, C. Coote, Jekyll; Bros. Hilton, W. Mackay, Bell, Callcott, Griffith, Beckett, H. J. Hitchins, D. Albertson, Fogarty, Parry, R. Soutar, H. Ashley, Parry, C. Harper, J. Baker, Powell, Schneider. Lodge was opened, and minutes confirmed. Bro. G. Griffiths was duly initiated into the Order. Bros. Taylor and R. Dalbert Anson were passed to the second degree. Bros. Weil and Harriss, of Lodge 1602, by the courtesy of the W.M., were raised to the third; he performed the ceremonies perfectly and impressively, every Officer being also perfect in his work. The election of W.M. then took place, and Bro. E. Swanborough S.W. was unanimously elected. C. Coote jun. was elected Treasurer, and Gilbert Tyler. The President, Vice-President, and Committee of the Benevolent Fund were elected, and a P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring W.M., Bro. G. Buckland, for the able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair during his year of office, in token of the regard and esteem he is held in by every brother in the Lodge. Several other matters in connection with home affairs were discussed, and the Lodge was closed. Visitors—Bros. Jones 704, Jackson 1677, Williams P.M. 1261, Bourne 1614, Darcy 916, A. F. Rowley W.M. 1602, M. Weil 1602, Harriss 1602, Emery 167, H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, "Liverpool Arms," Canning Town, on Tuesday, 8th July. Present—Bros. Barker W.M., Lloyd S.W., Pavitt J.W., Glasspoole S.D., Smith J.D., F. A. Pullen I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor; also Bros. Johnson, Butler, Wiltshire, Moss, Rawe, White, Moignard 245, Andrews, Watkins, J. Ellis, Battram, Keable, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Wiltshire answered the questions, the Lodge opened in the second degree and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Barker worked the first four sections of the lecture assisted by the brethren. Bros. Butler 1076, Moss 212, Battram and Keable 174 were unanimously elected members. Bro. Lloyd was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. We hope he will have a good attendance. This will be the first time of his working the third ceremony. It is gratifying to see how young members get on at this Lodge, the Preceptor is most painstaking with every member, every one therefore can take part in the sections. We are pleased to hear that our esteemed friend, Bro. Wallington P.M. 860 and Preceptor of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction 860 has consented to rehearse the installation ceremony on Tuesday, 29th July, with Bro. Musto's assistance. A Masonic treat is in store. We shall, if possible, do ourselves the pleasure of paying a visit on that night. We omitted to mention in our last report that it was the members of 860 from the West end that intended paying the Friars Lodge of Instruction a visit shortly.

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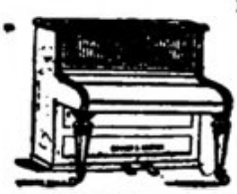

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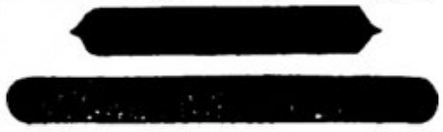

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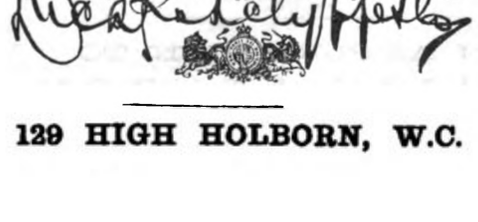

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OUR RULERS.

IN all ages, and wherever communities of men have elected to dwell together, it has been the custom to choose from among the ranks some one with whom might be entrusted the reins of government; one who, either from personal distinction or administrative ability, has been held in high esteem, and to whom the rest gladly pay fealty and homage. It is, therefore, only in the natural order of things that, in an Institution such as Freemasonry, which is supposed to be an exemplification of all the virtues, certain brethren of distinction and of illustrious name should be sent to the forefront, to rule and guide the operations of the Craft. We are treading on delicate ground, we know, when we assert that those who accept the gladly proffered honours should be careful, ere they do so, to remember the grave responsibilities which are inseparably attached to such a position. If it be true that property has its duties as well as its rights, it is still more to be acknowledged that in entering upon the possession of honours and dignities conferred by such an Order as ours, the chosen ones should take care that they wisely wield the power, and manfully discharge the onerous duties which are entrusted to their care. When the Prince of Wales graciously consented to accept the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master, English Freemasons rejoiced that the key-stone of their popularity and prosperity had been fixed, and that our future King had, by his acceptance of the post, won for himself (on a minor scale, it might be, but still one of comparative significance) a sample of that loyalty and affection which will burst forth in its full glory only when he assumes the Sovereignty to which he is Heir Apparent. It was never to be anticipated that his Royal Highness could devote sufficient of his time to secure a practical acquirement of all the technical knowledge necessary to enable him personally to attend and preside over all the assemblages of Grand Lodge at which his illustrious presence might be desired. The attachment of his name was sufficient to give an impetus to Freemasonry, which had just previously recoiled under a series of heavy and embitterd attacks, secessions, and excommunications, such as had never been contemplated; and the rapid strides which Masonry has since made is a solid proof of the benefit which the Order has received from the Prince's assumption of the reins of office. But though it was never intended, nor indeed perhaps desirable, that his Royal Highness should lend his personal aid, except on prominent or State occasions, he is supported by Officers in whose hands the whole interior economy and administration of the Craft are secure, and who have the ability to discern, and judgment to execute, all that is necessary for the safety and progress of the Institution. Coming further down the scale of precedence, the principle may be a little more crucially applied as to whether distinction of birth and social position entitle men to accept unhesitatingly positions of trust and responsibility. We refer, of course, to Grand Masters of Provinces who, without doubt, should be expected to exert themselves personally and industriously in the affairs of their respective Provinces. It is not saying too much when we contend that the Provinces themselves should have some voice in the selection of brethren for the office, for who are better able to judge the qualifications of men nominated for such offices as those who are hereafter to serve under their sway. And if such a participation were allowed there would, as a matter of necessity, be considerably less risk of the duties being incompetently discharged, or shunted over altogether upon the shoulders of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. This latter is by no means an uncommon event; and we can heartily sympathise with our brethren in some parts of England who know their Prov. Grand Master only by seeing his name upon a banquet *menu*, now and then, and hearing read from his Secretary a stereotyped letter of apology for non-attendance. Such men ought never to have accepted office; and unless they are prepared to devote a portion of their time and energy to the discharge of departmental duty, for the sake of decency let them retire and allow those more deserving to enjoy the sweets of official honour. Something more than a name is required in a Grand Master for a Province; and it is simply ridiculous for a man to hold such an office whilst he fails to show his face in Lodge and remains in obscurity—so far as the fraternal mingling with his brethren, either for business or amenity, is concerned. We recollect on one occasion the hint being ironically ventilated that the health of the Prov. Grand Master should be associated with the toast of "The Visitors;" and it was painful to hear the derisive laughter with which the joke was received. In such a case as a Grand Master failing systematically to take his due share of responsible duties, he should be reminded that it would be only a piece of good manners to retire from the companionship of those who by his studied avoidance are not congenial to his tastes and inclinations. And if he lacks the necessary courage or honesty, it should be within the power of the Province to depose him, and thus remove the obstacle by which their whole machinery is clogged. It is so managed in other spheres of society, and why not with us? We do not suppose the line of thought we are now pursuing will be universally popular, and we derive consolation from the fact that it does not everywhere apply. We know some of the most zealous, assiduous, and indefatigable men who shed lustre on the office of Prov. Grand Master; who are beloved by all their following, and who by their quiet and genial example infuse such a spirit of fraternal enjoyment into all the meetings they attend, that it is a real pleasure to mingle with those who "in jolliest friendship meet." It requires no extraordinary amount of personal application or intelligence to control the affairs of a Prov. Grand Lodge. There are always plenty of Past Masters and others well versed in the duties to be performed, ready to afford every counsel and assistance; and with the ordinary foresight and acumen of an educated English gentleman, the duties and the honours ought to sit lightly together. Only in a few exceptional cases do we hear of a contumacious disregard of functions which should never have been undertaken, and where the disparagement of Freemasonry is the inevitable result. It is to be hoped that in future appointments a judicious care might be exercised in the selection of men who will work with a will in the important offices they undertake, not merely usurp a position for the sake of the glory it reflects upon them, and who merely unfold their wings occasionally to display the glitter of the jewels with which they are undeservingly ornamented. Every one rejoices, not only in the Province of Essex, but throughout the realm, at the selection of Lord Tenterden as the successor to the Prov. Grand Master's chair in that county, for if his zeal in the past be any criterion of his love for Masonry, then we anticipate that his reign will introduce a new era of prosperity and advancement such as Essex has never before experienced. It is true that some men are born to greatness, others achieve it, whilst some have

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honours thrust upon them. But we believe honestly that Lord Tenterden's acceptation of the office of Grand Master for the Province of Essex is merited, not merely by the position which the noble lord holds, but for his affection for the Craft and his zeal in the furtherance of its welfare. We would that in every case men so qualified to perpetuate the traditions of the Craft, and so eminently qualified to adorn the profession, were chosen: if it were so, there would be no need for the expression of that regret which has been but superficially alluded to in the lines which we now address to our numerous readers.

"IL TEGAME," OR A MASON'S HOLIDAY.

IT is a trial to take a last look of dear old Paris. Let any one before doing so mount at noon, say an omnibus, and as he descends or ascends the Boulevards, regard carefully around him. He will there nearly always see a lofty firmament, a clear sky, and feel a capability of freely breathing, which he may often try in vain to find in London. Should one who values these happy endowments analyse his feelings he will not fail to exclaim—

"Can I leave thee, Paradise?"

It is the exception, however, which proves a rule; for almost universally as Paris receives the homage of praise and flattery, she has been by no means destitute of severe and caustic censors. Two of the latest being men widely differing from each other—viz., Father Hyacinthe and Louis Veuillot.

Those who think of the Rev. Mr. Loyson, the late meek Swiss pastor, now married to a quiet, lady-like wife, can have but an imperfect idea of his former self, when, as Père Hyacinthe, in friar's grey gown, he denounced with glowing and fiery eloquence the sensuous sins of the Empire in the cathedral of Notre Dame. It was after one of these crusading conferences against the profanation of the fine arts to unchaste statuary that the ink bottle was thrown at the celebrated sculpture of the then new opera house and, to erase which stain, the most celebrated chemists of Europe were consulted.

I had the satisfaction to hear some of these *conferences*. On one occasion when the Archbishop of Paris occupied in state his cathedral throne, the good Father, bending lowly forward, demanded the apostolic benediction. It was a touching sight, and one I shall never forget, as the now sainted D'Arboy with a look of angelic sweetness, stretching forth his pastoral staff, accorded the sought-for boon.

Such things may be trivial, yet for myself I have always thought the blessing of a good man not to be despised.

How sad has been the fate of the distinguished individuals here allnded to. Where is the now sainted Bishop? where the Father Hyacinthe? where the Empire whose imputed failings these men combined to condemn? victims, alas, are they of misfortune or of sorrow: and of the nil miserantis Orci. What fiction can be more strange than truth?

The other censor, Louis Veuillot, who is editor of the *Univers*, exceeds all past or existing clerical editors in violence of invective, and copious use of those phrases which among gentlemen and scholars are never applied save to the vilest of the vile.

He wrote first a book entitled the *Perfumes of Rome*, in which all within the eternal city was painted with those hues which we attribute to the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley. Soon afterwards he published the *Odeurs of Paris*. It probably contained some truths, certainly much coarse abuse. One charge, however, was that Paris had become a clean city in contradistinction to ancient Rome, which even at the zenith of its power indulged in the luxury of dirt, for in spite of the cloacus maximus each villa was more or less surrounded by a fermenting cesspool. His theory being that cleanliness, though reckoned next to godliness, tended to the decay of national strength. A new theory of the *Odeurs of Sanctity*.

The October morning rose brightly on which I left Paris, but a change came on as noon approached, and there was no cessation of rain, sleet, snow or hail, until the train reached the tunnel of Mount Cenis. As we left the plains and turned eastward at Grenoble, for Savoy and the Alps, the snow was seen to cover more and more persistently the nearer hills, and as we advanced, the higher and more distant soon showed their premature winter garb, of which only the month of May could divest them.

Oh, those rugged cloud-capped Alps, where is their beauty now? The poor people in the markets and autumnal fairs seemed miserable, poor little calves looking up so *piteously* in their faces as if asking to go home again, even pigs, tied by the heel, led their drivers straightly forth; one thought seemed to animate all, and that was homeward, for dreary and desolate was Nature's aspect. No sunny slopes now, no vine-clad *coteaux* in all these dreary regions. I had formerly been here, even in December, when all was still bright and gay; it was in such a season as this and in the same month, that Hannibal, the great and immortal Carthagenian general, traversed these self-same hills, rendered worse in his case, however, by the half melted snow of the preceding winter forming universal glaciers. On planting the foot of man or beast on the newly descended flakes, no foothold could be had, and elephants, horses, and men tumbled headlong down the vast abysses.

With varied feelings one passes these eternal Alpine barriers. How do they recall to mind incidents fraught with consequences which still influence our destinies, each step being sacred to historical recollection.

Hannibal was the first general known to history who crossed them, and Livy tells us of the fear which even their sight caused to his army, already accustomed to the Pyrenees. "Hills piled on hills, the distant mountains covered with eternal snow, which confused their summits with the clouds, whilst their shades frowned horror. Assemblages of miserable huts, hanging as it were like limpets upon the rocks, cattle, and horses benumbed with the cold, all things stiffened with hoar frost and ice, whilst the peaks bristled with men clad in skins of animals, who rolled stones, ready to fall on and destroy the passers by.

For fifteen long days and nights did this war with man and nature continue; elephants, horses and men hurled down precipices, or dying miserably from hunger, cold, and wounds; such is hill warfare, and should recall to mind the trials of our armies lately fighting gloriously in Afghanistan.

Of the 80,000 men with whom Hannibal crossed the Ebro from Spain scarcely 26,000 arrived on the plains of Lombardy, and in what condition we may judge from the address of the Roman general to his soldiers. "Figure to yourselves," said he, "these phantoms and shadows; their bodies worn with hunger, cold and filth, wounded and bruised by the rocks, their joints diseased, their nerves stiffened by the cold, their weapons useless, their horses lame and unfit for use. It is not an army, it is a mob of broken men."

In this condition after passing the Alps did Hannibal present himself before a Roman general and a Roman army, fresh and unbroken. It was on the borders of the Ticinio, near the River Po, and in a few days more did that Roman army repass the Po in headlong flight. For fifteen years did this man, by lake and river, by mountain and valley, on the plain and by the defile chain victory to his chariot wheels, whilst the frightened eagles of Rome fled, oft trembling and bloody, back to their Tarpeian eyrie.

Had Hannibal been duly succoured from home, the Roman Empire had succumbed, but divided councils ruined all. Carthage, a trading city, made war as though she loved it not; greedy only of gain, she sank in ruin, leaving only wherewith to point a moral or drop a tear, over genius foiled and a world lost.

As I walked along the banks of the Ticino, the scene of his first battle, Lamartine's verses on Thrasymene came forcibly to my mind:—

"Salut, trois fois, Salut, beau lac de Trasimène,
Toi qui vit d'Annibal, les triomphaus drapeaux,
Reflechir leur coleurs sur les crystaux de tes eaux,
Et l'aigle consulaire la proie à l'epouvanté,
Vers son roc Tarpeian s'enfuir tout sanglanté."

Hannibal may be said to have commenced the second Punic war by besieging Saguntum, a city of Spain near the mouth of the Ebro, and a Roman ally. The Romans however had already virtually done so, by hemming in the Punic possessions in such a manner that her existence was gradually becoming impossible. Hannibal's genius told him that Italy was the place to strike a fatal blow, and history tells us how nearly Rome then approached her fall. Thus a Fabian policy and Russian snows have equally accomplished a like end.

After Hannibal's time the passage of the Alps became easy, the inhabitants readily making terms for affording assistance to passing expeditions, since Asdrubal, bringing aid to his brother, soon after passed them with comparative ease. Less fortunate however than his kinsman, he was destroyed with his army on descending into the plain, a fatal blow to Hannibal and the hopes of Carthage.

Cæsar's transit is the next important recorded one (on his being appointed commander of Gaul), in his expedition against the Helvetii, a nation of Switzerland. The war arose in this manner.

The Helvetii, finding the limits of their Switzer home and holdings too narrow, resolved to emigrate into Gaul, with their families, to the number of 360,000. Having destroyed their houses, and burnt all food and stores which could not be carried away (much as did our Caffrés some years since), they set out. There were three passages by which they might pass into Gaul—one by the bridge at Geneva, easy, short, and convenient; secondly, a pass lower down the Rhone, now called the Pas de l'Enclus; and thirdly, a long and difficult *détour* by the Jura mountain.

The Allobrogi of Geneva, in great alarm, appealed unto Cæsar to protect them. He suddenly left Rome, and rapidly crossing the Alps gained a fortnight's time by pretended negociations, during which he broke down the bridge, and built a dyke *fifteen* miles long, thus effectually blocking the first and second roads. Having done so, he declared for war. They knew the art of war against half civilized tribes in those days as well as now, this incident also proves the oft-stated fact that the Romans gained more by the spade than the sword. The wondrous remains of their ordinary encampments attest the same thing to the present day. Nothing remained now for the unfortunate Helvetii but the long and terrible Jura tract.

One best understands the Alps by studying, on the spot, their peculiarly whirled and curved extensions, and I well recollect how clear seemed to me the plan of Cæsar's campaign as I looked on the scene of his exploits. Standing on the heights above the Lake of Geneva one day, with my little boy who had recently read his Cæsar, "Ah, Papa," said he, "I see it all now, there is Mount Jura in front which the Helvetii wanted to cross, below is the bridge which Cæsar broke down, to the left is the stretch where Cæsar built his dyke, and behind is the place where Cæsar "conscripsit legiones." In vain did the Helvetii hurry on, Cæsar soon overtook and nearly destroyed them in the defiles. This is one of the earliest examples of that national emigration of barbarians which subsequently overrun and finally destroyed the Roman world after fifteen centuries of carnage. Let us stretch our eyes farther along the blue waters of Lake Leman, and, at least in imagination, we shall see the prison of the Prisoner of Chillon with the dismal *oubliettes* of its tyrant lord.

Further still is the islet sacred to his memory, which, "fancy free," he loved to contemplate—

"One little isle, I saw no more,
Scarce larger than my dungeon floor,
But on it there were three small trees,
And o'er it blew the mountain breeze."

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Nearer also is the spot where Gibbon wrote, and Coligny where Byron sang. We thus see that this range of mountains, stretching in windings and whorls for nearly one hundred miles between the Lake of Geneva and the Gulf of Genoa, has not been without influence on the world's history and progress.

Geneva itself is a place of great interest when we reflect on its history. Originally seized upon by a wandering Celtic tribe, possibly identical with the Lake dwellers, that little isle on which now is erected a statue of J. J. Rousseau served as their fortress and citadel. Those interested may trace its existence through Gaulish and Roman periods to the time of Charlemagne, and thence to the epoch of Calvin. In doing so they will not fail to be struck with the marvellous manner in which it preserved its political and even ecclesiastical independence, and with what wisdom and tenacity its people guarded their privileges. Indeed some may rise from the study with a feeling that for good or for evil it was destined to some providential purpose in the world.

For my own part I shall never regret the time which, when suffering from injured feet, I gave to its study in Calvin's own library, surrounded with the recollections of that marvellous man. I am not a Calvinist, but can recognize genius and believe in truth and providence,—in this case shall I add predestination.

The mountainous space between Geneva and Genoa may be roughly considered as divided into four nearly equal parts, viz., the Penine, the Graian, the Cottian, and the Maritime Alps. The latter range running down to the sea divides into two spurs, between which is situate the martyr city "Nice."

Cæsar most probably passed by the most northernly passage, viz., the Little St. Barnard, Napoleon I. by the Great St. Bernard (his German contingent by the St. Gothard). Hannibal, as Arnold supposes, by the Mount Cenis route, for although Livy says he passed at the conjunction of the Arve and Rhone, which is near Geneva, his other description does not tally, whilst Polybus is still more obscure. Having myself wandered by the Arve on foot, from its union with the Rhone to its source, stood on the summit of Mount Cenis, and seen the plains of Lombardy spread out like a map before me, my own impression agrees with the description in Hannibal's address to the army from the same spot:—"Before you are the plains of Italy, bathed by the Po; we have already climbed the ramparts of Italy and Rome, the rest is easy."

As we have already remarked, the Maritime Alps may be said to approach the Mediterranean by two spurs, between which is the martyr town of Nice. Had Napoleon III. exacted for his services to Italy the western spur as a boundary, leaving Nice to the Italians, few could have blamed him, and but for Lord Russell's egotism, which scorned a transaction, it might have been preserved to them. It is a sore and sorry memory for the Italians, for as the bird yields itself to its captor, so did the Italians yield Nice, and the possession of that large and important town would have saved Italy from much of its financial embarrassment. As it is, the French fleet, stationed in the Bay, is in full possession of the Gulf of Genoa, and rides and rules at its will. I say it with friendly feelings for both nations, but how, after this cruel annexation, the French can complain of Alsace I cannot tell. The Plebiscite vote was a farce.

I was there not very long after, and talked with the people. "Yes, Signora, but you are a *Française* now," so I must say Madam, to which her blushes gave consent. One and another made excuses, or protested. An old gentleman gave the best reply, "*Ah, Monsieur, tout était arrangée, et el fallait dire, oui, par volonté ou par force.*" "Ah, sir, all was arranged, and we were obliged to yield by good will or by force." We might dwell long on this Alpine range of mountains did time permit, but it fills us with surprise that in modern times an idea of their impracticability should have returned. Thus Napoleon I. was allowed to accumulate, provide, and hide an entire army, and until his uniforms were discovered, descend unknown on the flanks of the Austrian forces without exciting even a suspicion—the avant herald of his own success. Thiers tells us how, whilst planning the campaign, he was heard to say, "Ce pauvre Mons. Mélas (the Austrian general)—I shall cross the Alps and take him—there." Precisely as he indicated he fell on the flank of the Austrian line, fought the battle of Marengo, and in six weeks cleared Italy of the Austrians, and had possession of the Quadrilateral.

Such are some of the thoughts which arise in passing the battle field of Marengo, when the arrival of Massena restored a half lost battle, as did Blucher at Waterloo.

Such are, also, some of the deeds of great generals; but, alas, how wide is the gulf by which *genius* is often separated from wisdom! Hannibal in the art of war had no equal, yet he failed duly to estimate the Roman character. Napoleon, the grandest military genius of modern times, has been styled by his own chief worshipper, "a fool in politics," and he failed to realise the temper of Europe until he had defied it once too often.

In travelling in Italy one feels what opportunities these countries afford for the display of military genius. Valour is not the only requisite in an army; hills and rocks, nice calculations of time, of effect produced, of influences, may all in turn be pressed into the service, whilst leaving as little as possible to chance. The power to judge accurately of these things is the grand necessity, and when this power is possessed in a high degree, the leader can work out his plans with almost mathematical certainty. So thoroughly did Napoleon possess this power that he had never been known to countermand a regiment when once he had ordered its destination. He rigidly waited for an enemy to move, and divined their object, and then, how simple, how slight, seemed the means by which he attained his object?

The merest corporal can arrange a company, a regiment, perhaps an army; a tyro can paint a portraiture, or mould a statue, but it is the hand of genius alone, guided by knowledge, labour, and forethought, that can animate the statue, give sentiment to the picture, or snatch, under desperate conditions, the impending victory. On the other hand, history abundantly proves that what are called the mischances of war consist often only of that culpable negligence or rashness which permits an enemy to surprise and destroy its prey.

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WITH MASONS AT DINSDALE.

By a Master Mason.

TUESDAY, 24th ult., the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, the Freemasons of Restoration Lodge, Darlington, at the suggestion of Bro. Babington Boulton, held High Festival in the beautiful little Church of St. John, Dinsdale, kindly placed at their disposal by the Rev. J. W. Smith, the rector. About two o'clock the brethren mustered in strong force in front of Bro. Bailey's house, and the public not in the secret speculated rather widely upon the phenomenon. The appearance of so many gentleman in sober black suggested a funeral, or perhaps it was "a crowner's inquest, called in to sit upon a body." The festive character of the gathering, however, was speedily revealed as the brethren mounted Mrs. Wetherell's drags and turned their heads in the direction of that fashionable resort, Middleton-one-Row. The drive along the roads was most delightful. The heavy rain had ceased, and the sun shone brilliantly through the patches of fleecy clouds as they scudded across the sky. Vegetation on all sides was fresh and luxuriant, and the deep rich green of the foliage was ever and anon relieved by gleaming masses of laburnum. Alighting by the Tees, the Craft passed the pretty church where formerly an ascetic rector lived on his platter of peas, as he preached the gospel to the natives and wrought miracles for their conversion. An enjoyable walk through the woods brought the pious Masons to within sight of Dinsdale Church. How beautifully its red tower nestled amongst the trees, and how grandly the toll of the bell went ringing through the landscape which stretched mile after mile till terminated by the sharp sides of the Cleveland Hills, standing boldly out in the clear atmosphere. The villagers stood at the Church gate with their worthy rector, and no less worthy churchwarden, Dr. Eastwood, to receive the approaching visitors. The Doctor advanced and bade them welcome to the little village sanctuary. It was a treat, indeed, to have the privilege of worshipping in a building so comely and well cared for. Whether you walked in the churchyard outside or up the aisles within, you found the trace of loving hands that strove to express by the outward the inward beauty of holiness. The restoration has been carried out in a most conservative spirit; at the same time there has been no slavish clinging to the past. Anything that really disfigured has been removed. Over the doorway, as you enter, you perceive an arch formed one-half of a stone seven hundred years old, and the other of a stone removed from the quarry by the Fishlocks only a year or two ago. So on all through the building. How the doctor delights to tell you, forgetting he has made the same statement fifty times before, that in this junction of the old and the new you have a striking illustration of the continuity of the English Church. There are roguish people who believe that if the building were more compressible, he would sleep with it every night. All honour to men who so love the House of God!

After the Craft had taken their seats the service was said. A clerical brother intoned the prayers, Bro. Tovey took the organ; and three brethren from Durham Choir, Messrs. Nutton, Whitehead, and Walker, with Bros. F. and E. J. Martin, Bailey, Swales, &c., did duty for the choir. Purcell's anthem, "I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord," was sung after the third collect; and Boyce's "I have surely built Thee an house," before the sermon. These were taken entirely by the Durham contingent. Were there ever such strains ringing through Dinsdale Church before? The fine voices of these Wearside brethren made one think of that heavenly choir whose songs, like the voice of the Son of Man, are "as the sound of many waters." The sermon was preached by Bro. Sheppard, vicar of Ingleton, and was a practical address upon the life of the Baptist. The Rev. J. Smith read the first lesson, and Bro. Harris, curate of Staindrop, the second. The rector closed the service by the benediction from the altar. When the "function" was concluded, Dr. Eastwood took the brethren round the building, and gave a short lecture upon the various features of the structure. In a sentence or two it is quite impossible to do justice to the doctor's essay; but it appears that there are in existence traces sufficiently authentic to show that on the site of the present church there once stood a Saxon place of worship, built probably in about the seventh century. Part, however, of the building now remaining is Norman, erected in the year 1196; whilst the main portion—being no doubt a restoration—was built in 1476. A restoration involving an addition has again taken place, and now the church stands almost as a new building. Various other archæological facts and inferences were adduced by Dr. Eastwood, in all of which the brethren, as became their Craft, took an especial interest. The interesting monuments in the churchyard also received a passing description. There was a strong feeling of regret that the arrangements for the day did not allow the visitors to partake of the hospitality so genially offered by the rector. May he and his kindly churchwarden, like Nebuchadnezzar, "live for ever." A grateful feeling will be cherished for a long time by the brethren for the warm reception they met with from Teesside churchmen.

At five o'clock the Craft remounted the drags outside the churchyard, and made post haste for Croft, where a "cold collation" had been ordered. The country could not be seen to greater advantage, the woods of Dinsdale hugging the mansion on the summit of the cliff; the Church of St. Lawrence; the solitary row of houses winding with the Tees, where the good folks from Sunderland and Newcastle

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come to bring back the roses to their cheeks; the Cleveland range framing the picture to the south; Neasham and Hurworth before us in the west, with the Yorkshire moors towering up against the sky-line; and the whole varied by the ample and many-coloured foliage. So inspiriting was the scene, that Brother Barron nearly got up an impromptu exhibition of his waxworks, exhibited, as he recently declared, with such success before Cetewayo, that that amiable soul was anxious for him to remain in Zululand for ever! Another brother longed to tell the whole story of the organ over again; but the arrival at the Spa Hotel, and the more prosaic business of satisfying the inner man checked these rising inspirations. The feast was truly meet for a Master Mason, and never since the time of the first Grand Master, in the days of Solomon, was a repast eaten with greater zest. Fine-looking salmon were reduced to skeletons as by magic; veal pie left no vestige but the dish; cold lamb, pigeon pie, tongue, delicious salad, &c., all disappeared as if the fellow-craftsmen had been building Dinsdale Church instead of saying their prayers in it. Pipes and glasses succeeded the removal of the cloth, and ginger ale was in large request. The Worshipful Master being a teetotaller, nothing stronger was permitted, under pain of being sawn asunder by the Tyler. Then came songs and glees from the "Durham Three," choicely selected and exquisitely sung. How the table rattled under the influence of song and ginger! "My Pretty Jane;" "Mynheer Van Dunck;" "Home, Sweet Home;" "The Blue Alsatian Mountains;" Sir Henry Bishop's glees—surely old King Cole never listened to such minstrelsy. Local brethren of the Craft also discoursed sweet music, and Bro. Tovey kept them all in tune. P.M. Boulton varied the proceedings by reading an eloquent paper on the advantages of being a Master Mason. From Solomon he traced the descent of the Masonic body through William the Conqueror to the Prince of Wales. Respectable in pedigree, and moral in life, it stood, like the Church, "founded upon a rock," defying the assult of its innumerable foes. How the tones of the reader's voice deepened and rounded as he described the fulminations of the Vatican thundering in vain against its serried ranks. Your humble correspondent thought, as he listened, that it was the grandest thing in the universe to be a Master Mason. Oh, if that stirring paper should inspire the brethren to rush forth, trowel in hand, and complete unfinished churches, out of pure love; it would have a destiny!

Till 9.30 the feast was kept up. Then the approach of train time "sowed the seeds of dissolution," and the assembly dispersed with good wishes for the next merry meeting. A brighter festival had not been celebrated for many a day, and if the arrangements of the North-Eastern and the strict propriety of the brethren had permitted, it would have been impossible to have resisted the influence of the time-honoured strain, "We won't go home till morning—till daylight does appear."

The whole of the proceedings were admirably presided over and conducted by the W.M. Bro. Hobson, who expressed a hope that, as this celebration was the first after what some brother termed a "hiatus" in the history of the Craft, it might now become an annual gathering, and thus increase the good fellowship existing in the Order.—*Darlington and Richmond Herald.*

In Memoriam.

THE LATE BROTHER THOMAS COOPER.

THE York Masonic world has lately suffered a most severe loss in the death of Bro. Thomas Cooper, who for a number of years had been one of the chief ornaments of the Craft in the ancient capital of the North of England, and who at the time of his death was unquestionably the most popular Mason in York. For more than a year Bro. Cooper had been in failing health, but the end came somewhat suddenly, and he died on the evening of the 7th instant, aged 66 years. Our late Brother's Masonic career may be briefly sketched here. He was initiated in the Londesborough Lodge 734, at Bridlington, in the East Riding of Yorkshire, in 1858, and immediately afterwards joined the Union Lodge 287, at York (now known as the York Lodge 236). Here he soon made his mark, and was elected W.M. in 1865, and also for some time served the office of Secretary. In 1865 (the year of his Mastership), he was appointed Prov. G. Supt. of Works for North and East Yorkshire. In the years 1867, 1869, and 1872 he filled the chair of First Principal of the Zetland R.A. Chapter at York, and was appointed J. of the Prov. Grand Chapter. In 1868 he was elected W.M. of the York Mark Lodge (Time Immemorial), and also subsequently served that Lodge in the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. He was one of the founders of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory of Knight Templars in 1869, and occupied the Preceptor's chair for the two first years of its existence, and in 1875, and at the time of his death was its Treasurer, and was last year elected an honorary member of the Mary Commandery, Philadelphia, U.S. When the Hilda Rose Croix Chapter was removed from Whitby to York in 1878, he was unanimously elected to the chair of M.W.S. He was one of the founders of the Eboracum Conclave 137, of the Red Cross of Constantine at York, and filled the chair of M.P.S. last year. When the Eboracum Lodge was founded in 1876 he was one of the first originators, and was at once unanimously selected as the right man for the office of First Master, the duties of which he filled from the time of the consecration of the Lodge in August 1876 to November 1877, with the greatest success and ability. His popularity amongst the younger initiated brethren was so great that those admitted by him before the close of 1876 subscribed amongst themselves to endow the Master's chair with a charity vote in his honour, and at the close of his year of office the members of the Lodge privately subscribed to present him with a set of Provincial clothing and jewels. He was always regarded as the father and friend of the Lodge, and on Thursday, the 10th inst., the day of his funeral, a "Lodge of Sorrow" was called at the Eboracum Lodge rooms. The Lodge room was draped in black, the chairs, pedestals and candlesticks being covered with crape, tied with white ribbon, whilst in the centre of the room a lofty catafalque was erected, the curtains enclosing the third degree emblems, on which were placed the deceased brother's clothing, jewels and gloves and a large wreath of white flowers, the catafalque being guarded east and west by four stewards with crossed wands festooned with crape, and surmounted by the three large Lodge lights. At three o'clock, the room being darkened, the brethren assembled and took their places under the direction of Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., Prov. G.D.C., who conducted the ceremonies throughout, whilst the Organist played the "Dead March," and the Lodge was then opened by the W.M. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, to the third degree. Having briefly stated the objects of the assembly, the W.M. proceeded with the Service, the brethren giving the responses. Then followed a brief opening address on the shortness of life, and the worth of the deceased; after which the Grand Honours were given five times. The Chaplain having offered up prayer, the brethren formed in procession, the youngest first, preceded by the Tyler with his sword drawn, the open Bible on a crape cushion, being carried before the W.M. by Bro. J. Hanly W.M. of the St. Patrick's Military Lodge (4th Dragoon Guards) and marched slowly three times round the catafalque, singing Luther's Hymn:—

"Great God, what do I see and hear?"

As each brother passed the opening of the curtains he deposited upon the emblems white flowers.

The W.M. then took his place at the east of the catafalque, and the I.P.M. Bro. T. B. Whytehead gave an exhortation to the brethren to copy the virtues of their late brother, and to cherish his memory, at the conclusion of which the members joined hands in a circle, and renewed their pledges of fidelity. The W.M. then gave the invocations, which were responded to by the brethren, and the Chaplain (the Rev. R. P. T. Tennent, Vicar of Acomb) again offered up prayer. A charge followed by the I.P.M., and then the brethren once more formed in procession and marched three times round the catafalque, singing the Masonic Funeral Hymn,—

"Softly, sadly, bear him forth."

The catafalque was then closed by the Stewards, and the Lodge was called off by the W.M. Carriages in waiting conveyed the brethren to their late brother's residence, where they joined in the public *cortége*, which was very large, comprising nearly forty carriages. At the cemetery the pall was carried by the following Masters and Past Masters, the brethren of the York Lodge 236 having also attended in large numbers to pay their last tribute of respect and affection:—Bros. J. S. Cumberland W.M. 1611, J. Hanly W.M. St. Patrick's, Sir James Meek P.M. 236, Wm. Lawton P.M. 236 and 1611, T. B. Whytehead P.M. 1611 and 236, J. Todd P.M. 236, Ald. March P.M. 236, G. Balmford P.M. 236 and Treasurer 1611. At the conclusion of the Church of England service, the brethen, circling the grave, dropped in the sprig of evergreen. The coffin was quite covered with floral wreaths, amongst them being one of white azalias, sent by the Eboracum Lodge. Returning to the Lodge room, the brethren reclothed, the Lodge was resumed, and the "De Profundis" was sung:—

"Out of the deep I call."

The Stewards once more crossed their wands over the closed catafalque, the brethren stood to order, and the senior member of the Lodge, Bro. T. B. Whytehead, gave the final and Farewell Apostrophe. The Lodge was then closed to the first degree, and a large number of letters (as well as a telegram from the D.P.G.M. Dr. J. P. Bell) were read from members of the Lodge and brethren from all parts of the Province and of England, who were unable to be present, all speaking in the highest terms of Bro. Cooper's geniality and goodness. The W.M. of the St. Patrick's Lodge, and the W.M. and I.P.M. of the Eboracum Lodge also spoke of the kindly reminiscences that would always dwell with the memory of Bro. Cooper, and the Lodge was closed, and so ended the most impressive Masonic ceremony that has probably ever been performed in York, at any rate within the memory of the present Masonic generation. The cemetery was crowded during the funeral, Bro. Cooper having been a prominent citizen, for many years a member of the City Council, and an active promoter of all public associations for the public weal.

Amongst the brethren present, besides those already mentioned, we noticed Bros. Alderman Terry 236 and 1611, J. Kay 1611, T. Humphries 1611, M. Millington 1611, T. D. Smith 1611, G. H. Hebblethwaite 1611, G. H. Simpson 236 and 1611, J. Blenkin 1611, Captain Murphy (St. Patrick's), W. T. Gowland 236, W. Battye 236, Lieut. Richey 199, W. H. Gainferth 236, G. Kirby 236, J. Tissiman 236, G. Garbutt 236, W. H. Sampson 236, Councillor Rymer 236, J. Ayre 236, S. Haley 236, J. Sampson 236, W. P. Husband 1611, O. Marshall 1611, W. M. Briggs 1611, W. W. York 1611, J. E. Wilkinson 1611, C. Blackstone 1611, G. C. Lee 1611, Tom Smith 1611, H. Churchill 1611, H. Jackson 1611, J. R. Jackson 1611, T. E. Abbey 1611, G. Irving 1611, J. Marshall 1611, P. Pearson 1611, M. Cooper 1611, T. Tuke 236, J. Keswick 236 and 1611, M. Rooke 236, J. T. Wilson 236, J. Redfare 236, J. Ward 236, W. Flint 236, and other brethren.

THE LATE SIR THOS. MYDDELTON BIDDULPH.—A Massive Brass Tablet, to the memory of General and Brother the Right Honorable Sir Thos. M. Biddulph, K.C.B., Keeper of Her Majesty's Privy Purse, has just been placed in Holy Trinity Church, Windsor. This well merited tribute has been subscribed for by the Officers of the 1st Life Guards, in which regiment the late General served for 26 years. It is mounted on Black Belgian Marble, and measures 6ft. 10 in. by 3ft. 4in. The design has had the approval of Her Majesty, and the entire work has been entrusted to Messrs. Matthews and Sons, of 377 Oxford Street, London. Thus, appropriately, is the illustrious Officer's memory perpetuated as "a character of unimpeachable honour and sterling friendship never to be forgotten in the regiment which he loved, and which warmly responded to his affection."

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VIEWS ON CHARITY VOTING.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read Bro. Binckes's letter, with regret, but not with surprise. As the "self-constituted champion" of the abuses of our Charity election system, he yet adroitly manages to write a letter which never touches one of these abuses. In fact, his epistle is merely itself a string of polite abuse from beginning to end. I assure my brother that his airy sarcasms and personal irony have no effect on me, unless it be to confirm me in my unalterable opinion that the "abuses" I speak of cannot be defended, and that when any one finds himself short of argument for this purpose he must adopt the well known maxim, "No case,—abuse the plaintiff's attorney."

That the reform which I humbly advocate may be "unpopular" with a certain section of Masons I do not deny, but even if it were so with a majority, I should still persevere in speaking my mind, and in opening my mouth boldly to advocate what I believe to be the truth, and I presume that my profession, my age, my experience, and, I will add, my Masonic standing of nearly thirty years, give me as much right to constitute myself a champion of any truth, especially in connection with Charity, as Bro. Binckes's antecedents, though he be the paid officer of a Charity.

Even Secretaries hold no patent of Charity, and have no right to claim a monopoly of charitable zeal or administration.

On the subject of "good taste," on which Bro. Binckes thinks it becoming to lecture me, I say nothing, save this, that I think it would be more in accordance with the canons of "good taste," good judgment, and good custom, if some Secretaries abstained from dispensing patronage in the shape of hundreds of votes within the Charity to which they are paid officers, and by way of exchange with other Charities!

In conclusion, Dear Sir and Brother, let me say I do not desire that the election of candidates should fall into "the hands" of any "clique," but that it should be taken *out of* the hands of one or more cliques of wire pullers, whose seat of government is London, whose machinery consists of canvass *v.* exchange, and whose field-*day* is the day of polling, and from such "vanes" and travesties of *charity* I too pray to be "preserved."

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

R. J. SIMPSON.

THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In an analysis of the subscription list of the Boys' School Festival you refer to the "stinginess and apathy of the North and East Ridings, who are, as usual, merely the spectators of the good deeds of their brethren in the West," and I cannot but think you are somewhat too severe in your remarks. I do not intend to urge that this Province has done as much as it might for the Masonic Charities, and that this feeling is shared by the Province generally is proved by the fact that more than one of its Lodges is at this moment considering the expediency of raising the amount of its annual subscription, and appropriating the increase to a Charity Fund, as also that a Provincial Charity Organisation has this year been formed, with Bro. J. P. Bell D.P.G.M. at its head, but I am strongly of opinion that a great deal more has been done by the individual Lodges in the Province for the three Charities than the Province has had credit for. Unless a Lodge sends up a Charity Steward to a Festival, its name does not appear on the list, notwithstanding that it may have sent up monies that year, and I could instance the York Lodge, No. 236, as a case in point, as was stated by its Treasurer, Bro. Todd P.M., in your columns not long since. Moreover, it must not be lost sight of that great difference exists between the wealth of the North and East and West Provinces of Yorkshire. The West Riding is fortunate in numbering amongst its brethren many Masons to whom a cheque for a hundred guineas means a mere trifle unworthy of mention, whereas in the North and East the brethren are almost all men of very limited means, very few of whom could undertake a Stewardship in addition to a subscription. I do not think, therefore, that it is quite fair to pit the one against the other, and just at this time, when the Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Zetland has consented to preside at the next Benevolent Festival, when the Deputy Prov. Grand Master has announced his intention to act as Provincial Steward, when a Charity Association is in course of formation, and when the pressure of the times is severely felt in an agricultural district such as this, no less by landlord than by tenant, I do not think that severe scoldings are calculated to encourage the brethren in making an effort for next year.

I am, yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD P.M. 1611, P.G.D.C.

WIMBLEDON MEETING.—The prize annually given by Messrs. Feltoe and Sons, proprietors of the "Spécialité" sherry, supplied to Royalty, of 27 Albemarle-street, Piccadilly, will be competed for on Tuesday next, the 22nd July.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE FESTIVAL LIST.

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METROPOLITAN.

British Lodge	No. 8	Bro. Thos. Smith				
Middlesex	„ 143	„ J. H. Matthews			10	10 0
Chaucer	„ 1540	„ W. Klingenstein			21	0 0
Crichton	„ 1641	„ T. Griffiths			31	10 0
Kilburn	„ 1608	„ C. Brower:—				
		Should have been	210	0 0		
		Returned as	118	12 6		
					91	7 6
Carnarvon	„ 1642	Bro. Penn, additional			5	5 0

PROVINCIAL.

BERKS AND BUCKS.

Hope Lodge	No. 574	Bro. H. G. Hunt	21 0 0

CHESHIRE.

Independence	No. 1721	Bro. J. J. Cannah	10 10 0

KENT.

Amherst	No. 1223	Bro. Rd. Durtnell	10 10 0

LANCASHIRE, W.

Liverpool Dramatic	No. 1609	Bro. S. Mattison	10 10 0

SUFFOLK.

Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker, additional	21 0 0
	£233 2 6

F. BINCKES, Secretary.

QUARTERLY COURT OF GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE July Quarterly Court of Subscribers and Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Col. Creaton (in the chair), the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, J. G. Stevens, Thomas Meggy, E. Letchworth, James Terry, J. J. Berry and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Bro. J. G. Stevens, seven additional candidates were ordered to be taken on for election in October, thus increasing the number of elected candidates to 20. Bro. Meggy's motion for a Committee to enquire into the mode of scrutinising the votes at elections was postponed till next meeting. The Court then adjourned.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE July Quarterly meeting of the Subscribers and Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Col. Creaton (in the chair), the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, W. H. Perryman, Thomas Meggy, A. E. Gladwell, Richard Tyrrell, S. Rawson, E. C. Massey and F. Binckes Secretary. The Court confirmed the settlement of the list of candidates for the October election, consisting of 77 candidates and 16 vacancies. Bro. Rawson brought forward a case from Hong Kong, in the presentation of which there had been an irregularity through misapprehension, and endeavoured to get it placed on the list. The chairman overruled Bro. Rawson's motion, on the ground that no notice of it had been given. Bro. Meggy postponed his motion "That a Committee be appointed to consider the manner in which the scrutiny of the votes shall be made both for the election of candidates and for other purposes." The Court then adjourned.

Messrs. Groombridge and Sons have lately started the issue of a serial which will be welcomed by every lover of the beauties of nature. Under the title of "Greenhouse Favourites," it is proposed to place in the hands of the public a good Practical Treatise in an attractive form on the management of Greenhouse plants. We have before us Parts I. and II of this work, which for beauty of execution and general appearance promise a most enjoyable volume. Each part has two full page engravings, finely coloured, and the letter press is freely interspersed with wood cuts. The Editor of "The Floral World" is entrusted with the editing of this, the latest of Messrs. Groombridge's works, and he may be relied on for the publication of some useful and practical hints. The work is issued in 1s parts.

THE LATE PRINCESS ALICE.—The cast for the monument to the Princess Alice—commissioned by the Queen of Mr. Bochm for the mausoleum at Frogmore—promises well. The Princess lies as in sleep, her head thrown back on a high pillow, supported on either side by little angels, the lower part of the figure being draped and swathed by the heavy folds of a mantle bordered with ermine. With her left arm the Princess embraces her child, who is placed at her side resting her head on her mother's breast, and extending her left hand to meet the caress of her mother's right. This group, which is to be executed in marble, will be supported on a base enriched by a band of delicate Renaissance arabesque crowning the pedestal, which is divided by fluted pilasters into three compartments. The general effect of this part of the work will be much varied by the employment of coloured marbles.—*Academy.*

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THE EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

THE members met for the transaction of the business of their Lodge on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill. The W.M. Bro. Samuel Parkhouse presided, and he was supported by Bros. E. M. Lander and Samuel Smout his Wardens, W. J. Murlis P.M. Secretary, George Penn P.M. Treasurer, and a large attendance of members and visitors. Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. A heavy agenda was presented, and the W.M. lost no time in advancing his Lodge to the third degree. The first ceremonial business was the raising of Bros. Robson, Cowland, and Rusdale. There was a fourth candidate for the third—Bro. Smith—but he was not able to attend on this occasion. So soon as these brethren had taken their seats, the candidates for passing were introduced for examination. Four brethren were ready to sustain their claim for preferment to the second degree, Bros. Burgess, Foskett, Huish and Taylor, and the W.M. worked the degree much to their satisfaction. The ballot was now brought into requisition for Mr. John French, proposed by Bro. S. H. Parkhouse W.M., seconded by Bro. W. H. Buckland; for Mr. Edward Frederick Tanner, proposed by Bro. W. J. Murlis P.M. Sec., seconded by Bro. G. Penn P.M. Treasurer; and for Mr. William Hill Wadham, proposed by Bro. S. H. Parkhouse W.M., seconded by Bro. S. Smout J.W., as candidates for initiation; while the following desired to enter the Lodge as joining members:—Bro. William Richard Hatton (Lodge 358), proposed by Bro. G. Penn P.M. Treas., seconded by Bro. S. H. Parkhouse W.M.; and Bro. Joseph D. Adkins (J.W. of Lodge 990) 733, 1637, proposed by Bro. J. Bartle D.C., seconded by Bro. E. M. Lander S.W. The result in each case was satisfactory, and the two brethren were welcomed as members of the Lodge, while the four gentlemen were introduced and initiated, the W.M. performing his work in this degree, as in the two others, most impressively. The notice of motion to raise the fees for initiation and joining, which stood in the name of the Junior Warden, was then brought on, and, after consideration, received the sanction of the Lodge, which shortly afterwards was closed. The I.P.M. Bro. George Penn had invited the brethren to a Summer Banquet, at his residence, Castlebar, Ealing, and had made arrangements that saloon carriages should be provided for their conveyance. Accordingly, Bro. Murlis, who for the nonce acted as "whip," collected his forces, and the journey was most pleasantly made. On reaching Bro. Penn's residence, we found a large accession made to the party, and every arrangement provided for the entertainment. A substantial marquee had been erected, and tables were spread with an abundance of delicacies that presented a most tempting appearance after the somewhat heavy work of the day. Bro. Parkhouse presided, and he was supported on his left by Bro. Penn, while Bros. Lander and Smout respectively filled the chairs west and south. Amongst the Visitors we recognised Bros. E. G. Man D.G.S.W. Rampore, Burmah, H. L. Gill P.M. 196, H. Manchester 120, W. Grist S.D. 1489, S. Dyer 780, E. Hopwood P.M. 916, E. Arrowsmith J.D. 733, Rajah Rampal Singh (Prince of Rampore), G. H. Stayton P.M. 795, Isaacs P.M. St. John's, J. Deacon 1382, G. N. Watts P.M. 191, G. C. Harding S.D. Gooch 1238, W. Weaver I.G. Gooch 1238, Wm. Boutcher P.M. 558, T. Jones 72, J. Rutter 1585, Goodenham 177, T. Fisher 783, Morgan Sec. 211, H. Tucker Treas. 1612, H. Stephens 78, E. J. Acworth 1612, R. W. Atlee 780, G. H. Parsons 780, T. Brown P.M. 780, A. Beasley P.M. 1612, &c. The post-prandial proceedings were of an exceptionally interesting character. Bro. Parkhouse, in offering his remarks, comes well to the point, and commands the attention of his audience. In speaking of the Pro Grand Master, with whom this Lodge was so closely allied in name, he could but refer with satisfaction to the brilliant gathering Lord Carnarvon had taken part in at Chelmsford,—the installation of Lord Tenterden as Prov. G. Master of Essex. It was a matter for congratulation when we find a nobleman with the enormous demands on his time which Lord Carnarvon undoubtedly has devoting almost an entire day to the duties of Freemasonry. Bro. Penn in proposing the health of the W.M., descanted on the many qualities of Bro. Parkhouse; these all fully recognised, and no better evidence could be offered than that presented by the success that was attending the Lodge. After a graceful reply from Bro. Parkhouse, the Initiates were honoured, and those brethren acknowledged the compliment. For the toast of the Visitors, able replies were made by several of those present. Prince Rajah Rampal Sing made a most effective and telling speech. Our foreign brother commenced his remarks by expressing a hope that his limited knowledge of the English language would not be a bar to his making himself intelligible to his English auditors. This was but the second occasion he had had an opportunity of addressing his Masonic brethren, but he could assure them he felt it a great happiness his being permitted to join the Order. He spoke eloquently of the evil effects of a too hard and fast laying down of the principles of caste, which were, he thought, somewhat too rigidly enforced by men of his own race. He justly appreciated the spirit of freedom and equality engendered by the practice of Freemasonry. He felt, so soon as he entered the precincts of an English Lodge, that he was perfectly at home. The present Lodge meeting was but the second he had attended, but he assured the brethren he had an ardent desire to visit more. A well known Persian proverb says, you may take a handful of corn to test the bulk; this he felt he had done, and he now desired to make better acquaintance with the parcel. Our distinguished visitor closed his discourse by thanking the brethren for the attention they had paid to his somewhat incomplete remarks. Bros. Beasley, Isaacs, Brown, and others briefly addressed the brethren, and the health of the Past Masters was next offered for acceptance. Special mention, of course, was made to the generous hospitality of the I.P.M., Bro. George Penn, who in acknowledgment expressed the great pleasure it gave him to see so many esteemed guests. He trusted that in future years he might experience a repetition of the pleasure he felt at seeing so many kind friends at Castlebar. The charitable proclivities of the members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge were referred to during the evening by several of those present, and splendid headway was made with the list of Bro. Parkhouse, who will represent the Lodge at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution which will take place in February next. The Lodge has voted fifty guineas, and, in addition, promises to the extent of eighty guineas were made at this meeting. Several other toasts were given, and during the evening some capital songs were sung, and musical selections played. Bro. P. M. Holden contributed two very effective recitations. At a late hour the brethren returned to town in the saloon carriages provided expressly for them.

On Saturday, Bro. Penn extended his hospitality to the sons and daughters of those he had entertained the previous Thursday, and numerous were the young folks who accepted his kind invite. A very pleasant afternoon and evening was spent, but the continued downpour of rain cast a damper on the proceedings which it required the most strenuous efforts of the host and his coadjutors to dispel. Dinner was provided in the marquee, the tables being there very artistically set out, and presenting a most inviting appearance. The heartiness of the reception could but ensure a thorough enjoyment of the repast. After a brief interval, which, but for the "beauties" of our present summer would have afforded an opportunity for a ramble round the grounds of our worthy brother, the guests again assembled in the marquee, where dancing and singing were continued without interruption until the time for dedarture brought the proceedings to a close. Bro. Murlis throughout this part of the day's festivities acted efficiently as Master of Ceremonies, a not very light task we are convinced when indoor amusements have to be provided for a large party who, hoping against hope, had prepared for outdoor festivities. The whole of the guests seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves, and it certainly was not the fault of Bro. or Mrs. Penn, or any members of their family, if they did not. We had an apportunity of inspecting, with Bro. Murlis, a very curious flagon; we were unable to obtain an exact idea of its antiquity, but doubt not the vessel in question is of great age. The style is unique, and in most respects novel. We feel assured this relic must be treasured by the family in which, doubtless, it has passed from father to son as an heirloom for unknown ages, and we hope on some future occasion to have further opportunity of enjoying with our entertainers a draught from its enticing neck.

HELP TO BEAR THY BROTHER'S BURDEN.

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"And now remaineth these three—Faith, Hope, and Charity, but the greatest of these is Charity."

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"HELP to bear thy Brother's burden," and Christ's behests fulfil,
He sent not man to live alone—alone, the ground to till,
Nor yet alone to gather in, the fruit His Mercy gives,
'Tis "Union" alone that's blest—through "Unity" man lives.

"Help to bear thy Brother's burden," and lighten thus thine own.
A fault confessed is half atoned,—the burden lighter grown,
And why? Because the heart's wild quest, of sympathetic aid,
Has met with that for which it sought,—on *others* strength is stayed.

"Help to bear thy Brother's burden," he's weary, sad and lone,
The world has clogged his path with thorns, for "bread" has given
a "stone,"—
His heart is faint with hope deferred, his garments soiled and rent,
He's lost if none will give him aid—his strength is well nigh spent.

"Help to bear thy Brother's burden," his joys have fled away,
Foll death has robbed his happy home, 'tis night with him, not day;
Be with him in his sore distress,—the words of comfort pour,
Point up to that bleat Land above, where's Life for evermore.

"Help to bear thy Brother's burden," he's wounded in the strife,—
His home is stripped of earthly goods—the savings of a life,
Of anxious worldly struggles, borne, his family to keep
From killing care—have closed in nought;—and canst thou see him
weep?

"Help to bear thy Brother's burden," his feet have gone astray,—
He's wandered from the Shepherd's fold—he's groping far away,
Do thou thy Master's work, and seek, to bring him back again,
Where suffering is, thy Master's *there*, and *thou* shouldst be the same.

"Help to bear thy Brother's burden," to him a "neighbour" be,
Thou'lt live, in loving, past all time,—e'en to Eternity.
In doing thus a neighbour's part—God helps both him and thee,
His Blessing on thee's *twice* conferred,—from sin He sets thee free.

"Help to bear thy Brother's burden." Our Lord bore all for thee,
E'en shelterless became that thou, in His own Home might be.
Forget not then thy Brethren's need,—God's children here who
roam—
Turn not from *these*, lest God should *thee*, turn from His heavenly
Home.

W. WIGGINTON, P.M., P.Z., &c.

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IC WRITERS OF LEARNED TWADDLE.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

initiation, in 1839. I inquired of a Preceptor in a struction, about what kind of Masonic History I &c. The brother recommended the *Freemason's ne*, Preston's history, and Dr. Oliver's "Antiquities The word "antiquities" charmed me greatly, got a loan of that work, I made ready to devour it t, alas! I found it too tough for my power of masti- more I tried to swallow it, the more nauseous it te. When the owner of the book afterwards asked Oliver's writings, I really dared not utter my true I *modestly* answered, that I had not sufficient h classical, theological, and historical literature to reciate the merits of the book.

invited by the publisher of the Masonic Monthly, unicate my views about the prevailing sectarianism ritual; and as Oliver's "Mirror of a Johannite principal armoury which supplied my opponents was of course compelled to examine the said on detected its fallacies and sophistries. I then ore to master the "Antiquities of Freemasonry," owever, change my former opinion about its merits. ot dare to do in 1839 I was emboldened to do in told a P.G.M. that Dr. Oliver's "Antiquities" was *onic twaddle*, and to my no small surprise the said l in my views. He frankly told me that he had dive deep into it, and I have never yet met r of Oliver's Antiquities who did have patience . Indeed, Dr. Oliver himself informs us:—

says) every member of my own Lodge subscribed productions, I cannot 'lay the flattering unction to tithe of them, popular as I was, ever read the

seen a horse with the head where the tail should owman at St. Bartholomew's Fair, and every one sight told the remaining sight-seekers that it was to behold; and so, in a great measure, it was with ers of Oliver's "Antiquities;" they were fooled, and e others equally fooled, and hence they praised the s really imagined that it was wonderful, because lerstand it; and others again admired it on account revelation it made, that Masonry, ever since the ways predicated the Christian religion; and when was regarded as a great authority, no one after- parago his works.

ber of the "Masonic Magazine," London, opened m the Philadelphia *Keystone*, written by Bro. Geo. Transmission of Masonic Art and Symbolism in the which article brought vividly to my recollection de upon my mind forty years ago when I tried to tiquities. And with all due respect to Bro. Fort's candidly say that this article is a mere *hotch-potch* therein many assertions, but proved nothing; that m a correct idea thereof, I shall here give some

age of Numa (says Bro. Fort) the builders or eady in Greece associated in guilds or colleges, lding art with the sacerdotal order, and evidently astical discipline, as it uniformly existed through- government of the Christian Church till the close tury."

certain rambling way, peculiar to the *Oliverian* Pythagoras, who formed a secret religious society, , mathematics, &c.; and this union, says Bro. inly maintained during the subjection of our to the Romish Church."

g through various periods of history, where there mysticisms—such, for instance, as the age of the d of Christianity, its division into sects, such as es, Basilidiens, &c.; the Norse and Egyptian ite rites, the Emperor Commodus, the Emperor man for inventing a method of making glass King of Egypt, Solomon, &c.,—our Bro. Fort to Moses. Moses, he says, whispered into the ruler a mystic word, which was endowed with stible power." Having done with Moses, our es us another roundabout; introducing St. Paul, eus, the Essenes; he informs us about a five- *dpha*, of Pythagoras, which was handed down arked it upon the soles of their shoes, and this extensively used by the mediæval Masons as furthermore, that the early Christians borrowed stic ladder from the old pagans, which mystic y Masons. And, after touching many other wound up thus:—

of emblems, it may be added that a heart was ted type of Egypt, and evidently found its way the *Disciplina Archana*, or secret discipline of tian sects, together with others whose signi- in their original allusions without alteration ime, and still continue as well recognised sym- ls."

Druids, &c., had mysteries, and kept secrets, that those very secrets and mysteries came down to the mediæval Masons; nor do I believe that the Masons were more subject to ecclesiastical discipline in the middle ages, or that they were more religious, or more learned, than the Craftsmen of other guilds were in those days. And with regard to Moses having whispered a mystic word into Pharoah's ear, thus implying, that Moses and Pharoah were brother Masons, I ask, in the name of commonsense, who but a downright credulous fool can believe it? I am astonished that Bro. Fort should profess to believe in the third degree legend, when even Dr. Oliver discarded it as a fiction introduced for the *first time* into the Masonic ceremony by Anderson, Desaguliers, and their compeers. And I am sure that if Bro. Fort had read Bro. David Murray Lyon's History of the Edinburgh Lodge, especially the 12th chapter, he would never have introduced the Moses cock and bull story into his article.

Bro. Fort lays great stress upon certain emblems used in olden times by religious or philosophical societies. It is generally believed that emblems are older than letters. Indeed, it is said that letters were an outgrowth of emblems, emblems having been used extensively when the masses could not read, and they are still used by our tradespeople. In Larwood and Hotton's "History of Signboards" may be seen the picture of a cow, copied from a signboard of a dairy at Pompeii; and the figure of an angel holding up a shoe, copied from a signboard of a shoemaker's shop at Herculaneum. The London Masons' guild has, on its coat-of-arms, a hand holding up a trowel. The mediæval Freemasons may, in a like manner, have displayed, when marching in public processions, some tool or instrument used in their workshops. But we have no more knowledge that the mediæval Masons were *speculative* Masons than we have of the Pompeii dairyman, or of the Herculaneum shoemaker having been either a speculative dairyman or a speculative shoemaker. The mere fact then of societies or individuals in olden times having displayed emblems does not necessarily prove that there was any mystic significance attached to those emblems. As an instance, the London Masons' guild, I venture to state, have no lecture, and make no talk about the hand holding up a trowel on their shield. Besides which, I have carefully perused all the printed pre 1717 MSS., including the German Constitution of 1463, printed in Bro. Fort's "History of Freemasonry," and I could nowhere find any indication of speculative Masonry, nor did Bro. D. M. Lyon find mention of speculative Masonry in the old Masons' records in Scotland.

Masons' marks in old buildings Bro. Fort calls *emblems*. The five pointed star of Pythagoras, he says, was extensively used as a Mason's mark. But first, there is no five pointed star among the 152 Masons' marks in Bro. Lyon's history. Second, there is no evidence that the said star was adopted as a Masonic emblem even as late as 1724. But suppose some Masons did mark stones with a five pointed star, how do we know that they attached more importance to the said mark than they did to other marks? Stone-cutters even to-day mark the stones they operate on, but they attach no mysticisms to those marks, and how do we know that the mediæval masons did attach mystic notions to their marks? Fifty years ago the fur-sewers in London had to put a mark on each article, and some of our luminaries would doubtless rack their brains if they knew that the girls who sew furs in America, one show or other, make very similar marks to what the London girls did fifty years ago; but, nevertheless, neither the London nor the American fur-sewers ever dreamed of symbolising. The Masons' marks therefore furnish no evidence of either symbols or symbolisms.

Bro. Fort imagines that the mystic ladder was handed down to us in a straight line from the Pagan religion through the early Christians; but, in the first place, we have no evidence that the pre 1717 Masons knew anything about a mystic ladder. And secondly, even the modern Masons had no mystic ladder as late as 1762.

I have had my say, and it now remains for Bro. Fort to prove the continuous connection of the thousand and one mysteries which he connected with such assiduity with the mysteries of our own Freemasonry, or even with the mysteries of the mediæval Masons (that is if he knows what their mysteries were). I want him to demonstrate, as all history should be demonstrated, how the mysteries of Sesostris, of Moses, of Pythagoras, of the Essenes and Druids, of the Basilidiens, Gnostics, and so many other distantly located mysteries to which he refers, happened to be the very same and identical mysteries, and to furnish reasonable evidence that all those ancient and wide-spread mysteries have all centred, as it were, in the building guilds of the Middle Ages. If Bro. Fort can do so, he will render most importatant service to the Craft in general and to Masonic students in particular. But should he be unable to prove all the said topics, then his "*Transmission of Masonic art and symbolism in the fourth century*," must be added to the accumulated heap of useless, worthless, and pernicious rubbish which will hereafter be known among Masons *as a mere pile of learned Masonic twaddle.*

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PROVINCE OF SURREY.

The R.W. Bro. Gen. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B. Provincial Grand Master.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of July, 1879, at One o'clock in the Afternoon punctually, at the Public Hall, Redhill, in the County of Surrey, when the Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the other brethren of the Province, are requested to attend.

By command of the R.W. Prov. G. Master,

CHARLES GREENWOOD,

Provincial Grand Secretary.

61 Nelson Sq., Blackfriars Road.
23rd June 1879.

The Banquet will take place at Four o'clock precisely. Tickets for which (price 15s) may be had of Bro. Major Gant, P.M., at the Mount, Reigate, or of the Provincial Grand Secretary.

The R.W. P.G. Master requests the attendance of the Brethren at Divine Service at St. Matthew's Church, Redhill, at 2.30 p.m. A Sermon will be preached by the Provincial Grand Chaplain. Brethren not to appear in Masonic costume at Divine Service.

FREEMASONRY.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.

CONSECRATION OF ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 1823.

THE CONCECRATION of the above Lodge will take place at the Half Moon Hotel, on Wednesday, 23rd July,

THE RT. WORSHIPFUL BRO. LORD WAVENEY,

PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER SUFFOLK,

Has consented to attend and perform the ceremony.

The installation of the W.M. designate, Bro. Cooke will be by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England.

Lodge will be opened at One o'clock.

THOS. STOKOE, Hon. Sec.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

THE RT WORSHIPFUL BRO. COL. FRANCIS BURDETT, PROV. G.M.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE of MARK MASTER MASONS of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey will be holden at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, on Thursday, 24th July 1879, when all Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Acting Wardens of Lodges in the Province, are hereby summoned to attend, and all Mark Master Masons are invited to be present.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at Six o'clock.

By command of the R.W.Prov. G.M.M.,

WM. G. BRIGHTEN, P.M., &c.,

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9th July 1879.

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GRAND LODGE OF IOWA, 1879.

Address of Grand Master Bro. J. W. Wilson.

BRETHREN of the Grand Lodge of Iowa:—We are permitted to assemble, my brethren, under favourable circumstances, at this the thirty-sixth Grand Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge, to transact the business pertaining to our cherished institution in this jurisdiction. General health and returning prosperity seem to prevail, and we may reasonably hope for success to follow our efforts to secure the general good.

Death, during the past year, has been less sparing of our numbers than during former periods of our history. A Past Grand Master, a Past Senior Grand Warden, and two Past Junior Grand Wardens are for ever called from their labours with and among us. These have come with the natural course of human events; while, in some of our sister jurisdictions in the South, the grim tyrant has stricken large numbers from the roll of human existence, and brought sorrow to many a home before happy in the enjoyment of health and life.

Let us, while we invoke the blessing of the Supreme Architect upon our labours, give Him thanks for the manifold favours He has bestowed upon us during the year that is now past; and may harmony pervade all our proceedings, and brotherly feeling and fraternal affection strengthen the cords that bind us together; and, when this communication is closed, may we be able to say that great good has

transpired within the last year pertaining to the Craft in this jurisdiction, and notice briefly such matters as have occurred abroad in which we, in common with our state, should feel an interest.

I am pleased to inform you that the fraternal relations existing between our Grand Lodge and her sister Grand Lodges remain unbroken and unchanged.

I regret to have to report that the Grand Lodge of Scotland, with which this Grand Lodge has recently opened up more cordial relations by the interchange of representatives, has again transgressed the cherished American doctrine of Grand Lodge jurisdiction. That Grand Lodge has been creating Lodges within the territorial limits of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and declared its determination to disregard the law of jurisdiction as observed and practised on this continent. The Grand Lodge of Quebec, of course, resists this encroachment upon its vested rights, and calls upon the American Grand Lodges to sustain her, as they have ever sustained such as have been in like circumstances interfered with. I present the case to the Grand Lodge, and invite such action as may tend to uphold the right of our sister Grand Lodge of Quebec, and, if possible, restore the harmony now unfortunately broken.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, recently recognized by this and all the Grand Lodges, has been disturbed by a seditious element within itself, which has resulted in the organisation of a separate Grand Lodge by the rebellious spirits, who seem to have forgotten the great lessons taught and cardinal virtues enforced. With such we can hold no Masonic intercourse.

Duing the year I have ordered several commissions to be issued from the office of the Grand Secretary, appointing Grand Representatives near other Grand Lodges, where vacancies have occurred by death or otherwise. Some commissions have been received through the same office, and will no doubt be presented during the present session. A list of both, with the dates of appointment, will be given in the Grand Secretary's report.

On the 12th day of December 1878, I granted a special dispensation to Antiquity Lodge, No. 252, at Moravia, to dedicate their new hall; and being unable to accept their urgent invitation to be present on that occasion, I appointed W. Brother B. F. Elbert, Worshipful Master of Albia Lodge, No. 76, to officiate in my stead. The official report of Brother Elbert made to me shows that his work was well and faithfully done, and that the Lodge is in a prosperous condition, and has secured a pleasant and comfortable home.

On 27th July 1878, I issued my special dispensation to the Craft at Wapello, authorising Wapello Lodge, No. 5, to appear in public procession and participate in the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of a public school-house in the city of Wapello; and I authorised W. Brother John Hale, Past Master of Wapello Lodge, No. 5, to act as my special deputy. I have his very full and able report, showing that he discharged his duties with credit to himself and honour to the fraternity.

During the thirty days succeeding the close of the last Communication of the Grand Lodge, my time in a great measure was occupied in granting dispensations to elect and instal officers of Lodges. I am convinced that, in many instances, this was caused by the neglect of the officers of Lodges to hold their elections at the proper time. In order to avoid this necessity, and for the benefit of Lodges that fail to hold their elections at the proper time, I recommend that a resolution be passed by the Grand Lodge to meet such cases.

A great many applications have been made to me during the year for permission to confer degrees at irregular times, and as many reasons given why the rule should be varied as there have been applications made; but, adhering to the rule adopted by my predecessors, I have in but few instances deemed the reasons sufficient and granted such permission; and in no case have I given permission to ballot for a candidate and confer a degree until the applicant was thoroughly posted in the lectures in the preceding degrees, and passed an examination in open Lodge.

During the year I have had the honor to occupy the Grand East, I have granted dispensations for the formation of nine new Lodges in this jurisdiction, and have refused applications for nearly double that number. The location, name, and date of dispensation of the Lodges so formed will be found in the report of the R.W. Grand Secretary.

In exercising the right to grant dispensations for the formation of new Lodges, I have, in some instances, disregarded what is known as the "ten-mile law," and granted dispensation for the formation of Lodges within ten miles of Lodges already established; but in no case have I done this until I was fully satisfied that it was for the general good of the Craft. I felt myself justified in this course by the decisive action the Grand Lodge took at the last Grand Annual Communication in adopting the very able report of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

In obedience to a resolution of this Grand Lodge adopted at its last Grand Annual Communication (see Proceedings 1878, page 255), I have received from Instruction Lodge, No. 157, fifty dollars, the amount expended by the Grand Lodge on account of the late Adams Lodge, and paid the same to the Grand Secretary. I have turned over to Instruction Lodge, No. 157, all the property left by Adams Lodge which the Grand Lodge directed to be delivered to said Lodge.

At the last Communication of this Grand Lodge (see Proceedings, page 292), it was ordered that the Grand Master arrest the charter of Good Will Lodge, No. 246. On the 1st day of July, 1878, I directed my Deputy, R.W. William G. Donnan, to go to Bassett and take up the charter as directed by the Grand Lodge. By reference to his report on file in the Grand Secretary's office, it is shown that on the 8th day of July 1878, he performed that duty and discharged the trust imposed upon him, and his report is submitted for the action of the Grand Lodge.

On the 20th of August 1878, I received a communication signed by sixteen members of Nishnabotany Lodge, No. 153, located at Sidney, informing me that for some time peace and harmony had ceased to prevail in their Lodge; and by reason thereof a resolution had been introduced, and was pending before the Lodge, to surrender their charter, and that action would be taken on it on the 7th day of September, and urging me to be present at that time. At my request, R.W. Brothers W. E. Webster, Senior Grand Warden, and Alfred Wingate, Past Junior Grand Warden, met me at Sidney on the 7th of September. After making inquiry and investigation, we found that the cause of the difficulty and trouble in the Lodge was of long standing, and that there was but little, if any, hopes of restoring harmony among the Craft. We, however, thought it best to submit the question of the surrender of the charter to the Lodge, and upon doing so found seven votes in favour of retaining the charter. No further action was taken at that time, but I was satisfied that the difficulty was not at an end, and, upon consultation with Brothers Webster and Wingate, we deemed it best to give the brothers another trial, and, giving them such counsel and advice as we deemed for their good, we left them. Within a short time after our visit I received bad reports from the Lodge, and these reports continued until I became satisfied that harmony could never be restored, and that it was for the best interest of the Craft in general, and that Lodge in particular, to arrest the charter, and on the 10th day of January 1879 I issued a special dispensation authorising R. W. Brother Alf. Wingate, Past Junior Grand Warden, to arrest the charter of said Lodge, which he did, and the report of his action, with the letters and correspondence in relation to this matter, are on file in the Grand Secretary's office, and are respectfully submitted for the action of the Grand Lodge. I desire to say, in justice to a large majority of the brothers of that Lodge, that, in my judgment, they are not in fault; that while they desired to surrender their charter, it was for the purpose of getting rid of a few members who seemed to be the cause of all the difficulty; and that the lack of harmony was caused by but a few members; and if a petition is presented to the Grand Lodge for a restoration of the charter by a majority of the members, and those included in the report of Brother Wingate, in justice to them it should be restored, and I recommend that it be done.

On the 3rd day of April 1879, I received from Brother J. R. Buffington, Junior Warden of Mt. Carmel Lodge, No. 295, at Derby, a communication charging Brother John E. Carlton, the Worshipful Master of said Lodge, with gross unmasonic conduct, and being convinced that the matter required prompt action, I telegraphed R.W. Brother J. N. McClanahan to go at once to Derby and investigate the charges, and, if true, to arrest the jewel of Brother John E. Carlton and place the Lodge in charge of the Senior Warden. This order was promptly obeyed, and the jewel arrested, and the report of Brother McClanahan, together with the charges and the evidence to sustain the same, are on file in the Grand Secretary's office, and are submitted for the action of the Grand Lodge.

On June 27th 1878, I sanctioned the removal of Unity Lodge, No. 212, from Ottawa to Woodburn. This was done after the question of removal had been submitted to a vote of the Lodge, and the unanimous consent of the members had, under the provision of the law.

In the early part of March 1879, Waterloo Lodge, No. 105, and Victory Lodge, No. 296, both located in the city of Waterloo, were consolidated under my direction and approval, the matter having been submitted to the Lodges and acquiesced in by the consent of the members. The result of the consolidation is that Waterloo Lodge, No. 105, retains its charter and takes the membership of Victory Lodge, and Victory Lodge, No. 296, surrenders its charter to the Grand Lodge.

On the night of 23rd March 1879, Hebron Lodge, No. 374, at Oelwein, lost its furniture, jewels, and charter, by fire. In order that the brethren might continue the work they had on hand, I issued them a special dispensation empowering them to continue their work, this authority to remain in force until the meeting of the Grand Lodge. I recommend that a duplicate charter be issued, to supply the place of the one destroyed.

In several instances, which I deem it not essential to bring before you, disturbing causes, for the time being, destroyed the unity of feeling which ought always to exist among Masons, in some of the Lodges, but in all cases reformations were effected and harmony restored, by correspondence, visitations in person, or by special deputy; and I am pleased to inform you that, at this time, peace and harmony prevail throughout the length and breadth of the entire jurisdiction.

Owing to my business relations, and the time taken in attending to the duties of the office of Grand Master, I have been able to visit but few Lodges. On all occasions where I have had the pleasure of visiting, I am happy to report that I found the Craft ready and willing to obey the instructions and requests of their superior officers, and the authority of the Grand Lodge.

I received, 24th February 1878, a communication from Brother C.W. Jones, who resides at Emmet, Emmet county, in this state. He holds a dimit from Twilight Lodge, No. 329, located at Spirit Lake, and has made application to join Good Faith Lodge, No. 90, at Jackson, Jackson county, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and is informed that, in order to enable him to join that Lodge, or a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, he must first obtain a dispensation from the Grand Master of this state, and asking me for such dispensation. I can find no legislation on this subject, and respectfully refer the letter of Brother Jones to the Grand Lodge, that it may take such action as will govern cases of that character that may hereafter arise.

In response to the calls made upon us for funds for the relief of our brethren in the South who were suffering on account of the yellow fever, I, on the 31st day of August 1878, issued a circular letter to the Lodges asking for contributions in aid of the sufferers. The prompt response and liberal contributions received convinces me that the Craft in this jurisdiction are alive to their duty and obligations, and ever ready and willing to fly to the relief of the destitute, and aid and assist the needy.

There was forwarded to me by the different Lodges, for distribution, dolls. 2,578.72. I have filed in the Grand Secretary's office a report, showing the names and numbers of the Lodges contributing, and the date and amount contributed by each Lodge. Of the amount thus received, I distributed as follows:

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		Dols.
September 10, 1878.	To M.W. C. T. Murphy, Grand Master Mississippi	400.00
September 10, 1878.	To M.W. A. V. Ware, Grand Master Tennessee	200.00
September 10, 1878.	To M.W. S. J. Powell, Grand Master Louisiana	100.00
September 19, 1878.	To R.W. J. L. Power, Grand Secretary Mississippi	200.00
September 19, 1878.	To R.W. John Frizzell, Grand Secretary Tennessee	400.00
	I have on hand, undistributed	1,278.72
	Total	2,578.72

After making the remittances above stated, I was notified that no more funds were needed.

The amount remaining in my hands—1,278.72—I recommend be placed in charge of the Grand Lodge as a charity fund.

No request has been made by the Lodges for "Schools of Instruction," and, so far as I have been informed, uniformity of the work prevails. I made an attempt to call the Board of Custodians together, but, owing to circumstances over which I had no control, I failed to secure a meeting.

During the last year I have had the pleasure of visiting the Grand Secretary's office and Grand Lodge Library, and obtaining from among the many valuable treasures there information that I could find in no other place; and I take this opportunity thus publicly to express my entire satisfaction with the condition of the library, and my thanks for the kindness shown me by the Grand Secretary and his efficient deputy while at his office.

The angel of death has been more than usually frequent in visitations the past Masonic year. The Craft abroad and at home have been called to mourn a large number of brethren among the honoured of our numbers, who have been cut off from their active labours among us since we last met in council.

Of those more directly connected with this Grand Lodge, are Thomas Hart Benton, Past Grand Master, 1860-61: William H. Wallace, Past Senior Grand Warden, 1849; Mortimer E. Gillette, Past Junior Grand Warden, 1867; Edward M. Laws, Past Junior Grand Warden, 1873; Ezekiel Robinson, Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Maine; George Rex, Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Ohio; and Thomas J. Corson, M.D., Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. Among those the most distinguished abroad, not before named, we mention the names of Past Grand Master Joseph Foster, of Missouri; Past Grand Master Reuben H. Robertson, of Utah; Past Grand Master Frank Welch, of Nebraska; Past Grand Master George E. Lounsberry, of Illinois; Grand Secretary Rev. Charles H. Titus, of Massachusetts; Past Grand Secretary Robert Boyd, of New York; A. J. Wheeler, editor of the *Jewel*, Memphis, Tennessee; Leon Hyneman, former editor of the *Masonic Mirror*, of Philadelphia.

Of most of these we shall have to look to others to speak; and, like my predecessors, I shall devolve this duty upon our Grand Secretary, who has not only been a contemporary with, but personally and intimately acquainted with most, if not all, of them. His long associations with the distinguished Masons of the greater part of the past half century, eminently qualifies him to supply the omissions of those of us who have only in late years come to glean in the field where he has reaped.

Of Past Grand Master Benton we have some personal knowledge. It was when he was at his prime, and in the full career of his Grand Mastership, that we made our debut in Masonry, and in the outset of our career we were taught to look to him as one of the wise men of the Grand East.

This Grand Body has before it for its adoption or rejection a Constitution and Statutes, prepared with a great deal of care and research by a committee selected by this body, and consisting of the ablest and wisest jurists in this jurisdiction. A copy of this Constitution and Statutes was distributed to each delegate to the Grand Lodge at the last Communication, in order that the Lodges should have ample time and opportunity to examine the same, and that the delegates coming to this Communication might be fully informed and ready to act.

I am informed that another Constitution and Statutes, within the last thirty days, has been sent, with a circular letter, to the Masters of Lodges in this jurisdiction. This last Constitution and Statutes *is unauthorised by the Grand Lodge or its officers.* The only one authorised by the Grand Lodge is the one submitted at the last Communication at Cedar Rapids. I mention this fact at this time that the delegates will not be misled by the Constitution and Statutes lately sent to the Lodges by some one without authority or sanction of this body.

I will not assume to make any suggestions to this Grand Body in reference to legislation. If the Constitution and Statutes laid over for action at this session should not be acted upon, perhaps I might consider it within my province respectfully to recommend some measures which my own experience and observation have taught me would be of benefit to the Craft.

While I have answered hundreds of questions on Masonic law, and given construction to rulings made by my predecessors and the Grand Lodge, I have not found it necessary to make any *new* decisions. I regard it the prerogative of the Grand Master to administer, and not make law. I find that almost every conceivable question has been passed upon by the Grand Lodge in its approval of the decisions made by my predecessors and the adoption of the reports of its Committees on Jurisprudence. This law is contained in the compilation of the decisions of the Grand Lodge made in 1866, and the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the twelve succeeding years, and is in such condition that it requires a great deal of labour and research to find it. In view of this fact, I respectfully recommend that if the new Constitution and Statutes is not adopted at this Communication, a competent committee be appointed to prepare a "*Digest of Masonic Law*" as contained in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and that the same be published for the benefit of the Craft.

I have, in as brief and concise a manner as possible, laid before you the result of the work you assigned me one year ago. In the discharge of my duties I have had what was, in my judgment, the good of the Craft always in view. If I have erred, it was under the clear conviction that I was doing that which would most promote the present and future peace, stability, and advancement of our Order.

That your deliberations may conduce to the building up of all the best interests of our institution, and that you may all enjoy a full portion of Masonic and social happiness, is my sincere and earnest wish and desire.

J. W. Wilson, *Grand Master.*

JAMAICA.

As we stated some time since that on the return of the Right Worshipful Hon. Dr. Hamilton, District Grand Master for Jamaica, to this island, we were quite sure that Freemasonry would again take a start, we have now to state that another new Lodge has been formed, and opened by Dispensation, called "Collegium Falorum," and met on 12th June, at Sussex Hall, having as their Master Worshipful Maynier Rose, a Past Master of the Friendly, Bro. E. Finzi Senior Warden, and Bro. Dr. Cotter Junior Warden. The other Officers were duly installed the same evening.

The "Union et Concordia," which we stated some time ago was in abeyance for many years, and it being the special wish of some of the old members to revive the ashes, the same was formally opened, having the Worshipful H. W. Da Costa, a Past Master of the Phœnix and Glenlyon Lodges. An election took place; the candidates were Wor. A. N. Cardozo Senior Warden, and Bro. W. Andrews Junior Warden, who served in the Royal Lodge. The choice fell on Bro. Cardozo. The usual ordinary meeting was held at Sussex Hall on 16th June, and on account of the absence of Wor. H. W. Da Costa, who was gone on a visit to Europe, Wor. S. Hart, a Past Master of that Lodge, presided, when the minutes with regard to the election of Worshipful Master were non-confirmed. It is stated that some irregularity occurred, which will be submitted to the proper authorities. It is to be pitied that on their first installation of a Master, after having been in abeyance for so many years, that such a feeling should exist, and it is hoped that oil will be thrown on the troubled waters, and everything will work shortly in peace and harmony.

The brethren of the Eastern Counties have a busy time before them next week. On Tuesday the Prov. G. Master of Essex, Lord Tenterden, will consecrate the St. Andrew's Lodge, at Shoeburyness, Bro. Lucking, the Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies, being the Installing Master. On Wednesday, at Clare, the Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk, assisted by his Deputy, Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, will perform the inaugural ceremonies in connection with the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 1823, while at Walton-on-the Naze, it has been found necessary to call emergency meetings of the Arnold Lodge for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The W.M. of this latter has, we understand, retained the services of an army of Past Masters, but with such an agenda paper as is presented we think strong reinforcements will be necessary.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday next at the Public Hall, Redhill, at one o'clock. Banquet will follow at four o'clock, tickets for same, 15s each, may be obtained of the Prov. Grand Sec., Bro. C. Greenwood, 61 Nelson-square, Blackfriars-road.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire will be held at the Town Hall, Berkhampstead, on Wednesday, the 23rd of July, at 3 o'clock. A banquet will follow, at the King's Arms Hotel, at 5 o'clock. Tickets for same, 21s each, can be had of the Prov. G. Sec. Bro. F. H. Wilson Iles, M.D., Watford. Special arrangements have been made by the London and North-Western Railway Company, who will issue special cheap return tickets from Euston, Willesden, or Broad Street, on production of the Lodge summons or a banquet ticket.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Middlesex and Surrey will assemble at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at six o'clock on Thursday next, for the transaction of the regular business of the Province. Banquet will follow at seven o'clock p.m. Tickets, 21s each, may be had of the Prov. Grand Sec. Bro. W. G. Brighton, 4 Bishopsgate-street-without, E.C.

We have pleasure in reminding our readers that the Summer Festival of the Metropolitan and Royal Savoy Lodges will take place at the Rye House on Thursday next. The tickets for the banquet are fixed at 7s 6d each, and may be had of Bro. Stiles the Secretary. The Banquet will take place at 3.30.

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TORTURED BY DEGREES.

FOUR hundred years ago men were tortured by degrees—but not for the first time, nor for the last. The "good" Queen Isabella was then on the Spanish throne, with Ferdinand of Arragon for her consort, and Torquemanda for Inquisitor-General. Then of all other times in the world, men—aye, and women and children too—were tortured by degrees. The thumb-screw, the rack, and the pulley deprived them slowly of life, and fire, faggot, and stake often ended their torments. An Innocent Popo (the Eighth)—innocent in name only, but thrice guilty in deed—inaugurated the horrors of the Spanish Inquisition, and thus made it possible for such a heart-rending book to be written as "Fox's Book of Martyrs." It is fortunate for us that those days are past. No one finds it a pleasure, even for conscience sake, to enlighten the world at the stake. But ours is a liberal ago—too liberal, perhaps, when, in this country at least, one may say and do pretty much as he pleases. Our liberty reaches license, and hence, although the punishments of the nineteenth century are different from those of the fifteenth, we yet are, in a certain sense, tortured by degrees. Our rules have been changed, but our burdens are still upon us. Thus, the so-called Holy Office is without business, and its inquisitors can no longer enforce their saying, "Believe as I believe, or I'll roast you," yet any man may now be a sort of "Holy office," and still torture us by degrees.

All our troubles flow from the vanity of men who assume to be wiser than Solomon. We are taught in the Craft that King Solomon, in his supreme wisdom, established but three degrees among the Craftsmen of Jerusalem who were builders of the Temple—viz., Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, and Masters. Now according to recently published accounts, there are two hundred and eighty-two degrees that claim to be Masonic! Could Beaumont and Fletcher have had prophetic reference to this mushroom growth, when they wrote:—

"There is a method in man's wickedness—It grows up by degrees."

Surely the world would not suffer if, say two hundred and fifty of these degrees, were to be buried out of sight and hearing! Let us consider this somewhat.

Degrees, when multiplied by hundreds, and costly in money, unduly absorb a man's time from himself and his legitimate business, to say nothing of his family, and fill his head with a lot of verbiage, which likely crowds out knowledge that would be more profitable to him, if not more pleasant.

Jack Kitchener is one of those who is tortured by the numerosity of his degrees. Monday night comes. Supper is just over. Jack jumps up, with the remark,—"Wife, I've a Lodge meeting to attend this evening." "Pray, what Lodge?" she asks. "Oh!" he replies, "the A. B. and C. Rite holds one of its meetings to-night." Tuesday evening arrives. Supper is hurriedly despatched, and Jack is up and going. "And whither to-night?" the wife inquires. "The D. E. F. Rite holds an important Communication to-night." Wednesday comes. The G. and H. Rite meets in high carnival then. Thursday brings with it a Lodge meeting in the "I. J. and K. Rite." Friday is illustrated by a cut from supper to attend a meeting in the "L. and M. Rite," and poor Saturday is crowded also with the "O. P. and Q. Rite." The following week is also full, to the end of the alphabet of rites. And so on from week to week, and month to month, and year to year. Thus, as Dryden says, are—

"Ill habits gathered by unseen degrees."

This multitude of degrees that requires a man with a head for figures to number, is an inverted pyramid, unnaturally based upon a point that is a very diamond for endurance. This pivot-point is composed of the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry. These all men (who can) may take with benefit to themselves, and without detriment to their families; but the large majority of the degrees beyond them grow—

"Fine by degrees and beautifully less."

The Scriptures appear to be uniform in their testimony on this point. Men of "high degree" are by no means commended, while men of "low degree" are often praised. In Chronicles we read of "brethren of the second degree," who chanted songs of praise when the Ark of the Covenant was carried up to Zion; and St. Luke says: "He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree." It is true David wrote, in the Psalms, that "men of low degree are vanity," but then he added, "men of high degree are altogether lighter than vanity!" We do well to be faithful with our first love. Let no one ever

"Look in the clouds, scorning the bare degrees
By which he did ascend."

By base degrees he meant (whatever Shakespeare meant) the foundation degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, on which all other Masonry, or alleged Masonry is built. There are in Masonry degrees useful and ornamental, and in mis-called Masonry degrees that are neither one or the other. We should class the degrees of the Lodge and Chapter as useful, and those of the Commandery and Ancient and Accepted Rite as ornamental. Some brethren of course will differ from us, but with the majority we are in accord. As to what may be termed the Alphabet Rites, there is no Masonry in them but the name.

What shall we say then of the mills and millers that grind out the multitudinous modern degrees, which promise to outnumber Abraham's seed? The millers are doubtless Masons, ingenious men, ambitious men, presumptuous men, and sometimes successful men; but they cannot make any of their modern rites right. They are not Masonry, and they overlay and tend to obscure Masonry. Think of any one assuming to overtop King Solomon!

"Angels and ministers of grace defend us!"

—*Keystone.*

MADAME TUSSAUD'S EXHIBITION.

TO cater successfully for the million is a heavy task, and when achieved must be gratifying to those who have accomplished it. The conductors of this Exhibition are to be ranked amongst the most successful of caterers, as no matter at what time of the year our readers may be minded to visit Baker-street to inspect the wax work, they will be sure to find a good company of sightseers eager to join them. This happy result is doubtless due to a variety of causes, not the least being the tenacity with which the taste of the day is studied. If a political Conference is sitting, to discuss the affairs of nations, we immediately have portrait models of the distinguished statesmen who compose it, habited as they live. If a gallant naval or military officer distinguishes himself in the cause of his country, the public at large may soon make acquaintance with his lineaments and personal appearance. No expense is spared, no demand for costly dresses and surroundings is left unconsidered, and as a consequence, an air of comfort and prosperity pervades the entire scene. We dropped in casually the other evening, and were immediately accosted by a musical brother who has been associated with this establishment for upwards of twenty years. He took us in tow, and pointed out, with evident pride, that he had some talented *confrères*, who would be sure to gratify us with a taste of their quality. This indeed they did, as the symphonies and selections they played were executed faultlessly. The principal features of this well known resort have been so frequently described in press notices, that we scarcely deem it necessary here to recount them in *extenso*. However, we will not omit to mention the successful arrangement of the new group of the Napoleon Family, from the First Napoleon to the late ill-starred Prince Imperial. Those who desire to become better acquainted with notorious characters will here find life-like figures of such individuals as Kate Webster, Peace of Banner Cross, Benson, Kurr, &c. &c.

The Consecration of the Victoria Park Lodge, No. 1816, will take place on Friday, 25th inst., at the Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at two o'clock. Bro. James Terry, Prov. J.G. Warden Herts, will perform the ceremony. The Officers designate are Bros. Carter W.M., G. Edwards S.W., and W. Snellgrove J.W.

The efforts of Bro. George Smith of Coalville, which resulted, first, in the passing of the Brickyard Children's Act in 1871, and next in the Enactment in 1877 of the Canal Boats Act, having occupied a large part of his energies during the past sixteen years, it has been felt that some recognition, in the shape of a provision for his future needs, should be accorded him, sufficient, if possible, to enable him to devote the remainder of his life to philanthrophic work. Accordingly, a very influential committee has been formed for the purpose of carrying out this object. Subscriptions may be sent to either the Treasurer (F. A. Bevan Esq., 54 Lombard Street, London, E.C.) or the Secretary (P. W. Clayden Esq., 13 Tavistock Square, London, W.C.)

MASONIC ELECTIONS.—I desire to call your attention to one evil that too often enters into the Government of Masonic bodies, both supreme and subordinate, a disposition of well-meaning but ambitious brethren to enter into combinations to secure rank and preferment. It may be pardonable for the citizen to adopt the usual methods of politicians as a means to securing place and emoluments in the government of the State; but such methods are reprehensible in the highest degree in a Masonic Lodge. The highest trust committed to you, as the representatives of our Order in this jurisdiction, is the choice of Grand Officers for the ensuing year. These Officers should be chosen for their meritorious worth, and the fact that a brother wishes the post of honour, or that he resides in some supposed favourable locality, should not influence a single vote. I have been impressed with the conviction that it is always a safe rule, in choosing Officers, to vote against Masonic politicians. The brethren of a Lodge, unembarrassed by the importunities of ambitious candidates, will usually make a wise choice in the selection of Officers. And the brother, who by his industry serves the Craft well and faithfully, will finally secure his reward. The great principles of our Order, and the laws laid down in our ancient Constitutions in regard to these practices, are so well understood by the older and more experienced members of the Craft, that there is need only of calling your attention to them to be appreciated and faithfully practised by our brethren. Our Order is designed for higher and nobler purposes than that of gratifying the ambition of men, and the Mason who would prostitute the Order to promote his business, or gratify his ambition is unworthy the fraternal regard of the Craft.—M.W. JOHN GUTHRIE, G.M. Kansas.

The Freemasons of Portland, Maine, on the 24th ult., indulged in a grand procession through the chief streets of the city, and then in an excursion to "Little Hog Island," in the Bay, where an old-time clam-bake was enjoyed. The celebration was very imposing. Portland Lodge, for 110 years past, has been accustomed to eat a big dinner on St. John's Day. The first dinner was sat down to at Daniel Isley's tavern, Deering, in 1769. The old custom is still joyfully kept up.—*Keystone.*

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 19th JULY.

1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1634—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

MONDAY, 21st JULY.

174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
845—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1435—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
382—Royal Union, Belmont Hall, Uxbridge.
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
925—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
K. T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury.
K. T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston.

TUESDAY, 22nd JULY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE SURREY, Public Hall, Redhill, at 1.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1817—St. Andrew, Shoeburyness. (Consecration.)
R. A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
R. A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
K. T.—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd JULY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE HERTFORDSHIRE, Town Hall, Berkhampstead, 3.15.
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. at 6.
198—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
212—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
238—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)

220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1799—Arnold, Marine Hotel, Walton on the Naze. (Emergency.)
1823—Royal Clarence, Half Moon Hotel, Clare, Suffolk. (Consecration, at 10.
R. A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.

THURSDAY, 24th JULY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, MARK MASTER MASONS, MIDDLESEX AND SURREY, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 6.
House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
Sum. Festival Metropolitan and Royal Savoy Lodges, Rye House, Hoddesdon.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)

208—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex.
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester.
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1799—Arnold, Marine Hotel, Walton on the Naze. (Emergency.)
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 424—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
K.T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley.

FRIDAY, 25th JULY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
R. A. 73—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
1799—Arnold, Marine Hotel, Walton on the Naze. (Emergency.)
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.
K. T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.

SATURDAY, 26th JULY.

1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1044—Mid Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R. A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

1463—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.
1531—Chislehurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst.
1799—Arnold, Marine Hotel, Walton on the Naze. (Emergency.)

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

York Mark Lodge (T.I.)—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, York, on Tuesday evening. Present—Bros. the Hon W. T. Orde-Powlett W.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M. and Secretary, G. Balmford P.M. as S.W., J. Hollins J.W., W. P. Husband as M.O., C. G. Padel S.O., G. Garbutt J.O., M. Millington S.D., A. T. B. Turner J.D., T. Humphries as I.G., G. Hodgson Organist, P. Pearson Tyler, with many other brethren. A successful ballot having been taken for Bro. W. M. Briggs of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, he was advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. by the W.M., the tools and charge being given by the J.W. The W.M. made some feeling remarks on the loss sustained by the Lodge by the death of their Treasurer, Bro. T. Cooper P.M., and it was determined that the Secretary should address a letter of condolence to the widow and family. At the close of the Lodge the brethren sat down to an excellent supper which had been prepared under the able superintendence of Bro. T. Humphries, the Lodge Steward. Bro. T. B. Whytehead gave the toast of Prosperity to the York Mark Lodge, and in a short address spoke of the history of the Lodge and its progress and present condition, saying that it was his great ambition to see the Lodge in a position to grant votes of money to the Masonic Charities, and he hoped that it would not be long before this would be the case, though there were great difficulties to contend with. He coupled with the toast the name of their W.M., who had shown them that evening, by his good working, that Masonry with him was no nominal thing, and when they considered that he was involved in a journey of nearly eighty miles every time he attended the Lodge, he thought that they really owed him a debt of gratitude. In response, the W.M. said he considered that no Mason had a right to accept office unless he fully intended to perform its duties faithfully, and it was always his pleasure to be amongst them and receive the generous support he had done throughout. Other toasts followed, as well as songs, &c. by Bros. Humphries, Turner and others.

York Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners (attached to the York Mark Lodge T.I.)—A meeting of this Lodge was held at York on Thursday afternoon, when Bro. T. B. Whytehead occupied the chair of N., Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett that of J., and Bro. W. P. Husband that of S., Bro. Millington Scribe and Treasurer, Bro. A. T. B. Turner Conductor, &c. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Lodge proceeded to elect its W.C.N. for the ensuing year, when the suffrages fell upon Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett. Bro. Millington was re-elected Treasurer. The W.C.N. made some remarks on the lamented death of Bro. Thomas Cooper, who was so worthily occupying the chair of S., and a resolution was passed expressive of the sense of loss the Lodge had sustained. The Lodge was then closed in the usual manner.

St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211.—On Thursday Bro. Jaques presided, at the George Hotel, Australian Avenue. The Wardens' chairs were filled respectively by Bros. W. E. Young and W. Radcliffe, W. W. Morgan Sec., and Bros. Brasted and Prince acted as Deacons, Bro. Woodrow I.G., and Alfred Withers as Preceptor After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. F. Brasted candidate. Bro. Gladwell offered himself as a candidate for the second degree, underwent examination, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Woodrow, of No. 1360, was elected a member. Bro. Young was appointed W.M. for next meeting.

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St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 295 (I.C.)—This Lodge, attached to the 4th Dragoon Guards, held a meeting on the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, York. The W.M. Bro. J. Hanly V.S. presided, supported by Bros. Capt. Murphy S.W., W. P. Husband 1611 as J.W., T. B. Whytehead P.M. 1611, Sergt.-Major Harris Secretary, Quarter-Master-Sergt. Somerset S.D., J. Battye 236, and other brethren and visitors. The W.M. opened the Lodge in the third degree, and three brethren were presented to be raised. The ceremonies were then taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., and the three brethren were successively raised to the sublime degree. We are pleased to hear that this very old military Lodge (lately revived) is making good progress, and has done good work since the Regiment has been stationed in York.

St. John's Lodge, No. 673.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 1st of July 1879, at the Masonic Hall, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool. Present—Bros. David Jackson W.M., W. Brackenbury S.W., L. Herman J.W., Wm. Thomas May P.M. Sec., Thos. Clark P.M. Treas., J. Seddon S.D., J. T. Callow P.G.T. P.M. D.C., Marsh, Leitch and Marshall Stewards, T. Smyth I.G., W. H. Ball Tyler. Past Masters Bros. T. Roberts, E. Kyle, H. Burrows, J. Hocken, M. Carless, J. B. Bunting, R. Pearson, H. Nelson. Visitors—Bros. T. Davies W.M. 1182, J. Ellis I.P.M. 667, A. D. Hesketh J.W. 1182, T. Boswell W.M. 594, R. P. France P.M. 594, J. Houghton I.P.M. 594, R. Brown P.M. 241, J. Skeaf P.G.O., and many others. The business comprised one initiation, this was followed by the installation of W.M., Bro. Brackenbury, by Bro. Thos. Roberts P.M., and the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to the retiring W.M. There was also a proposition. After Lodge closed, the brethren, with ladies, to the number of 200, proceeded by special train to Frodsham for Overton Hills, to hold their annual picnic, and after dining together, and spending a most enjoyable day, returned home at an early hour.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on 11th July, at half-past seven. Bros. Gomm W.M., F. Botley S.W., Tucker J.W., Gunner S.D., Talbot J.D., Blasby I.G.; Bros. J. C. Roe P.M. and Preceptor, Goss I.P.M 780, Kyezor, Talbot, Pearson, Skinner, &c. Lodge opened, and the minutes were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. C. E. Botley offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. C. E. Botley answered the questions leading to the second degree, and retired. Lodge opened up, and Bro. Goss was passed. Lodge opened to third, and closed to first, when meeting adjourned till 18th inst., at half-past seven.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Polak W.M., Forss S.W., Williams J.W., Clark S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Greenwood I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Wyman, Wardell, Brasted, C. Lorkin, Collins, Darnell, Davis, Moss, Christian, and others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Hand answered the necessary questions, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Hand as candidate. The Preceptor gave the traditional history. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first, and Bro. Moss worked the third section, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Quay, of Lodge 94, and Bro. Roberts, of Lodge 65, were elected members. Bro. Forss was appointed W.M. for the next Tuesday's meeting.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, 1298.—A meeting was held on Friday, 11th July, at the Alwyne Castle, Canonbury, N. Present—Bros. Rowley W.M., Mendelsohn S.W., Beattie J.W., Cull Preceptor, G. H. Hunter Sec. *pro tem*, Ager S.D., Chant J.D., Potter I.G.; Bros. Eldridge, Yeomans, Field, Shackell. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hunter candidate. Bro. Yeomans worked the first, and Bro. Cull the second and third sections of the second Lecture. The Lecture on the Tracing Board was also given. The Secretary read a letter from Bro. Lardner, on behalf of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, accepting the invitation to work the Fifteen Sections on Friday, 25th inst. Bro. Mendelsohn was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in ancient form with solemn prayer.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—On Tuesday, 15th July, the brethren met at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town. Bros. Lloyd W.M., Pavitt S.W., Glaspoole J.W., Smith S.D., Barker J.D., Spencer I.G., Worsley Secretary, Musto P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Johnson, Dixon, Dunsmore, Shepherd W.M. 1349, Ellis 124, Ellis 860, Andrews, Rawe, Keable, and Watkins. Lodge was opened with due observance of all ceremonial, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Johnson answered the necessary questions, and the Lodge opened in the third degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Johnson candidate. Bro. Worsley worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren, and the Lodge was closed to the first degree. Bro. Pavitt was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the excellent way in which the W.M. worked the ceremony, the whole having been done in a pleasing manner, and without any dictation. Nearly all the members in this Lodge are good workers, and enter thoroughly into the spirit of what they undertake; as a consequence, good attendances are the rule, some come a considerable distance. The Lodge room is pleasantly situated, and every attention is paid those who attend. On Tuesday next, in accordance with the bye-laws, sections only will be worked. The Lodge will be presided over by P.M. Musto the Preceptor, P.M. Cundick S.W., and Bro. Shepherd the W.M. of 1349 J.W. Business will be commenced at seven o'clock, when the following brethren will work the sections:—1st, Bro. Spencer; 2nd, Watkins; 3rd, Lloyd; 4th, Johnson; 5th, Shepherd; 6th, Cundick; 7th, Andrews; 8th, Rawe; 9th, Keable; 10th, Pavitt; 11th, Smith; 12th, Worsley; 13th, Barker; 14th Ellis; 15th, Musto. This array of talent we hope will induce a good attendance; we are sure a pleasant evening may be anticipated.

United Service Lodge, No. 1428.—The installation of the W.M. elect (Bro. James Johns) took place on Friday afternoon at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, in the presence of a large muster of brethren, including several W.M.'s and P.M.'s. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. H. W. Townsend, P.M., to whom a cordial vote of thanks was subsequently awarded. The W.M. invested the Officers as follow:—Bros. Leggatt I.P.M., G. R. Stricks S.W., Woodward J.W., T. Mares Treasurer, Arnold Secretary, Laverty S.D., Walton J.D., Elverston I.G., Wilton Organist, H. Burke and Quinn P.M., Stewards. Nearly a hundred were present at the installation banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. Shepherd, of the United Service Lodge. After the cloth had been cleared the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the post-prandial proceedings being interspersed with harmony, and a pleasant evening was passed. This Lodge, which is confined to members of the services, is in a highly satisfactory state. It has 164 subscribing members; during the past year £90 was voted to the Masonic Charities, and it has a balance in hand of £220.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, at York. Present:—Bros. J. S. Cumberland W.M., T. B. Whytehead I.P.M., George Balmford P.M. and Treasurer, J. Moss P.M. Lion Lodge, Whitby, G. Ayre P.M. Falcon Lodge, Thirsk, C. G. Padel S.W., J. T. Seller J.W., J. Kay Secretary, T. Humphries Asst. Secretary, M. Millington S.D., W. P. Husband as S.D., J. Bleukin I.G., G. H. Simpson Organist, A. T. B. Turner Asst. M.C., with many brethren and other Visitors from the York and St. Patrick's Lodges. The Lodge having been opened, the I.P.M. retired with four Stewards, and having formed a procession, introduced the Deputy Prov. G.M. Bro. J. P. Bell P.G.D. England, who was saluted by the brethren. A successful ballot was then taken for a candidate, and the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Dyson was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by the W.M., the traditional history being given by the I.P.M. The Lodge being again lowered, the W.M. addressed a few words to the D.P.G.M., welcoming him, in the name of the members of the Lodge, and expressing the pleasure it gave them to see him amongst them. The D.P.G.M., in replying, said that it had given him the very greatest pleasure to witness the perfect working of the ritual, and he complimented the W.M. and members on the way in which their affairs were managed. He then presented to the Lodge a curious cup, carved out of Dead Sea bitumen, and engraved with a representation of the foundation of Solomon's Temple, and also a photograph of an elaborate drawing of Masonic emblems, by Bro. Dr. Hooper, for both of which gifts the hearty thanks of the Lodge were given. The W.M. then presented to the Lodge, on behalf of Bro. Mason, of the Royal Lodge, Filey, now resident in York, an old snuff box, bearing on its lid a mass of embossed Masonic emblems, which also called forth a vote of thanks. Bro. Husband then presented a curious jug of old Staffordshire ware, bearing on one side the arms of the Ancients and the inscription "Lodge 225, London," and on the other a representation of St. George and the Dragon. In the course of the evening Bro. Husband read a short paper, in which he endeavoured to identify the Lodge to whom the relic had once belonged. The W.M. then alluded to the loss the Lodge had sustained in the death of their late P.M. Bro. T. Cooper, and ended by proposing that a letter of condolence should be prepared and sent to the widow and family, which was seconded by the S.W. and carried in mournful silence. The D.P.G.M. also made some remarks on Bro. Cooper, speaking of him in the highest terms as a man and a Mason. After the singing of a Masonic hymn the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The toast of the Prov. Grand Lodge having been duly honoured, the health of the W.M. was proposed by the D.P.G.M. and that of the I.P.M. by the W.M. "The Visitors" being ably undertaken by the S.W. The I.P.M. in responding said, that in conducting the arrangements for the Lodge of Sorrow the previous week he had experienced a sad kind of pleasure, for he was sure that if anything could have consoled their late dear brother for a separation from his Masonic friends, it would have been the knowledge that his memory would have been so deeply honoured, revered and cherished. The proceedings of the evening were made the more pleasant by the splendid glee singing of the Lodge quartette—Bros. J. S. Cumberland, J. E. Wilkinson, T. Humphries and O. Marshall; and Bro. J. E. Wilkinson elicited great commendation by his beautiful rendering of "Phyllis is my only joy."

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612—On Thursday, 3rd July, the usual fortnightly meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held, at the Feathers, Ealing, and proved one of the most successful that has yet been attended. Bros. E. J. Acworth W.M., Seward S.W., Blasby J.W. 780 J.W., J. W. Rickwood S.D., Costelow S.D. 780 J.D., Fisher I.G., H. E. Tucker Preceptor. The following brethren were also present:—Bros. Goss I.P.M. 780, J. C. Roe P.M. 780, Gardiner P.M. 780, Gomm S.W. 780, Sumner I.G. 780, Talbot 780, Botley 780, Kyezor S.W. 820, Jones, Porter, Wright, Yewens, and Coope of 1612; Stephens, Woolmer, &c. Minutes of last Lodge meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. rehearsed

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the ceremony of initiation, with Bro. Woolmer as candidate, and afterwards delivered the charge. Bro. Yewens answered the questions leading to the second, and the Lodge being opened in that degree, the ceremony of passing was gone through. We are given to understand that this was the first time the W.M. had worked this ceremony, and it is only paying the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction (where the W.M. regularly attends) well deserved credit to say that the ritual is evidently rehearsed there and imparted to its members with every care. Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and closed down, when some routine business was discussed. It was decided to hold the usual Lodge of Instruction Banquet on 31st July. Bro. Tucker then drew the attention of the brethren to a very handsome cushion which he stated Bro. Acworth wished the Lodge to accept. He (Bro. Tucker) said that it had been a great eyesore to him for some time past, that the volume of the Sacred Law should have rested where it did, and he was sure the brethren would accept the gift with great pleasure, and accord to Bro. Acworth their appreciation of his kindness. This having been formally done, the W.M. said it was always pleasing for him to render any assistance he could to the Lodge of Instruction, and thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred on him by accepting the cushion. He also expressed his thanks to the brethren, especially from Lodge 780, for the large support he had received that evening. Bro. Seward was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday evening 17th July, at 7.30. Present—Bros. Ginningham W.M., Moss S.W., Beedell J.W., Grammer S.D., Maidwell J.D., Caton I.G., and other brethren. The ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed, Bro. Silvestre acting as candidate. The second and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Moss, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Caton 65 and Bro. Silvestre 1381 were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. After other business, the Lodge was closed.

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OUTSIDE IDEAS OF FREEMASONRY.

WE have heard of a cynic who defined truth as "undiscovered falsehood," and we have no doubt that the answer was characteristic of the man. This, however, is not the general acceptation of the term, but rather the narrow view of a class, who, being unaccustomed to describe things as they are, consider themselves representative specimens of humanity in general, and have the impudence to include all others in their category. In the case in point the use of the word "undiscovered," leads us to suppose some pains were taken to give a certain amount of colour to the lie, or that there was some apparent reason for it. Even under such circumstances, however, it is usual with Englishmen to treat with scorn the man who is found to be guilty in this respect; but when a man lies or perjures himself merely for the sake of doing so, he deservedly calls down upon himself the most utter contempt, if not pity, of those to whom he thinks to pander. In this class of individual may be included those who in their greed for gain hope, by sensational articles on the rites and ceremonies of Freemasonry, or of other secret societies, to create a demand for their wares, and perhaps acquire a somewhat unenviable notoriety. This may be, and in our opinion is, in most cases a mere display of the annoyance felt by unworthy candidates at not having received the benefits they anticipated from association with the Order. We believe we are justified in saying that such lucubrations are appreciated only by those who, like the writers, know no sense of honour, and by those who are utterly ignorant of the first principles of morality. Who would accept the word of a man who by his own lips convicts himself as a wilful perjurer? In the majority of the so-called "accounts of our ceremonies" there is a certain amount of truth, but usually nothing more than may be learned by any one taking the trouble to enquire for himself. For instance, most persons know that an obligation not to divulge anything that is communicated is among the first things that a candidate is called upon to undertake, and this is usually made especially prominent by those who make it their pleasure to profess a knowledge of what they do not understand. The next thing this class of writers do is, to make a boast of having broken their promise, and then they ask their readers to believe what follows. We pity the ignorance they thus display, and their utter want of knowledge of gentlemanly behaviour or of the feelings of gentlemen.

A writer in the last week's number of one of the London periodicals has taken upon himself the task of exposing what he is pleased to term the childish mummeries of Freemasons. After quoting the following passage from the *Times*:—"Perhaps if Freemasons disclosed their secrets they would lose little worth keeping, and the world would acquire little worth acquiring," he says, "This is all the more true, as the Freemasons have no secrets. . . . I am not myself a Freemason, but I have often amused myself by passing for one." What does he mean by this? Does he suppose that the mere exhibition of a token, or the flourish of a supposed sign — more than likely not having anything whatever to do with any of the Masonic signs — constitutes him a member of our Order, or leads others to suppose that he is one? We should say not, unless it be those who themselves are among the uninitiated. After describing what he thinks he knows of the opening of a Lodge, and which we, as Freemasons, politely inform him would immediately gain for him summary expulsion from the Masonic meeting, and that may be, if he happened to get among a party who were warm on the subject, in a rather unseemly manner, he proceeds with the ceremony of initiation, in one part of which he says the candidate "repeats the oath, in which he engages to keep inviolate the secrets of the Order." Just so, and having done that, we ask him on what ground he wishes us to believe the statements he puts forward? If a man can, and does take the oath to which he refers, and then supplies the copy for such an *exposé* as he would wish us to believe he gives, we hold that the man must be a fool, or expects his readers are fools, to believe one word of his statement. He condescends, later on, to describe "the association as useful as a charitable organisation," and proceeds, "but assuredly it is full time that reasonable human beings should no longer waste their time in the frivolous nonsense that goes on at Lodges, or that secrecy should be affected when there is no necessity for it." We hold that secrecy is necessary if only to keep from our meetings such men as the writer we have referred to. We should like to know his name, in order that we might find out the Lodge which has so justly refused him admission, for we entertain no doubt but that such an event has occurred. We should like to offer our thanks to its members for having so judiciously guarded the character of the Order.

The Annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex will be held on Saturday, the 2nd of August, under the superintendence of the R.W. Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. Grand Z., at the Grammar School, Enfield Town. Prov. Grand Chapter will be opened at 4 p.m., and the banquet will take place at 5.30, at the George Inn. Tickets for the latter (21s each) may be obtained of the Prov. G. Scribe E. Comp. H. C. Levander, 30 North Villas, N.W. We wish the Companions a fine day, and feel assured if such is the case they will enjoy their visit to this picturesque part of the county.

The Summer Banquet of the Henley Lodge, No. 1472, will take place on Wednesday, the 30th July, at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend. The dinner is announced for five o'clock, and will be presided over by the W.M. Bro. Turner.

The brethren of Dublin are just now making strenuous efforts to increase the accommodation of their Female Orphan School. It having been decided that it would not be safe, consistent with the sanitary comforts of the inmates, to still further enlarge the present building, an eligible site has been secured, comprising nine acres, situate at the junction of Blackrock and Simmon's Court Roads. Plans have been prepared for a new schoolhouse, designed for the reception of seventy girls, and so arranged as to admit of extension in the future. The cost of building and furnishing is estimated at £12,000, of which sum £5,000 has been voted from the invested capital of the Charity on condition that a like sum of £5,000 is contributed by members of the Order to this special fund. Already we understand that promises have been received which reach close on £3000, so that we may confidently look to the scheme being speedily carried out. We wish our Irish brethren every success in their undertaking, which when completed will become another of the splendid monuments which are the boast of our Order and the pride of its members.

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MORE PUZZLES ABOUT DUNCKERLEY.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

In the editor's sketch of Dunckerley, in the *Freemason's Magazine*, 1793 (p 379), it is stated that Dunckerley had many letters from the first men of the age, that the said letters would fill an octavo volume; that the editor was anxious to enrich his magazine with many of those letters, but the modesty of Bro. Dunckerley precluded the editor from obtaining more than two; one of these letters was from a noble Viscount, now a Marquis, and the other from the late General Adolphus Oughton, K.B., and these two letters were printed in the said magazine.

The said Viscount's letter was incorporated by Bro. "Q." in his article in this paper, 28th December last. The letter contains neither location, name, nor date. We have only the editor's word that a Viscount sent that letter to Bro. Dunckerley. The said letter referred to Dunckerley's good fortune in getting a pension from the King. The writer was, however, *puzzled;* as the following will show:—He said, "I cannot divine to what channel you owe that piece of good fortune; if in any degree to one person, to whom I mentioned your affair (whose benevolence of heart and public virtues I know are only obscured by public prejudices)," &c. In a footnote, the mysterious person referred to between the parentheses is said to have been *the Earl of Bute.*

When Bro. Dunckerley furnished the said letter for publication, he must have informed the editor that "a Viscount, now a Marquis," wrote it; and also, that the Earl of Bute was referred to by the Viscount. That the writer of the said letter meant to convey the idea that Lord Bute was the party he hinted it, I believe. But I really cannot believe that a Viscount, and a particular friend and admirer of the Earl of Bute, could possibly have imputed Bro. Dunckerley's success to the Earl of Bute's agency or intercession with the King in his (Dunckerley's) behalf.

To make this clear to the general reader, I must inform him that King George III. imbibed very arbitrary notions from his early associates. His family owed the English crown to a revolution; the descendants of the legitimate dynasty were living when George III. became King; he had no objection to wear a crown of which others were deprived by revolution, but he nevertheless hated the party who made his family Kings of England; the revolution of 1688 was associated with liberty, but King George learned from his mother, and books she put into his possession, to hate all kind of liberty except his own liberty. Accordingly, soon after his accession to the throne, he dismissed the Whig ministry of his grandfather, and appointed a Tory ministry; his great favourite and adviser was the Earl of Bute; who was not only the favourite of King, but also of the King's mother. In 1762 Bute took the the Premiership into his own hands, but he suddenly resigned in 1763. The ex-minister, however, exerted himself in drumming up a new ministry, but from that time, Adolphus, the historian of the reign of George III., dates the loss of Bute's influence with the King, though Lord Brougham dates it about two years later. The new, or what is known as the Granville Ministry, soon got into loggerheads with its royal master; the king wanted to *govern* as well as *reign*, but the ministry wanted the King to leave the governing part to them; they were even bold enough to remonstrate against the King's appointments to important offices without their assent. So in 1765 the Granville ministry was ignominously dismissed, and the King ordered his uncle, the Duke of Cumberland, to get him another ministry. The Duke called upon Pitt, but Pitt would have nothing to do with ministries. The Duke next tried other personages, who also declined the honour. In that dilemma the King was willing to restore the Granville ministry, but the *Granvillites* demanded promises from the King that he should never consult the Earl of Bute; that he should dismiss Bute's brother from an office he held in Scotland; and two or three other promises. The King tried to compromise, but the ministry would not budge an inch. Early in July, the royal uncle was again commissioned to hunt up a ministry, and for the want of a more agreeable one the King was obliged to accept the Rockingham Ministry. We see then that in 1765 the Earl of Bute was evidently excluded from open interference, *at least*, with state affairs.

Pitt, who was all powerful with the people, though he said he would support the Rockingham Ministry, was nevertheless opposed to them, and in the first Parliament held under the new ministry, in January 1766, Pitt denounced in the House of Commons "the overruling influence" with the King, meaning *Lord Bute.* But Conway, one of the ministers, warmly denied any kind of *overruling influence.* The King himself declared in a solemn manner, that at the moment when Pitt was talking of an overruling influence, he had no communication whatever, either on business, on state affairs, or private matters with his ex-minister; that he had reason to be dissatisfied with Lord Bute; that he had pledged his word not to permit his interference, and from that moment upon his word and honour as a gentleman, he had never spoken with him in private, and scarcely ever in public. Again, Lord Bute himself was accustomed "to complain to his intimate friends, both in his travels and at home, that he was neglected by his sovereign." "This avowal," says Adolphus, "from a man so cautious as Lord Bute, outweighs all the vague assertions of those who maintain the existence of his mysterious agency [with the king] and proves that the loss of his influence had sunk deep in his mind." (History of England, by Adolphus, 1822; Vol. i. pp 126-7).

Lord Brougham, as already intimated, placed the downfall of the favourite's influence to the period soon after the appointment of the Rockingham administration, and he attributed it to the King's discovery of Bute's too close intimacy with the Dowager Princess of Wales, and he relates the following curious anecdote:—

Princess Amelia, the King's aunt, formed a plan of bringing once more the King and the Earl of Bute together, and on a day when the King was to pay her a visit at her villa in Gunnersbury, near Brentford, she invited Lord Bute, probably without informing him of her foolish intention, and while Bute was walking in the garden, she took her nephew downstairs, saying, there was no one there but an old friend whom he had not seen for years, and before the King could ask any question, he saw Lord Bute in the garden; the King instantly turned round to avoid him, and reproved the silly old woman sharply, &c. To which the editor of the "Pictorial History of England" (Vol. v. p 44) adds:—"We know ourselves, from a living and indisputable authority, that George III. *himself* related this anecdote to a confidential friend and servant, omitting, however, the name of the lady."

On the same page (44) I found a letter addressed to a newspaper by Lord Mountard, son of Lord Bute, as follows:—

"He (Lord Bute) does authorise me to say, that he declares upon his solemn word of honour that he has not had the honour of waiting upon His Majesty but at his *levée* or drawing-room; nor has he presumed to offer any advice or opinion concerning the disposition of offices, or the conduct of any measure, either directly or indirectly, by himself or by any other, from the time when the late Duke of Cumberland was consulted in the arrangement of a ministry in 1765, to the present hour" (viz. 1778). So we see that all parties agree that the disseverance of friendship between the King and Lord Bute took place not later than 1765.

Now, Dunckerley's posthumous MS. in the *Freemason's Magazine*, 1796, *written by himself*, states that Dunckerley did not arrive in England before 7th November 1765, that an effort was made in 1766 to interest the Princess Amelia and the King's mother in his behalf, without success. But in April 1767 his *misfortune*, as he calls it, was laid before the King, and the King granted him £100 a year on the 7th of May following (1767). And now, I cannot help being very much puzzled; after reading the accumulated evidence of Bute's fall from favouritism in 1765, how any one can believe that a Viscount, and a friend of Bute, could have hinted in a letter to Dunckerley after 7th May 1767, that the Earl of Bute interceded with the King in behalf of Dunckerley in the month of April or May 1767?

The second letter to Dunckerley in the *Freemason's Magazine* was dated Edinburgh, 18th November 1767, and signed by James Adolphus Oughton. After condoling Bro. Dunckerley on the state of ill health of Mrs. Dunckerly, the writer added, "Mrs. Oughton joins me in wishing you all possible happiness," &c. The allusion by an English General and a K.B. too, to his wife as *Mrs. Oughton*, and not *Lady* Oughton, naturally puzzled me, and made me anxious to learn something about such an unheard of specimen of English aristocratic humility. After searching through a great many volumes for Gen. Oughton without success, I at last found a clue in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1793, Vol. 63, p 1216. The following is an obituary notice of the General's wife:—

"20th (probably of November), in Norton Street, Lady Oughton, widow of the late Lieutenant General Dickinson Oughton, K.B., who died about twelve years ago. He was the immediate descendant of Sir Adolphus Oughton, Bart., of Fletchbrook, in Warwickshire, M.P. for Coventry, who was created as we have recorded in our Volume VI., p 55," (viz. in 1736).

This is certainly a curious puzzle. The *Gentleman's Magazine* has it, *Dickinson* Oughton; the *Freemason's Magazine* calls him Gen. *Adolphus* Oughton, and the letter to Dunckerley is signed by *James Adolphus* Oughton. The puzzle is, were there at that time three Generals Oughton? a Sir Dickinson Oughton? a Sir Adolphus Oughton? and a Sir James Adolphus Oughton? Which is which?

The next puzzle is still more curious. I read the Dunckerley sketch in the *Freemason's Magazine*, 1793, in 1870. I had to consult the said Magazine since then, but never re-perused the sketch about Dunckerley. My subsequent reading about Dunckerley in Oliver's works and in several Masonic Cyclopædias, served to give me an impression that the increase of Dunckerley's pension from £100 to £800 was mentioned in the *Freemason's Magazine* in 1793. The *Viscount's* letter to Dunckerley (which Bro. "Q." reprinted) raised in my mind the Lord Bute Puzzle, which induced me to re-peruse the Dunckerley sketch in the magazine of 1793; and to my surprise I only found there that a "Great personage was graciously pleased to make a provision for him." In a subsequent part of this Dunckerley narrative the writer says, "by the munificence of his sovereign, the Prince of Wales, and Duke of York," Mr. Dunckerley was made comfortable,* but there is no evidence that the King increased Dunckerley's pension, nor is there £800 or any other amount specified in the said narrative.

It is a puzzle that while, according to Dunckerley's biographer in 1793, the Duke of Clarence did then figure as "Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of the Knights of Rose Crucius, Templars, and Kadosh," according to Bro. Kenning's Cyclopædia, the Duke of Clarence was not initiated into Masonry before 9th March 1796."

The autobiography of Dunckerley, printed after his death (already referred to), makes no allusion whatever to any subsequent addition to the £100 granted to him in 1767. The first mention of a subsequent increase to £800 in Dunckerley's income was by an anonymous

* The Prince of Wales and Duke of York were respectively born in 1762 and 1763. The former was initiated into Masonry February 1787, and the latter 21st November the same year. It is *probable* (for even that is a puzzle) that Dunckerley may have then introduced the R.A., Templarism, &c. among the Moderns, which of course led the ignorant to believe that he was an extraordinary Masonic luminary; and he may then have been pointed out to one or both of the royal brothers, as their *left handed great grand uncle*, whom the King had granted a pension of £100 a-year; and taking the *grand uncleship* for granted they *may have made some addition* to his income, or perhaps procured for him some rooms at Hampton Court. It is of course impossible to say as to how much the royal brothers may have contributed to Dunckerley's income; but as to their having increased it to £800 a-year, we must have a better authority for it than that of an anonymous Masonic writer in 1842.

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writer in Bro. Crucefix's "Freemason's Quarterly," in 1842. All that is written there about Dunckerley was a re-hash from the Freemasons' Magazines of the last century. Volumes I., III. and VI. of the said publication are referred to by the writer in footnotes, and no other authority whatever is given there. Oliver, in his "Revelations of a Square," the Masonic Cyclopædists, and other Masonic writers, repeated the additions made to Dunckerley's biography in 1842, and these additions are now received as *authentic Masonic history*. The puzzle, however, here is, how came the writer in 1842 (forty-seven years after Dunckerley died) to know so many more matters about Dunckerley than either Dunckerley himself, his executors, or his eulogising friend and biographer the editor of the *Freemason's Magazine* of 1723, &c., seemed to know?

All we know of Dunckerley, emanating direct or indirect from himself, is contained in the four first volumes of the *Freemason's Magazine* of the last century. The first volume has Dunckerley's biography by the editor, to whom Dunckerley doubtless communicated his history, names, dates, &c. The fourth volume contains Dunckerley's autobiography printed from his own MS. by request of his executors; the second and third volumes contain his letters, addresses, &c.; among which there are three letters from Dunckerley to the Earl of Chesterfield, the second of these *only* has a date, viz., 1st June 1748. In the first volume the editor remarks, "But having no parliamentary interest, nor any friend in power that he (Dunckerley) knew of to assist him, his modest merit was sufficient to procure him a command," meaning the position of gunner.

Now, if Dunckerley had really corresponded with Lord Chesterfield as early as 1748, how could he have said that he had no friends in power that he knew of? Again, with the intimate acquaintance of Chesterfield, Ed. Walpole, and Gen. Oughton, is it not surprising that he did not immediately in 1760 communicate to them (especially to Lord Chesterfield) who had held high offices during the reign of George II., that the king was his father?

In Dunckerley's autobiography, Vol. IV. he stated that "soon after [1761] I was appointed by Lord Anson to be gunner of the Prince, a ship of second rate." Which certainly implies that it was his first appointment as gunner. But further on, in the same article, he says, that "At the siege of Louisburg, Admiral Boscawen granted me a warrant as teacher of the mathematics on board the Vanguard in addition to my being gunner of the same ship." Now, had the siege of Louisburg taken place after 1761, it would have been all right, and there would have been no puzzle. But the fact is, Louisburg was besieged and taken by the English in 1758, or three years before 1761; and if he was then already a gunner, why did he inform us of his appointment after 1761?"

It is wonderful that Dunckerley's history should be immersed and surrounded with so many puzzles; his parentage is a puzzle, his life and history up to the year 1760 is a puzzle, it is a puzzle as to where and when he was initiated into Masonry: it is a puzzle as to where and when he obtained the Royal Arch and other high degrees: it is a puzzle by what legal authority he established Chapters, Commanderies, Kadosh, &c. among the Moderns. The mysterious initials of the names in his letters are all puzzles. It is a puzzle that our professional Masonic writers were never puzzled with those puzzles. But the most bewildering puzzle of all puzzles is, that Masonic writers now should constantly manifest disapprobation and ill-feeling towards brethren who call attention to Masonic puzzles, including the Dunckerley puzzles.

I must here ask,—Why cannot some one ascertain and publish as to when Dunckerley introduced the high degrees? When the Grand Master appointed him to so many Provincial Grand Masterships? And as to when the G.L. made him a P.G.S.W.? Surely these facts ought to be ascertained from records in the Grand Secretary's office.

PROV. G. MARK LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held at the Town Hall, Cowes, on Thursday, the 17th ult., when there were present the M.W. P.G.M.M. Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, V.W. Bro. W. Hickman D.P.G.M.; Bros. Gen. Hooper P.P.J.G.W., R. L. Loveland P.P.J.G.W., T. Giles P.P.G.M.O., T. W. Faulkner P.G. St. B. (England and Wales), J. E. Le Feuvre P.G. Sec., H. Cawte P.P.G.S.O., G. F. Lancaster P.P.G.I. of W., R. Osborne P.G.J.D., T. G. Pulley P.G. St. B., J. H. Askham P.G.I.G., T. Benham P.G.S.D., J. Blount Thomas W.M. 63, J. G. Wheeler W.M. 140, H. J. Guy W.M. 2, W. Sellwood S.W. 54, W. D. Parkhouse Secretary 62, Haxthausen P.M. 140, G. A. Mursell S.O. 140, W. C. Ross J.O. 140, W. J. Hurst S.D. 140, J. G. Jones I.G. 140, G. Westall S.D. 54, J. C. Airs 140, R. J. Turney I.G. 2, R. Sullivan 140, J. Winship I.G. 63, J. Getcliffe 140, G. W. Munt 140, H. Stone 54, and others. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the accounts of the P.G.M. Lodge were produced by the auditors, showing a small balance in hand. The P.G.M. Master having completed a second period of three years' service, the D.P.G.M. Master, Bro. Hickman, proposed that his name should be again submitted to the Grand Mark Master for re-appointment to the office, this was seconded by Gen. Hooper P.P.G.J.W., and received the unanimous assent of the P.G. Lodge, there being a general feeling of satisfaction that the Lodge should be presided over by a Past Grand Master of England who took such an interest in the degree. It being the turn of this Prov. Grand Mark Lodge to nominate a brother as Grand Steward, Bro. Le Feuvre P.G.M. Sec. proposed that the name of Bro. R. L. Loveland, P.P.G.J.W., should be forwarded to the Grand Master for such an appointment. This was seconded by Bro. Parkhouse, and resolved on unanimously. Some alterations in the by-laws relating to the receipt and payment of moneys belonging to P.G.M. Lodge having been made, it became the melancholy duty of the P.G. Lodge to elect a successor to the present P.G.M. Treasurer, Bro. J. Lillywhite of Portsmouth, who since his election last year had been attacked with serious illness, which, under existing circumstances, gave no prospect of recovery. The D.P.G. Master proposed that Bro. R. L. Loveland should be elected Treasurer, and took the opportunity of drawing attention to the interest always taken by Bro. Loveland in the Order, and that the appointment would be peculiarly appropriate considering the connection of that brother with London, Ryde, and the Mainland. Bro. G. F. Lancaster P.P.G.I.W. seconded the proposition, which was very cordially and unanimously carried. The P.G. Secretary read an abstract of the returns of the Lodges of the Province, showing that they were in a fairly satisfactory state. A vote of £5 5s having been made to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and a very sincere expression of sympathy having been ordered to be sent by the P.G. Secretary to Mrs. Lillywhite on her husband's illness, the P.G. Master appointed his Officers as follow:—

Bro. W. Hickman 63	...	Prov. D.G.M.M.
„ T. W. Faulkner 140	...	Prov. S.G.W.
„ J. Blount Thomas 63	...	Prov. J.G.W.
„ G. F. Lancaster 2	...	Prov. G.M.O.
„ W. B. Rogers 125	...	Prov. G.S.O.
„ T. J. Pulley 54 ...	...	Prov. G.J.C.
„ Rev. G. R. Johnson 17	...	Prov. G. Chap.
„ R. L. Loveland 63	...	Prov. G. Treas.
„ O. Haxthausen 140	...	Prov. G. Reg. Mks.
„ J. E. Le Feuvre 63	...	Prov. G. Sec.
„ J. G. Wheeler 140	...	Prov. G.S.D.
„ G. Westall 54	...	Prov. G.J.D.
„ W. D. Parkhouse 62	...	Prov. G.I. of Wks.
„ C. B. Whitcomb 2	...	Prov. G.D.C.
„ W. Sellwood 54	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
„ J. Winship 63	...	Prov. G.S.B.
„ K. G. Westley 63	...	Prov. G.O.
„ G. A. Mursell 140	...	Prov. G.I.G.
„ R. J. Turney 2 and H. Stone 54.		Prov. G. Stewards
„ Watson ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler

The minute books of the Lodges were then examined, giving occasion to a few "admonitions" on the part of the P.G. Master, after which an adjournment was made to the Fountain Hotel, where a very excellent dinner had been provided, and the brethren satisfied the wants of the inner man, whilst indulging in mutual congratulations on the success of the meeting, which the sun had favoured with its presence, making its appearance it was said, for the first time this year.

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VIEWS ON CHARITY VOTING.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I shall not waste time in attempting argument with Bro. Simpson. It is utterly futile to do so, as his superb egotism carries everything before it. "I am Sir Oracle, and when I ope *my* mouth let no dog bark!" So be it!

Neither will I discuss "antecedents," nor reply to vague insinuations.

The odium of being a paid Officer I am content to share with Cabinet Ministers, great Officers of State, Judges, legal and other officials, the Archbishops, Bishops, and Clergy generally, including, as I believe, your reverend correspondent, all of whom receive remuneration for their services, and freely express their views and opinions within the immediate sphere of their respective duties.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

21st July 1879.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read the letters of the Rev. Bro. Simpson and Bro. Binckes, and regret they have not expended their ink and paper on some other question. I am assured Bro. Simpson is sincere in what he undertakes, but I am convinced his views are not palatable to the Craft at large. I am not one to urge that there are not abuses in the present system, but Bro. Simpson has not propounded any scheme, so far as I am aware, that will remedy these abuses. I almost fear that evil effects will result if the antagonistic proclivities of your two correspondents are allowed further to develope themselves.

Yours sincerely,

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

THE members of the Province of Surrey assembled, under the banner of the Royal Albert Edward Lodge, at Redhill, on Tuesday, when the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., was supported by his Deputy, the V.W. Brother the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., Past G. Chap., and a large number of past and present Grand Officers and brethren of the Province, with a distinguished band of Visitors. Amongst those who signed the attendance book were:—Bros. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke P.G.D., R. W. H. Giddy D.G.M. Griqualand, South Africa, Dr. Brushfield P.S.G.W., J. Beveridge Spence P.J.G.W., George Price P.G.Tr., Edwd. Milner P.G. Reg., C. Greenwood P.G.Sec., Edwin Wells P.J.G.D., C. T. Speight G. Tyler, C. H. Woodward P.P.G.J.W. H. J. Strong P.P.G.J.W., H. S. Brownrigg P.P.G.S.B., H. E. Frances, P.P.G.S.D., C. J. Smith P.P.S.G.W., Godson Godson P.M. 69, John Rhodes P.P.G.O., Jas. Boor P.M. 370, G. E. Pym P.P.G.D.C., C. Veal P.P.G.S.D., Henry J. Dumas P.P.G.J.W., D. G. Drakeford P.P.G. Ch., J. S. Streeter, F. Buckland, C. Edmands I.P.M. 452, John Bond, J. B. Boucher, Horatio T. Taylor, R. H. Groombridge, S. J. Turquand, T. Wood, W. Ledger, J. Mount, J. Webster, R. H. Evans, W. H. Saunders, G. B. Brodie, J. L. Sim, W. Male, W. D. May, W. W. Eller, James Amos, Stanislaus Makoceki, H. Simmons, Alfred Larty, C. Pawley, H. Browse, W. J. Kemp, Henry Brass, W. W. Morgan, W. O. Laker, W. Rock, F. A. Manning, E. Marsh, Chas. Moody, G. Benson, J. H. Parker Wilson, T. Blackston, J. Officer, U. Bach, C. Greenwood jun., &c. On the assembling and opening of Grand Lodge, the first business transacted was the calling over the Lodges in the Province. The roll now includes nineteen, viz.:—

St. George's 370	Royal Albert Edward 1362
Grove 410	Wey Side 1395
Surrey 416	Addiscombe 1556
Frederick of Unity 452	St. John's 1564
East Surrey Lodge of Concord 463	Studholme 1591
Royal Alfred 777	Friendship and Harmony 1616
Dobie 889	Brownrigg 1638
St. Andrews's 1046	Albert Edward 1714
Dorking 1149	Parthenon 1826
Lorne 1347	

Of these all, with the exception of Nos. 777 and 1591, were represented, a most satisfactory result. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge meeting held at Dorking, in July last, were read and confirmed. The report of the Finance and Audit Committee showed the monetary condition of the Province was most satisfactory. The Committee recommended that grants of fifteen guineas be made to each of the Charitable Institutions belonging to the Craft—the Girls' School, the Boys' School, and the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons. It was also recommended that a sum of five guineas be voted to the Redhill and Reigate Cottage Hospital. The brethren were unanimous in their vote for the re-election of Bro. Price as Prov. Grand Treasurer, and the Prov. Grand Master reinvested that worthy brother. The recommendations for the several grants enumerated above were then confirmed by Prov. Grand Lodge, and the R.W. Grand Master reappointed V.W. Bro. Arnold P.G.C. as his Deputy for the ensuing twelve months, gracefully expressing his indebtedness to Bro. Arnold for his services, and his appreciation of the way in which the duties were carried out. The following is a list of those who received the several collars for the year:—

Dr. Brodie	S.G.W.
Major Gant	J.G.W.
Rev. James Amos	G. Chap.
Aldridge	G. Reg.
C. Greenwood	G. Sec.
Taylor	S.G.D.
Browse	J.G.D.
May	G. S. Works
S. J. Turquand	G.D.C.
Buckland	A.G.D.C.
Viscount Mandeville	G. Sword Bearer
Wilson	G. Organist
Moody	G.P.
Mount	A.G.P.
Speight	G. Tyler (reappointed)

GRAND STEWARDS.—Bros. Yarley 463, Saunders 889, Officer 1362, Trower 1395, Mullett 1556, Youlder 1638.

After the appointments, Gen. Brownrigg addressed the members of his Province. He commenced by remarking that he had not much to communicate to them, but he could not omit to tender his thanks for the way in which they had responded to his summons. He was pleased to state that since last they met one new child had been added to their family, and that applications had been made for two other warrants; in one of these cases, however, he had thought it advisable to discountenance the application, on the principle that it might trench somewhat on the ground comprised in the area of a Lodge already working. He professed his regret that other engagements had not left him so much time for visiting the Lodges as he might have desired, but his Deputy in this respect had rendered him invaluable service. He directed the attention of the members of certain Lodges to the irregularity they exhibited in not sending both Bro. Arnold and himself notice when they were about to meet; he desired this might invariably be done. He much preferred dropping in at a Lodge quietly, when they were about to transact their ordinary business, to attending on installation nights or special occasions. Gen. Brownrigg then made passing allusion to some dissensions that had occurred in days gone by, and how gratified he was that on the occasion he referred to his suggestion that he might be allowed to arbitrate on the question at issue had been entertained. He urged on the brethren that when disagreeable matters arose, that they should avoid paying attention to reports, which were often greatly exaggerated, and had a tendency to foster rather than to suppress strife. He announced that he had received letters of regret from Masters of adjoining Provinces—Sir Daniel Gooch, Col. Burdett, Sir W. W. Burrell—at their inability to be present on this occasion, and closed his remarks by again thanking the brethren for their attendance. The general business matters of the Province were then considered, and a notice of motion that had been given by V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, "That the Charity Jewel shall be given by Provincial Grand Lodge to Masons of the Province who have served as Stewards of the three Charities," was discussed. Some diversity of opinion seemed to arise as to how far this rule, if adopted, should be extended, and Bro. Dr. Strong moved an amendment. Bro. H. E. Frances P.P.G.S.D. also seemed to think that sufficient time had not been allowed for the consideration of the proposal, whereupon he moved that the question stand over till the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge. This amendment was put to the meeting and carried, thus disposing of the question at issue for twelve months, by which time, doubtless, the brethren will have considered the proposal in its various bearings, and a unanimity of feeling will be arrived at. Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed. Bro. Henry Brass, M.A., F.G.S., Incumbent of St. Matthias, Red Hill, had, with characteristic courtesy placed his church at the disposal of Prov. Grand Lodge, and personally conducted a short service. The sermon was preached by the Prov. Grand Chaplain the Rev. James Amos, from Jude 20. We have great pleasure in reproducing the discourse of our Rev. Brother.

"But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith."

To be happy is a general design. To communicate happiness is a design good and great The pursuit of happiness is not universally successful. Nothing is more sedulously sought for, but nothing is more constantly eluding the grasp. A form, we fancy to be hers, attracts the step in every period of life; but the ardent follower finds, too often, that he has been chasing a cold, lifeless, cheating, unsatisfying vision. Man is ever seeking some refuge from the cares, the anxieties, the sorrows of life; but it is a constant experience to find all chance of escape, apparently, cut off at every point; blow after blow falling upon a crushed and wounded spirit; and so, faint and bleeding, as it were, he staggers on, to receive the last sad stroke, that lays him lifeless in the tomb. Happiness is so rarely attained to, because it is sought for in a wrong direction. The idea is too fondly cherished, that pleasure, honour, influence, ease and wealth, which seems to command them all, are the accompaniments of happiness: are the potent charms, that summon her to our presence, and compel her to bring her sweetness to our hearts. The qualifications of rank and fortune are but external. And those, truly, are wisely taught, who are instructed to prize them very lightly, in comparison with more solid, more precious, more gratifying acquisitions of honour and virtue. The secret of happiness is found in what we are; not in what we have. In following the straight and undeviating line of conduct, marked out for our pursuits in the volume of the sacred writings, we are ever accompanied by a stream from those rivers of pleasure which are at God's right hand for evermore. There is such an adaptation to our nature and condition, in living according to the unerring standard of truth and justice, which God, in His wisdom, has afforded us; and there is, besides, so great a blessing which God, in His approval, makes to attend upon the steps of that man, whose simple aim is, that his words and actions may ascend, pure and unpolluted, to the throne of grace; that such a course is ever marked, by a serenity unknown to others. That blessed book, which is given as the rule and guide of our faith, is full of illustrations, to win us on to lead this holy, this happy life. Sometimes it is suggested to our mind, as the growth of some beautiful tree, whose verdure betrays that her branches are full of sap; or again, as in the passage before us, it is very frequently likened to the erection of some stately and superb edifice. Dwelling on this latter view, I conceive that each man should be building up himself according to the draft or plan delineated by God. His eye should ever be upon the pattern which has been laid down in direct commands; upon the models exhibited in the recorded lives of the good and great. And, above all, upon the perfect example of Him, in whom dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. In building up a character approved by God, a great advance has been made, when you have attained to some meekness, and lowliness of heart. When, guided into that most interesting of human studies, the knowledge of yourself, you are affected with such a sense of your own imperfections, that you are ready to believe that others are better than what you are. You will have reached no small eminence in good things, if you are taught to bend, with humility, and resignation, to the will of your Heavenly Father. If you learn to repose with confidence upon the wisdom of the dispensations of divine providence; in the comforting assurance that all things work together for good to those who love God. You have added an imposing height to the structure of your mind, when Charity, when heavenly love, becomes, in very truth, the predominant characteristic of your heart. When you have attained to this virtue, in its fullest sense, you may justly realise that you are planting a summit to the whole edifice. This is that virtue which, enjoying the approbation of heaven as well as earth, enables the possessor to judge with candour, to admonish with friendship, and to reprehend with mercy: which moves him to drop a tear of sympathy on the failings of a brother, and to pour the healing balm of consolation into the bosom of the afflicted. In the estimation of God, he who has this virtue has his grasp upon a most excellent gift; and he who has it not, is poor indeed, is absolutely nothing. As you have it, you already hold communion with the skies; as you fail of it, you are of the earth, and earthy. But when character is regarded as a building, it is not so much this virtue, and that, which you are to introduce, but it is a certain symmetry, an harmonious union of them all, which is looked for. Benevolence, and charity, will shine out

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with their appropriate lustre; prudence will direct you, temperance chasten you, fortitude support you, and justice will be the guide of all your actions. The whole figure implies that arduous toil should be brought to bear upon the work. And on the other hand, it is not suggested that modest quiet as well as persistent labour is mostly associated with real and satisfactory advance. The gorgeous palace rises amid comparative silence. The materials, mainly brought from a distance and fashioned far away, are placed in their position, without unmeaning noise and obtrusive tumult. This was a special feature in the erection of King Solomon's Temple. The peculiar sacredness of the building, and its evident intention, as an illustration of the suitable development of the powers of man, called for this, in an eminent degree. Each stone was, at a distance, smoothed and rendered fit for the hand of the more experienced workman, and by him the elaboration was carried on so far, that it had only to be brought to the site, and quietly raised, and gently put into its place. Silently, and steadily, the Temple rose, like the quiet opening out of some beauteous flower, and so it was that in the rearing of that structure, whose final magnificence drew out the applause of men, with one simultaneous accord,

"No ponderous axes rung;
Like some tall palm, the wondrous fabric sprung."

In this transitory life, we are never destined to reach to the complete realisation of that sketch of goodness, which has been defined for our instruction. But the whole analogy, which we have been considering, is altogether without meaning, if we are making no progress in the right direction; if there is no growth in goodness, however small. We expect the tower, which is left unfinished and abandoned by the builders, to be soon taken up by ill-omened and destructive birds, to be miserably exposed to the cruel gusts of howling tempests, and speedily to fall into a ruin. In the arduous undertaking of the good man's life, we may be thankful for any assistance we can get. And, herein, I linger for a moment to-day, on the obvious advantage we derive from the companionship of just and upright men—of men, from whose converse we may gather recreation, consolation, sympathy, and instruction; from whose lives we may get the force of example, and the stimulus of emulation. It is possible that the casual observer may imagine that there is some quaintness in the forms and procedure of that ancient institution, in connection with which we meet to day: but so to the mere passer by may appear the helpful but intricate scaffolding, which covers the walls of some stately palace, which by its assistance is rising unseen in all beauty behind. A firm but humble confidence may surely be felt, in the substantial value of our association, inasmuch as it is founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue; as it directs us, as a first duty, to the serious contemplation of the Word of God: as it is ever bidding us to repair to that divine source from which alone grace and help are to be found; and makes it a chief concern that we should be building up ourselves, on our most holy faith. As we are fighting with temptation, grappling with duty, and struggling with sorrow, sweet and friendly, and safe, is the voice that calls us to live in the light and love of God; that teaches us the practice of prayer; that cheers us with the hope of salvation; through Him who was once as a stone, rejected; but who is now, to those who trust Him, a corner stone, a tried stone, a sure foundation; and who, hereafter, will dawn upon the world a morning star, to bring peace, and tranquillity to the faithful and obedient of the human race. In this congregation, there is not one who is not bound by serious obligations to carry on the arduous, but happy work of self-discipline and self-improvement—indeed, with many the calls to it must be so frequent, and so loud, that there is some danger lest they should get habituated to them, and may fail to receive the appropriate effect: and so they may become content, that comparatively few should tread, alone, the high and difficult path of religious virtue—insensible, alike of their own great loss, and to the discouraging effect upon those about them, who are entitled to the invigorating influences of bright, wholesome, and elevating example. But I am persuaded better things of you, beloved. You will strive so to live as to convince the world that you are fired with a holy ambition to excel in what is good, and great. You will I trust make it abundantly clear that your efforts are all tending to enable you to serve God more faithfully, to lead better lives yourselves, and to do more good to others.

The Banquet was served at the Public Hall, under the presidency of Gen. Brownrigg, who, on the removal of the cloth, gave the Loyal and Masonic toasts. He referred to Her Most Gracious Majesty as the daughter of a Mason, the mother of Masons, and urged that, in the order of things, she might be expected to become the grandmother of Masons. In giving the health of the M.W. the Grand Master, Gen. Brownrigg remarked that the social position of the Prince of Wales had unquestionably tended to increase the interest in our Order. Still, he could but think that, without these adventitious aids, Freemasonry would have held its own. In speaking to the toast of the M.W. Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, and Grand Officers Present and Past, the Prov. Grand Master said all were represented; we have with us to-night Bro. Giddy D.G.M. Griqualand, Bro. Arnold Past Grand Chaplain—but of him more anon; and Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke. He would call on Bro. Giddy to reply. Bro. Giddy could not but consider it a very high compliment paid him in selecting him as respondent for Grand Officers. On their behalf he tendered his sincere thanks. With regard to the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master no better men could be found. Personally, he experienced great pleasure in being present that day. In the words of the song with which they were to be favoured with next—"From the desert he came;" Griqualand was a matter of some 8000 miles distant. He would tender his best thanks for the reception given him. After Bro. Lawler had sang the song referred to, Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Master, and made special mention of the care displayed by Gen. Brownrigg in his consideration of the several claims of those who were deemed eligible for office. The Prov. G.M. in reply said that the toast, as a matter of course, was one that was given with cordiality and drunk with geniality. He was convinced the brethren of his Province thought well of him. Remarks had frequently been made that he was a business man; no man who had been tried as a soldier (and he was sorry to say he had been 47 years one) could help acquiring habits of business. He had had, in his Province, throughout, a support and cordial welcome wherever he went. He had succeeded a brother who in his day was very popular, and he felt that brother's mantle had fallen on him. He would now direct their attention to the next toast he had the honour to propose—The health of the V.W. the D.G.M. of Surrey, and the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past—in giving this toast he felt particularly fortunate in having so able a Deputy. He had compared notes with other Provincial Grand Masters, and he had come to the conclusion that he was singularly fortunate, and he expressed this conviction openly and freely. As for the Provincial Grand Officers they always ably supported him, and he felt grateful for the kindness at all times shown. Bro. Arnold acknowledged the hearty way in which the toast had been received, and thanked the Prov. Grand Master for the kind things he had said of him. Bro. Arnold then briefly urged on the brethren the advantages to be derived from carrying out a uniform system of working throughout the Province, and advocated the establishment of Lodges of Instruction. He forcibly urged that brethren should not be placed into chairs until they had evidenced that they possessed the qualifications requisite to perform the duties that devolved upon them; and impressed upon the members of the Province the desirability of establishing a Board of Installed Masters who should decide upon the fitness of candidates for office. For the Visitors Bros. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke and the Rev. Henry Brass, Incumbent of St. Matthew's, Redhill, replied; the Provincial Grand Treasurer and Provincial Grand Secretary's claims for recognition were not overlooked; both these brethren replied, Bro. Greenwood reminding the members of Prov. Grand Lodge that this was the twenty-fifth time Bro. Price and he had been entrusted with the collars of their respective offices. In proposing success to the entertaining Lodge, Genl. Brownrig commented on the admirable way in which the day's proceedings had been conducted, and the compliment paid them was acknowledged by Bros. Major Gant and Officer. In speaking to the toast of the W.M. and Wardens of the other Lodges in the Province, reference was made to the desire Gen. Brownrigg had previously expressed that he desired all the offices should be considered as of equal value; with this toast was associated the name of Bro. Buckland. The proceedings throughout were very agreeable, and eminently satisfactory. The collection made after the service realised £4 12s 6d, and this amount was expended in clearing a debt that had attached itself to the local Ragged Schools. The musical arrangements of the day were entrusted to Bro. John Rhodes, P.P.G. Org., who had secured the services of the veteran Bro. T. Lawler and Bros. Baxter and G. T. Carter. The Tyler gave the final toast of the day, and the brethren separated.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE brethren of the county of Hertfordshire were fortunate in having selected a fine day for their annual gathering in Prov. Grand Lodge, for Wednesday last brought us indeed almost the first taste of summer that we have this year enjoyed. Although it has been an accident almost to obtain a gleam of sunshine for any event within the past few months, the goddess Fortune smiled most benignantly upon the brethren as they streamed into the old-fashioned but picturesque little town of Berkhampstead, to participate in the festivities which had been marked out for the day. The Castle grounds were merry with the laughter of a host of Sunday School children, who had come from Watford by the same train in which the brethren from the up stations travelled, and it being market day, the principal street presented an unusually lively appearance. Towards three o'clock there was a goodly muster of Prov. Grand Officers and brethren at the Town Hall, which had been secured for the event, and Herts may be congratulated this year upon the very satisfactory attendance, under the banner of the Berkhampstead Lodge 504. Prov. Grand Lodge was opened at three o'clock by a procession of Grand Officers, who were received with the usual acclaim by the brethren assembled. The R.W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, presided, supported by Bro. J. Sedgwick Deputy Prov. G. Master, with Bros. John E. Dawson as Prov. Grand Senior Warden, J. Terry Prov. Grand Junior Warden, Revs. G. Finch and Oswell Thompson Prov. G. Chaplains, F. H. Wilson Iles P.G. Sec., G. D. Groom P.S.G.D., Thomas Kent P.J.G.D., Frederick Levick Prov. G. Purs., Thomas Thomas and Thomas Wright P.G. Tylers. Amongst those also present we noticed:—Bros. Thomas S. Carter P.M. 403 P.P.G.S.D., James Shilcock P.M. 449 P.P.J.G.W., Fred. Venables W.M. 1385 P.P.G.P., James Cutbush P.M. 1385 P.P.A.D.C., William H. Rowe P.M. 504 P.P. Grand Superintendent of Works, John L. Mather P.M. 1580 P.G.D.C., John E. Lane P.M. 504 P.G. Pursuivant, Robert A. Wright P.M. 504 P.P.G.S.D., Frederick Lovick S.W. 404 P.G.A.P., W. C. Maddever W.M. 504, W. J. Crutch 1580 P.P.G.S., Henry C. Finch P.M. 404 P.P.G. Reg., W. Wilson G.P. P.M. 504 P.P.J.G.W., Charles Lacey P.M. 1577, E. T. Foord P.P.G.S.B., F. D. Rees Copestick 869 P.P.G.S.B., Edgar Bowyer P.M. 1580 P.P.G.J.D., W. B. Heath P.M. 504 P.P.G.S.W., D. C. Foster P.M. 504 P.G.S.B., H. Hollis P.M. 504 P.G.S.B., J. J. Berry P.M. 554, Rev. W. H. W. Casely Cranbourne Chaplain 1580, Witham M. Bywater P.M. Athelstan 19, Edward Baxter P.M. 504, Thomas Harvey Hill 504, F. Lane 504, Robert Coombes 12, George Graveley 898, Frederick A. Ford 1580, Thomas F. Reid Organist Earl of Zetland 1304, J. W. Purrott W.M. 1479, T. S. Watts P.M. 916, A. W. Nash W.M. 409, W. Bristo P.M. 860, J. S. Lee 404, Ernest Knight P.M. 1361,

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H. C. Lambert 504, H. J. Foster 504, John Greig 504, E. Harker 504, Edward Swain W.M. 803, Joseph Round 340, Samuel Harris 340, W. Hunter W.M. 1677, A. Wade W.M. 449, I. N. Edwards W.M. 1479, C. E. Reyner 404, T. C. Chapman W.M. 869, William Browne Kidder P.M. 12, George Wilson P.M. and Treas. 173, Edmond Wilkin 1385, J. H. Wilkin 1385, G. Young 1757, H. J. Amphlett 1511, John Jos. Hatton 504, W. Field W.M. 504, Jos. Copestick P.M. 269, R. A. Brooke P.M. 404, E. Massey P.M. 1297, R. Fisher Young P.M. 1385, John Eldridge P.M. 167, J. F. Rowe 504, J. Bausor P.M. 1580, Thos. Hyland 1580, Charles Bullock 504, S. J. Woolley W.M. 1327, J. Knight 1327, A. Parker P.P.G. Reg., John Middleton 834 (acting as Tyler), &c. The proceedings having been opened in due form, and with prayer, offered by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, the roll of Prov. Grand Officers and of Lodges was called, the responses showing that not one Lodge in the Province was unrepresented. The Prov. Grand Secretary then read the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge, which were confirmed and signed by the Prov. G.M. The election of Prov. Grand Treasurer was next proceeded with, and a letter was read from Bro. Alfred James Copeland, tendering the office he has for some years held as Treasurer, stating that his many engagements prevented him from bestowing that time upon the duties that he wished. It was then resolved, on the motion of Bro. T. S. Carter, seconded by Bro. J. Terry, that Bro. F. Sumner Knyvett be elected to the office. Bro. W. Wilson, Grand Purs. of England, moved a vote of thanks to Bro. Copeland for the very able and satisfactory manner in which he had carried out the duties of Prov. Grand Treasurer, and that the Prov. Grand Secretary be instructed to convey to Bro. Copeland the thanks of Prov. Grand Lodge in the usual way. This was agreed to amidst loud applause. Bro. Knyvett, in acknowledging the compliment paid to him, expressed the hope that he might carry out the duties in such a way as would entitle him to a similar mark of esteem and appreciation as had just been paid to Bro. Copeland. The Provincial Grand Master expressed his cordial concurrence in the vote which had been passed to Bro. Copeland, and was quite sure that although they had secured a worthy successor in the person of Bro. Knyvett, they all regretted very much the loss of Bro. Copeland's services. The Prov. G.M., before investing his Officers, said he was about to appoint Bro. Fredk. H. Wilson Iles, their Prov. Grand Sec. and P.M. of the Watford Lodge 404, as Deputy Prov. G.M. for the ensuing five years. He took this opportunity of expressing his thanks to Bro. J. Sedgwick, his present Deputy, and a well-known Mason in the Province, for the cordial way in which he had supported him during his tenure of office. In accordance with the custom in the Province, the office of Dep. G.M. was held for a certain period, and Bro. Sedgwick's time having expired, he had placed his collar at the disposal of the Prov. G.M., who now bestowed it upon their late Prov. G. Sec. Bro. Iles then took the obligation, and was invested with his collar and jewel amidst the loud cheering of the brethren. The following Prov. Grand Officers were then appointed for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. H. Rowe P.M. 504 Prov. G.S.W., T. S. Carter P.M. 403 Prov. G.J.W., Rev. Oswell Thompson and W. H. W. Casely Prov. G. Chaplains, F. Sumner Knyvett P.M. 404 P.G. Treas., I. N. Edwards P.M. 1479 P.G. Rec., John E. Dawson I.P.M. 404 P.G. Sec., W. C. Maddever W.M. 504 P.G.S.D., R. F. Young I.P.M. 1385 P.G.J.D., T. C. Chapman W.M. 869 P.G. Sup. of Works, J. L. Mather P.M. 1580 P.G.D.C., A. W. Nash W.M. 409 Assist. D.C., John Purrott W.M. 1479 P.G. Sd. Bearer, John T. Lee S.D. 404 P.G. Organist, Wm. Bausor I.P.M. 1580 P.G. Pur., H. C. Lambert I.G. 504 Assist. Pur., John Hatton, John Greig, Charles Bullock, Henry Foster of 504, and Frederick A. Ford and T. Ryland Stewards. Bros. T. Thomas 504 and T. Wright 403 (re-elected) P.G. Tylers. It was subsequently moved by Bro. T. S. Carter, and seconded by the Prov. G. Sec., that the sum of twenty guineas be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. This was carried unanimously, and it was also resolved, on the motion of Bro. Terry, seconded by the Deputy Prov. G. Master, that the sum of ten pounds be voted to the Berkhampstead Lodge towards defraying the expenses of entertaining Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. T. S. Carter moved, and Bro. W. Wilson seconded, that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the West Herts Infirmary at Hemel Hempstead,—Carried. The Deputy Prov. G. Master next proposed, and the Prov. G. Master seconded, that pursuant to the recommendation from the Board of Finance to Provincial Grand Lodge, the sum of twenty-five pounds be contributed to the fund being raised amongst the Masons of England for the restoration of the West Front of St. Albans Abbey. This was carried by acclamation. It was also agreed, on the motion of the Prov. G. Sec., and seconded by Bro. Terry, that the publication of the Provincial Calendar be continued. After some formal business had been transacted, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, and the brethren subsequently repaired to the King's Arms Hotel, where a most *recherché* banquet was provided by Mrs. Lane. Notwithstanding the presence of a much larger attendance of guests than had been anticipated, the arrangements were carried out in admirable style, and reflected the highest credit on the proprietress of the hotel and her staff of assistants. The dining-hall was handsomely decorated with flags, shields and various devices, whilst the tables were prettily set out with vases and epergnes of exquisite flowers, which emitted a delightful fragrance and imparted a picturesque aspect to the room. At the conclusion of the tempting *menu* the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and were most enthusiastically received.

In proposing the health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sedgwick said he was quite sure it was a toast which the brethren would receive with enthusiasm. Speaking for himself, he had reason to be deeply grateful to the Prov. G.M. for the honourable position he had been enabled to fill during the past five years. Their Grand Master had given him an opportunity, as an old Mason, but who had grown rather rusty, of reviving the work which he did forty years ago. He valued and appreciated the manner in which the Prov. Grand Master had performed his duties, and he had great pleasure in asking the brethren to join with him in drinking to his health. He wished the hon. member many years of happiness and prosperity, and he only expressed the sentiments of all present when he hoped that he would long continue to adorn the Order of which he was now so bright an ornament. The toast was received with loud cheers, and in responding the Prov. Grand Master said if it had given the proposer of this toast half as much pleasure to belong to the Craft during the last five years as it had himself to preside over this Province, then he was sure Bro. Sedgwick must be highly satisfied. No Prov. Grand Master, whether under the English Constitution or any other, ever had a pleasanter Grand Lodge to preside over than this. He could only say it gave him very great pleasure to come amongst them, under the banner of one of the Lodges of which he was a subscribing member as well as Grand Master, and in a neighbourhood in which he had passed most of his life. He augured from this very successful gathering that the Province would go on and flourish. Within the last year they had consecrated another Lodge at Hemel Hempstead, one of the last towns in the county of any size in which a Masonic Lodge was wanted. He did hear of a little hostile feeling on the part of some brethren in a neighbouring town, which he would not name, who thought it would somewhat interfere with their Lodge; but he thought there was ample room for both. Both were flourishing, and he did not see why there should not be a good Lodge in both towns. He considered it was a mistake to have too large a Lodge, for though it might come a little cheaper, they ran the risk of having coteries formed, and so on. Therefore, he saw no reason why these two Lodges should not prosper. He sincerely trusted the Province would go on, for it certainly had taken a wonderful stride during the past few years, and he wished it to flourish so long, at all events, as he had the honour of presiding over it. He assured them that nothing should be wanting on his part to make it both harmonious and successful. They knew he had duties in another place, duties which had been of unparalleled hardness of late, which called him away; but he asked them to join with him in drinking the next toast—the Visitors. Hospitality was one of the great virtues of a Freemason's heart, and he should ask them, therefore, to drink the health of the visitors who had honoured them with their company. He associated with the toast the name of his friend Bro. L'Estrange, W.M. of No. 10, who responded. He and the Prov. Grand Master were many years at Eton together, and they went to Oxford about the same time, and therefore it was with great pleasure he was the guest of their Prov. Grand Master that evening. Moreover, they saw the light together in the Apollo University Lodge, and occasionally they met in that London Lodge of which they were both members, the Westminster and Keystone. He thanked the company from his heart for the cordiality with which they had received the mention of his name in connection with the toast. The Prov. G. M. next proposed the V.W. Deputy Prov. G.M. and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past. He trusted that the reception they gave the toast was but an earnest that they had not altogether unappreciated the selection which it had been his endeavour to make that day. He had chosen the best and most leading men, so far as he could understand, in the Lodges of this Province. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. F. H. Wilson Iles, who had been known to them for many years past as their most efficient Prov. G. Sec., who in that capacity had done a great deal for the Province, and had rendered him assistance such as he should never forget to the close of his existence. He sincerely trusted Bro. Iles might be spared to perform, in his (the speaker's) absence, the duties which would now devolve upon him. But he had another name which he wished also to associate with this toast, and he should be remiss indeed if he did not mention the name of his late Deputy G.M. Bro. Sedgwick. For many years, as the elder brethren knew, he filled the office of Prov. G. Sec. Since he had had the honour of presiding over the Craft in his Province in the position of Deputy, he had gained the esteem and affection of every brother, and he would live long in the hearts of every one in the Province. Bro. Iles said more eloquence than he could command was necessary in responding to this toast. He felt sincerely the honour which had been done him to-day, and assured them it should be his earnest endeavour to carry out the duties of his office efficiently, and to support the Prov. Grand Master in all his undertakings in the Province. The Prov. Grand Officers were not the men he took them to be if they rested on their laurels. They would do their work in their respective Lodges, and he felt sure the brethren were satisfied with the choice which their Prov. Grand Master had made to-day. On his own part, he hoped that during the next five years he should do credit to the choice made in his own appointment, although he felt some regret at relinquishing the Office of Grand Sec.; yet he should look back with satisfaction and pleasure upon the kindness he had invariably received at their hands. He had made many personal friends during that time, and he trusted he had made very few, if any, enemies. He felt it a great honour to succeed to this high office, and again thanked them for the cordiality with which they had received the toast. Bro. J. Sedgwick also suitably replied to the toast. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then proposed "The Masonic Charities," in doing which he intimated that he proposed next year going up as a Steward for the Boys' School, and he should take it as a great compliment if the brethren of the Province would liberally support him in that undertaking. Bro. Terry, whose name was coupled with the toast, said when they considered that the youngest Lodge in the Province was numbered something like 1750, and that now on the roll of Grand Lodge there were Lodges numbering as high as 1832, they could form some idea of the growth of the Craft during the past nine months, during which time no less than eighty Lodges had been added to the roll. The claims also upon the benevolence of the Craft had correspondingly increased, and he was sorry to say that at the next election of candidates for the Girls' School, in October, they would be in the unfortunate position of having 48 candidates with only 18 vacancies. There would have

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been only nine had it not been that nine additional admissions had been placed upon the list. With respect to the boys, at the next election there would be 72 candidates and only 16 to be elected. In the Benevolent Institution, which he trusted was not the least important, there would be, he was afraid, a list of something like 80 candidates, and at the present time there was the prospect of only 16 vacancies. During the last five years this Province had taken a position it had never assumed in the Craft, and he attributed it to their being presided over by their present Prov. Grand Master. During that time he had had the honour of seeing two Lodges added to the roll; and this, when they remembered the peculiar position in which Herts was placed, unlike the populous manufacturing districts, was very satisfactory. Thanks to the energy of their Prov. G. Master and the brethren who took the position of Stewards, this Province stood No. 1 in the list of subscriptions this year for the Girls' School. He hoped and trusted this might go on. There were 207 girls being clothed, fed, and educated in their magnificent Institution at Battersea Rise; 217 boys were in like manner being educated at Wood Green; and under the Benevolent Institution there were 303 annuitants. These Institutions needed and deserved a great amount of support, and he was happy to say that notwithstanding the depression in trade, the support accorded to them during the past few years had in no way diminished, but had actually increased. He concluded by urging the brethren to support their Deputy Grand Master in his position as Steward next year. The Lodges of the Province was then given, coupled with the name of the W.M. of Berkhampstead Lodge, who responded, and the official list closed with the Tyler's toast. The speeches of the evening were interspersed with vocal and instrumental selections of music, given in admirable style by Bros. Seymour Smith, Upstone and Lord. This part of the day's arrangements was under the direction of Bro. J. F. Haskins.

NON-AFFILIATION.

From the "Masonic Newspaper."

PROBABLY no spectre has ever arised which threatens to do so much towards disturbing the harmony, and even endanger the life of the institution, as this one of "non-affiliation for non-payment of dues," and still by a singular exhibition of blindness to its best interests, this evil has its origin, and receives its nourishment, from within "the household of the faithful."

That it was the evident design of the originators to render the institution a blessing, and not a burden to its votaries, no one well read in Masonic history will for an instant question; and how far that amiable purpose has been distorted, we call upon all thinking members of the Order to "Read, Consider and Digest." In the olden time this question of annual dues was an unknown quantity in the great problem of Masonic life, the Lodges being regarded in the light of social and charitable clubs, supported by the *voluntary contributions* of the brethren, and by small fines imposed for non-attendance or breaches of the bye-laws, which were paid cheerfully. From this fund the debts contracted by the Lodge were paid, leaving a handsome margin from which charity was dispensed, and that, too, with no niggard hand. "Boards of Relief" were unheard of, and Freemasonry made rapid strides upon the highway to success and prosperity.

Freemasonry grew and flourished, until the year 1873 found it in this country and state, and from that time until the present, all who read Masonic journals are familiar with the difficulties which it has been called upon to encounter.

Where, or at what time, the present system of annual dues originated, history does not inform us, so we feel obliged to consider it "an invention of the enemy," for its influence has been evil, and its result promises to be disastrous to the Fraternity in this and every similarly burdened jurisdiction; like "the old man of the mountain," it is tightening a fatal grasp round the neck of one of the grandest institutions ever devised for the benefit of man, and unless, like Sinbad, the Fraternity fling off *this* incubus, who shall predict its fate?

It is a well-known fact that the great mass of those who make up the Masonic Fraternity in the State of New York are far from being *millionaires*; they are, on the contrary, hard-working men who, in the main, depend upon their daily labour for support. That this class forms also the most desirable material for our Lodges must be a fact, patent to every observing brother. Since the stagnation of business in 1873, many worthy and deserving brothers have, from causes over which they have no control, been gradually getting into arrears with their Lodges, and perhaps also Chapters, Commanderies, Councils, and Scottish Rite Bodies, until to remove the load proved a task beyond their means. These unfortunate brothers may have occupied positions of honour in the several bodies with which they were connected, performing their tasks with dignity, and in a manner which reflected credit upon the Fraternity; does this fact assist them in the hour of necessity? Not at all; had they been drones, instead of the busy bees which they were, the consequences would have been none the less harsh.

In the midst of domestic misfortune or financial oppression comes additional adversity, and that, too, from an unexpected quarter. Throughout the grand principles of Freemasonry we find the beautiful sentiments of "brotherly love, relief, and truth" held up, not only for the admiration of an unbelieving world, but for the consolation of unfortunate members of the Society. The sentiments in themselves are truly grand, and certainly God-inspired, for they teach lessons derived from the known "Word," the "Great Light" of the Institution. Let us consider, however, the wide difference which exists between profession and practice, as here plainly exemplified, and following out our suppositious case, state that the brother holds membership in Lodge, Chapter, Commandery and Council, and is equally enthusiastic and delighted in his connection with all of these bodies. His dues accrue, and at the same time house rent becomes due, or some little bill for household necessities demands payment, and here comes the difficulty. In the struggle between his Masonic pride and zeal and the home demands, naturally—for the Institution teaches that "a man must be a kind husband and an indulgent father"—he satisfies the cravings of his family, and receives a *summons* from the Craft to *pay his dues* or show cause why he should not be *stricken from the roll*.

His feelings are hurt, and in many cases the warm partizan is transformed into either a *cold, careless unaffiliate* or an outspoken opponent of the once beloved Order. *What should he have done?*—gone before the several bodies where he had once served *long* and *faithfully*, and humbled still further the little honest pride left within him for an institution which dealt a *death-blow* to an already *wronged* and *injured brother?* We say no—a thousand times no! Better sever at once the connection, and bury the past than *ask* for that charity which is plainly taught by the institution as *belonging to him of right*, and which is *wrongfully* withheld by a perversion of the landmarks of Freemasonry. The brother, to maintain his dignity, suffers himself to be stricken from the roll, the voting being done, perhaps, by brethren fresh from the preparation room, and who are consequently in ignorance of the *time, labour and substance* which *he* had expended to give *them* the privilege which they so wofully misused.

Look at the consequences of this action, and compare the Masonic status of this *unfortunate* brother with that of the *wrongdoer*, one who had been expelled from the Order: the one suffers for his *poverty equally* with he who had *violated* his *solemn engagements*. The expelled brother is permitted, according to the laws of New York, to petition for restoration, and can then affiliate with any Lodge upon the payment of a small fee; the un-affiliate can rejoin his Lodge, but must pay *all* his indebtedness *from the time at which he was "dropped" up to his re-affiliation*; thus plainly paying for all the time during which he suffered by the *denial of "Masonic rites and benefits."* That this is unjust, is, in our opinion, to put it *very mildly*.

The result of this perversion of Masonic doctine is that with every year the institution *loses*, instead of *gaining* strength; old war-horses are led out to die in the cold, and desirable material from which to make Masons become frightened off by the exhibition of unkindness so plainly seen upon every side. *This is all wrong*; it is *un-Masonic* and *uncharitable* in the *highest* degree; it makes poverty not a misfortune, but a crime, for which additional punishment must be heaped upon the offender, and Masonic landmarks perverted in order that he may be made to feel the heinousness of his guilt.

The "Great Light" declares "*Woe unto him who shall remove a Landmark*," and we add *woe unto Freemasonry* unless this great wrong is righted, and that speedily.

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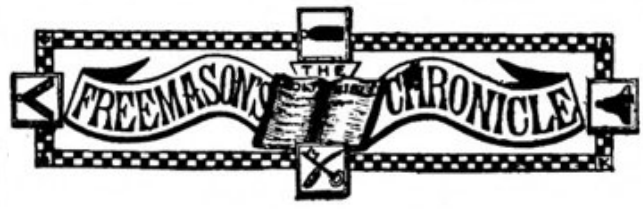

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CONSECRATION OF THE ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 1817, SHOEBURYNESS.

AMONG the first Masonic duties that have fallen to the lot of the newly appointed Grand Master of Essex (Lord Tenterden), is that of the consecration of the St. Andrew's Lodge, which event took place on Tuesday, at the Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness. The ceremonies of the day commenced at two o'clock, at which time the R.W. Bro. Lord Tenterden opened the Lodge, having previously appointed Bros. Wood and Shepherd as the Wardens *pro tem*, with Bro. Pissey as I.G., Wigram D. Prov. G.M. as Chaplain, Harris Secretary. The Prov. Grand Master first announced that he had received a telegram from Bro. Ralling, the Prov. Grand Secretary, announcing that, in consequence of the heavy rains, the train had been delayed, which made it impossible for him to attend the meeting. The ceremony was then proceeded with, and in due course the Prov. Grand Master called upon the Chaplain to deliver the oration. Bro. Wigram, in the course of his address said:—I shall be brief in my remarks, but I trust they will be appropriate. You have, brethren, been already reminded that the event of to-day is one of great importance and solemnity. In my opinion there are two facts which lend themselves to making it so. The first, which points out the progress that Freemasonry is making in every part of the country, and especially in the Province of Essex, as evidenced from the fact that fourteen years ago, at the time of the consecration of the Priory Lodge, at Southend, there were but 1000 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, while at the present time the number, as taken by this we are now constituting, is 1817, an increase of 817 Lodges throughout the country. Of this number, nine belong to our own district. Both these point to the rapid growth of Freemasonry, which was never more popular than at the present time. This great increase teaches us a must important lesson—that we should be careful how we act as Freemasons. It behoves us to be very careful in our behaviour, for a Mason should act as one in whom the world may repose confidence. We are to-day gathered together to consecrate a Lodge where no Lodge has ever been held before, and this fact alone will cause the inhabitants to watch attentively all whom they know are Freemasons, and therefore I hope you will do your best to keep up the credit of the Craft in the district. Remember the honour of Freemasonry in this part of Essex rests in your hands, and I hope it will remain as pure and unsullied as you will receive it this day from the hands of the Prov. Grand Master. The remaining portion of the consecration ceremony was then completed, and the Lodge resumed to the second degree, when Bro. Charles Eltham was presented as the W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. This ceremony was performed by Bro. A. Lucking, who, on the readmission of the brethren, called for the usual salutes. The W.M. then appointed the following as Officers for the year:—Bro. George J. Glasscock S.W., James M. Farr J.W., Hall (after being duly proposed and unanimously elected by the Lodge) Treas., J. M. Harris (P.P.A.G.D. of C.) Sec., F. Howell S.D., Rev. H. J. Hatch J.D., S. M. Walker I.G. Bro. Whittingham was unanimously elected as Tyler, and duly installed as such. Bro. Lucking then delivered the addresses from the west and south, and the Prov. Grand Master that from the east. Four propositions for initiation were handed in, as were also the names of two brethren who wish to join the Lodge. Before closing the Lodge, the W.M.

him in the ceremonies of the day will also accept a similar compliment from us. Lord Tenterden, in reply, said—It is a very great pleasure for me to find that one of my first duties as Master of Freemasonry in Essex is to institute a new Lodge, especially in this part of the county with which I am so intimately connected. I accept with pleasure the position of honorary member you have so kindly offered me, and hope I may on some future occasion have the opportunity of visiting you as a regularly constituted and flourishing Lodge. Bro. Wigram then said—On behalf of the other Officers of the Province, I thank you for the reception that has been accorded us. We join in wishing the Lodge every prosperity, and feel especial pleasure in attending, especially as this is the first Lodge which has been consecrated by our new Prov. Grand Master. The W.M. then said—I wish to propose a vote of thanks to Bro. A. Lucking for having come and acted as Director of Ceremonies in the consecration of the Lodge, and also for having installed me in my present position. It is the first opportunity I have had of witnessing the installation ceremony, and I am very much impressed with it. Bro. Lucking, in acknowledgement, said—I did not require any thanks. I feel it a great honour to have to instal the first Master of this, the first Lodge consecrated by our present Prov. Master. Nothing further offering, the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge. The brethren afterwards adjourned to a spacious marquee, where dinner was served by the host in a creditable manner. The usual toasts followed. The first three were given very briefly, but none the less heartily; with the latter—the Prov. Grand Master and other Officers of Grand Lodge, was coupled the name of Bro. Matthew Clark Grand Deacon, who in reply said, on behalf of the Grand Officers of England, I tender my heartiest thanks. We all believe that they do their best for Masonry; my experience in the Grand Lodge convinces me that Freemasonry could not be under better management. The W.M. now proposed the health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master Lord Tenterden, the Consecrating Officer of the day. He said, I now come to the fourth toast on the list, it is one which falls upon me as a most pleasing duty. I have most heartily to thank our Grand Master for coming down here to the consecration of our Lodge. I think it a very great honour. Lord Tenterden on rising to respond was received with the most hearty applause. He said: Brethren, I have to thank you—this I do most sincerely—for the cordial reception you have given me. I look upon it not only as a compliment to your Consecrating Officer, but also in my capacity as Master of your Province. It is very assuring to see so many present on this occasion, all of whom wish well for your Lodge, consecrated this day. Let us consider how that happy inauguration may best lead to the results which we hope will follow. If this Lodge is to prosper, and I hope it will do so, and spread its influence all over the world, it will be necessary to have good work and good material. By good work I do not mean mere letter perfection—which although very good in its way, is not all that is necessary—but heart perfection; that alone is the way by which you can impress the reality of our system on those who are initiated into our Order. We have to-day consecrated this Lodge to the glory of God and the welfare of our fellow creatures, and thus do the Officers of to-day and their successors undertake to further in every way in their power the interests of the Order. It is also necessary that you should have good material or it will be labour thrown away. What we want is, not that there should be a number of Lodges or brethren in England, but that we should be able to boast of our solidity, and in order that we should be able to support in the future the Lodges which may arise we should be most careful in building them up; therefore, in choosing your recruits you should choose stalwart men, men who will be able to support the dignity of the Lodge. The Lodge should always strive to be a model in its work, and in the selection of its members, so that when we hear of the Lodge at Shoeburyness we shall hear of one that it is a credit to any to belong to. In constituting a Lodge we should look to the general welfare of mankind, and as we may perchance leave footprints on the sands of time we should do good work in the present, so that those who come after may take it as a model. The other toasts usual on these occasions followed in quick succession, interspersed by songs and glees. The brethren did not leave until a late hour. Among those present were the Right Hon. Lord Tenterden Prov. Grand Master, S. R. Wigram D.P.G.M., S. F. Heaton P.G. Chap., A. Lucking P.G.D. of C., Thos. King P.G.P., Alfred Sturgeon P.G.S.D., E. E. Phillips P.J.G.W. Somersetshire, P.G. Deacon Essex, F. B. Shepherd P.P.S.G.W. P.P.G.C., W. Pissey P.P.J.G.W., H. J. Sanson P.G.J.D., J. R. Hemmann P.G.D., Matthew Clark J.G.D., Frederick Binckes Sec. R.M.I.B. P.G. Steward, &c., F. Wood P.M. 1,000, C. Buckland J.D. 1,536, H. Harding Organist 1,536, G. Smith 1,536, T. King W.M. 160, H. Harper J.W. 160, W. D. Merritt J.D. 1,000, G. F. Jones S.W. 1,000, W. Lockey 1,000, H. Luker 1,000, G. Cox 1,000, F. Calrow, G. Kennedy Sec. 1,536, John Allen W.M. 1,734, D. Davies 913, James Godwin W.M. 1,313, D. Bartlett Sec. 1,313, J. Girling 1,000, D. Wright 1,024, W. J. Chignell 1,000, A. Brice 184, A. F. Collins 504, J. Harrington S.W. 160, W. Kilpin I.G. 160, G. Goodman 160, J. Horton 903, E. Winmill 160, F. F. Barrett S.D. 1,000, F. C. Johnston W.M. 1,000, &c.

VENERABLE ORDER OF ST. LAWRENCE.

Ebor Lodge.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on the evening of Thursday, the 17th inst., the R.W.M. Bro. G. Simpson presiding, Bros. J. S. Cumberland S.W., T. B. Whytehead P.M. as J.W., M. Millington, Husband, Humphries, and others being also present. Bro. S. F. Boustield was made free of the Order, the ceremonies and lecture being given by the R.W.M. with great effect. Allusion was made to the loss by death of the J.W. Bro. T. Cooper, whose interest in everything connected with Masonry was so great.

CONSECRATION OF ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE No. 1823, AT CLARE.

THE brethren of Clare and its vicinity have, during the past few years, added considerably to their number, and as a necessity have fostered a desire for a Lodge of their own, where they might assemble and enjoy those social pleasures which form the basis of Masonic brotherhood; in due course, therefore, a petition was sent in to the Grand Lodge of England praying for a warrant of constitution, which prayer having been granted by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Lodge has now been regularly consecrated, and opened for the purpose of Freemasonry. The ceremony, which took place on Wednesday, at the Half Moon Hotel, was conducted by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Lord Waveney, who was supported by the Deputy of the Province, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, who opened the Lodge in the three degrees. The Prov. Grand Master, Deputy and Wardens of the Province were then saluted in due form, after which the ceremony was proceeded with. The Prov. Grand Master first said that the object of the meeting of the day was to receive into the bosom of the Craft the latest addition to its ranks. He considered it a great satisfaction to be able to be present and assist at the addition to the great Craft to which we belong. It was a great pleasure to him, as Provincial Grand Master, to assist in the consecration of an additional one to the number of the Lodges under his rule. The Provincial Grand Secretary having addressed the Provincial Grand Master, he ordered that the brethren be arranged in order, and then directed that the petition and warrant of the new Lodge be read, which having been done, he enquired of the petitioners if they approved of the officers named in the warrant. The Brethren having signified their approval, the Provincial Grand Master called on the Prov. Grand Chaplain (Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn), to deliver an oration on the nature and design of Freemasonry. That brother said:—It is customary on such occasions as the present to deliver a short address, but as we are on the present occasion to proceed to church, where I am sure you will hear an oration on the requirements of the Order, I shall content myself with a very few words. We appreciate the many benefits we derive from the practice of Freemasonry. The three grand principles of which—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth—should guide us in all our undertakings. We now stand on the very threshold of what, let us hope, will prove a most successful Lodge. Let it be said of one and all of you that you practise Freemasonry in your daily lives as well as in the Lodge. Let brotherly love distinguish your conduct not only within but without the precincts of the Lodge. We should ever help a brother in every way that lies in our power, and speak those comforting words which will prove relief to his heart. "May your conduct show that you are Masons in more than name. May a sacred regard for truth be ever in your hearts." I have thought it necessary only to glance at these three virtues which we are taught in Freemasonry, but you are doubtless aware of many others we are taught in the Lodge. I hope the Great Architect of the Universe may give you strength to conduct yourself in such a way that the world will know there is really something in the grand tenets on which the Craft is founded. The brethren then proceeded in procession to the parish church, where service was performed by Bro. the Rev. J. W. Collins, the sermon being preached by Bro. the Rev. B. S. Barnes, from Psalm cxxii. 8. At its conclusion a collection was made, on behalf of the fund for the restoration of the church; this, it was announced later on, amounted to £6 15s 6½d.

The Rev. C. J. Martyn then took the chair, and Bro. Cooke having been duly presented, he was installed as the first Master of the new Lodge, and proceeded to invest the other Officers as follow:—Rev. J. W. Collins S.W., Rev. L. Klamborowski J.W., F. Fitch Treas., Stokoe Sec., Wheeler S.D., Geo I.G., Glazing Tyler. In investing the latter Officer the W.M. referred to the fact of his being one of the representatives of the old Lodge held at Clare. He had great pleasure in investing him in a similar position to that he occupied in the Lodge from the ashes of which, as it were, their Lodge had sprung. Bro. Lucia, the Secretary of the Province, previous to the close of the Lodge, announced that he had received letters of apology from several of the Prov. Grand Officers, regretting that from various reasons they were unable to meet the Prov. Grand Master. The Prov. Grand Master then rose and said—I do not know if what I have to say will come within the limits of a proposition for the good either of this Lodge or of Freemasonry in general, except that I intend to show what I hope will be for the good of the Order. The Prov. Grand Master then proceeded to show the connection between the old and present Masonic Fraternity, and addressed a few words to the brethren on the subject of the restoration of the parish church. The names of ten gentlemen were then handed in as candidates for initiation, but we understand that these are but a moiety of those who have here expressed a desire to join our mysteries. Seven brethren were also mentioned as wishing to join the Lodge. Before closing the Lodge, the W.M. said—I wish to bring before your notice a vote of thanks to those who have not only honoured us by their presence to-day, but have assisted in the formation of the Lodge. These, as you may be aware, are the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Lucia Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. B. S. Barnes, who has this day given us such an admirable sermon, and Bro. Clarke, to whom we are indebted for mustering, preparing, and fitting us for what we have gone through this day. Lord Waveney, in reply, said—I speak in the first place for myself, and thank you for the appreciation you have expressed of what I have done. It is but my duty, but it has been a most pleasing one for me, witnessing as I have the way in which the work has been performed. Bro. Martyn said—I thank you for the compliment you have paid us. It is at all times a great pleasure to me to do anything to advance the interests of the Craft in this district. I feel sure your Master will, in the words of our

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ritual, reflect honour on the choice of the brethren. Bro. Barnes followed. He hoped that the Clare Lodge would pursue a prosperous career, and that none of those present would live to see it anything but prosperous. Bros. Lucia and Clarke also responded. Bro. Stokoe, the Sec., proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn for the way in which he had carried out the ceremony of installation. Bro. Martyn briefly acknowledged the compliment thus paid him, and the W.M. then proceeded to close the Lodge. The brethren adjourned to the "Priory," where a most enjoyable banquet was served and partaken of by the brethren. At the conclusion of the banquet grace was said, and the W.M. proceeded to propose the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. After that of the Queen and the Craft, the National Anthem was sung. With the toast of the Grand Master of England was coupled the name of the Princess of Wales and the rest of the members of the Royal Family. Freemasonry was, the W.M. said, at the present time in the most promising condition, and much of its success, he considered, due to the Prince of Wales. With the health of the Prov. G. Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, the W.M. coupled the names of Bros. Martyn and Lucia. We may judge of our rulers as we do of the commander of a campaign. When success attends their efforts we may safely assume that they are what is required of them. Bro. Martyn was the first to reply. He desired to thank the brethren on behalf of the Grand Officers for the reception that had been given the toast. He fully endorsed what the Master had said about the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale. No better men could have been selected to preside over us. The brethren had hoped that the Earl of Carnarvon would have been able to attend, but his engagements were such as not to admit of his being present. Whenever the rulers of the Craft could be of service they were ever present. Bro. Lucia followed, tendering his thanks for the way in which the toast had been received. The W.M. then rose to propose the toast of the Prov. Grand Master. In doing so he touched on ground nearer home. Not only is our Prov. G. Master welcomed in his position as ruler, but also as the Consecrating Officer of the day. Lord Waveney, in reply, said: It requires no preparation on my part to acknowledge with thankfulness the toast you have just received in the most hearty manner. In the whole course of my Masonic career I have never been received so heartily as I have been to-day. The Prov. Grand Master referred to the remarks which had been made from the chair on the duties of a Prov. Grand Master as set forth in THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of last week. On behalf of those who had visited the Lodge, and especially for himself, Lord Waveney tendered hearty thanks for the reception that had been accorded them. The next toast was that of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. In proposing this the Master considered that he ought almost to wish for that brother's absence lest he might be accused of flattery. During his fourteen years connection with the Grand Lodge of England Bro. Martyn had been absent but twice, and on each occasion it was from reasons beyond his control. His duties, whether in connection with either of the many Lodges to which he belonged, or as Deputy Grand Master of the Province, were at all times carried out most efficiently and zealously. Masonry, the W.M. said, was not the first thought of Bro. Martyn, he had a position as parson to keep up, and this he did in the same efficient way as he did that of his various offices in Freemasonry. From his flock comes the same exhibition of hearty good feeling that comes from us. Bro. Martyn made a most appropriate reply. Often as his health had been proposed, it had never been proposed so heartily as on the present occasion. He had been told that, 25 years ago, at the consecration of the Old Clare Lodge Bro. Martyn—no relation of his—had been Deputy P.G.M., had replied in appropriate terms; he hoped that he too should have the credit of replying appropriately. Lord Waveney then assumed the gavel, and proposed the health of the Master, who replied in a few well-chosen words. The other toasts followed in due course, and the brethren parted after a most pleasant day. Among those present were Lord Waveney Prov. Grand Master Suffolk, Charles J. Martyn Deputy Prov. Grand Master, W. H. Lucia P.G.S.B. of England Prov. G. Sec., Henry C. Casley Prov. G.J.W., W. P. Phillips P.P.G.S.W., F. B. Wentworth P.G.S.D., J. M. Harvey P.G.P., Frederick Wheeler P.P.G.R., W. Clarke P.G.D. of C., J. H. Thompson P.P.G.S.B., Middlesex, B. S. Barnes P.G.C., Parker J. Rennie 1,280, J. S. Cumberland W.M. 1,611, W. L. Lewis 1,224, E. O. Cockayne 1,543, A. E. Campbell 859 P.G.A.S., W. Elliot Shaw 78, T. B. Richardson, A. W. Cook 225, R. E. Jones S.W. 1,224, J. Hanly 51, C. Kenby 959, C. H. Vincent 1,224, S. Spurgin J.W. 1,224, H. Welham P.M. 1,224, H. Taverner J.D. 1,237, R. Aprile 1,224, Charles Gomersall I.P.M. 1,224, J. F. Hills P.M. 1,224, G. H. Grimwood P.M. 1,224, W. Watson Organist, E. H. Inman I.G. 1,221. We should observe that a Freemasons' Lodge was formerly held at Clare, the South Suffolk Lodge having been consecrated in the same house in 1823. The Lodge was removed to the Rose and Crown, Sudbury, and eventually ceased meeting.

A party of the brethren who arrived about noon were most hospitably entertained to luncheon at the Priory. We may add that this ancient building, with its massive walls and buttresses, pointed arches, and windows, and even a "piscina" in the garden wall, by the doorway, probably in ancient times forming the "cloisters," preserving still an ecclesiastical character, and still of some extent, was viewed with much interest. The grounds, too, are extensive, with well kept gardens, the whole admirably adapted for the purpose for which it is now used, that of a large academy for boys. We are pleased to add that there is every prospect of the new Lodge flourishing, and holding a distinguished position in the Province. It will probably number in a few weeks some forty members on its books, and its establishment is certainly of advantage to the ancient, picturesque town of Clare.

I think the best things a Freemason can do, are, to honour God, use his time industriously, respect himself, and take the world as it comes.—ROB. MORRIS.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. PETER'S LODGE, No. 481.

THE installation meeting and festival of this Lodge took place on Monday, the 14th, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. R. Eynon, supported by the Officers, and a good attendance of brethren. The minutes of the last meeting being confirmed, one brother was passed to the F.C. degree, the ceremony being creditably given by the W.M. Bro. John Usher S.W., W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M. by Bro. E. D. Davis P.G.D.C., to receive the benefits of installation. All formalities having been gone through, and the brethren below the chair re-admitted to the Lodge, the newly installed G. Master was proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom. He then appointed and invested the following brethren as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. Eynon I.P.M., J. Duckett jun. S.W., J. Cook P.M. P.P.G.S.W. J.W., John Spearman P.M. Treasurer, A. Giblin W.M. 541 Sec., T. Printie S.D., G. Ford J.D., R. L. Armstrong P.M. D.C., R. Ferry Org., Stafford I.G., G. S. Sims Tyler; Macdonald and Weldon Stewards. The W.M. received the hearty good wishes of a large number of visiting brethren, and no other business offering itself, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Head Hotel, where they sat down to a capital repast. Full justice having been done to all the good things, and grace said, the W.M. rose to give the first toast, the Queen, which was duly honoured. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. next received the good wishes of the brethren. The toast of the Pro G.M. and Officers of Grand Lodge followed on the list, after which the W.M. gave the Earl Percy and Officers of the Prov. G. Lodge. In the course of his remarks he said the brethren will all know that the Prov. G. Lodge this year meets under the banner of this Lodge, and he trusted they would not fail to come up in such numbers as would do honour to them, particularly after the reception they had received last year at Alnwick. He was delighted they had that day amongst them the P.G.S.W., who had taken so great an interest in the working of all the Lodges in the Province during his year of office. He should therefore couple with the toast the name of Bro. Adam Robertson Provincial G.S.W., who, on rising, was received with cheers. He expressed the wish that the task had been put on some one else's shoulders, who would have done more justice to the P.G.M. It was useless for him to dilate upon his many virtues, or on the many important services he had rendered to the Province. He was no ornamental Mason—he was a working Mason in every sense of the word. He had served every office in the Lodge, and when he was Master one of his characteristics was punctuality. The moment the Lodge was called, Earl Percy was in the chair; during his Mastership he (Brother Robertson) had the pleasure of serving under him as one of his Wardens. It had afforded the Provincial Grand Officers a deal of pleasure, whilst officially visiting the Lodges, to see the uniform good working, and he trusted these visits would be repeated, as most of the P.G. Officers of this year were W.M.'s of Lodges. This gave them an opportunity of comparing their working with the other Lodges in the Province, and would tend to cement that good-fellowship which is the backbone of Freemasonry. Bro. R. L. Armstrong P.M., in a few well-chosen remarks, proposed the health of the P.G.M. of Durham and the Officers of that Province; with this toast he coupled the name of Bro. E. D. Davis P.P.G.S.W., whom he designated as his father in the Craft, and he prayed he might long be spared to be amongst them; when it should please the G.A.O.T.U. to remove him, he would leave a name behind him that would long be cherished and never be forgotten. Bro. Davis, who on rising was heartily received, said that he had to thank them on behalf of the Provincial Grand Master of Durham, who was the oldest in England, holding that important office since 1817, and since that time he had rendered the Craft much service. The Charity Committees of the two Provinces, he was glad to say, had become united, and much good might be expected from their joint efforts. He now came to a more difficult task—namely, to reply to the kind manner in which Bro. Armstrong had brought his name before them, for which he thanked him, and the brethren for the way in which they had received it. Bro. Armstrong had but lately taken the reins of power, and they all knew how well he used that power; when he (Bro. Davis) shall have passed away, he will still be a shining light in Masonry, and will then be able to remember one that loved him well as a man, and was always anxious for his success as a Mason. Bro. Eynon, in giving the next toast, said it was one that required few words of his to ensure its reception by the brethren; it was the health of the W.M. He was quite certain, from what he knew of the brethren and Officers of the Lodge, that they would give Bro. Usher every support. It gave him particular pleasure to submit this toast, because he had to assist at that brother's initiation, although in an inferior office. He wished him every success and a prosperous year, and called on all to drink his health in a bumper. The W.M. expressed his thanks, and assured the brethren he would endeavour to do his duty. He was much obliged for the support given him, and to the brethren for gathering round him in such numbers. He should say little now, but at the end of the year leave them to judge if he was deserving of all or any of the kind things said of him, and trusted to offer to his successor the Lodge in as prosperous a state as he then found it. Bro. Davis, in some feeling remarks, proposed the health of Bro. Eynon I.P.M., which was suitably replied to. The Past and Present Officers received their meed of praise, and the Visitors received a hearty welcome. Both toasts having been replied to, the Tyler was called, and brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. The Visitors present were:—Bros. E. D. Davis P.P.G.S.W., Adam Robertson P.G.S.W., S. Donkin P.M. P.P.G.D.C., G. I. Dean 541 P.M. P.P.G.J.D.,

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R. L. Armstrong P.M. 406 P.G.P., B. P. Ord I.P.M. P.G.O., W. M. Bell W.M. 1557, T. Alexander P.M. 773, J. Milburne P.M. 919, G. T. Chilton J.W. 1661, J. Wood S.W. 48, Fowler, Manchester, S. M. Harris Sec. 406, &c. We were somewhat surprised to notice that this Lodge was not in mourning, in token of respect to the memory of their late and much respected brother, P.M. George Thompson, who had for so many years laboured for this Lodge, and who had truly brought the Lodge to the position it now holds. All the other Lodges in the town have paid him that respect; we therefore notice the neglect the more in this, his mother Lodge, and the one for which he had done so much.

LEBANON LODGE, No. 1326.

THE installation meeting of this excellent working Provincial Lodge was held on Saturday, the 19th inst., and in spite of the pouring rain was numerously attended by members and visitors. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M. Bro. J. C. Woodrow the Lodge was opened by Bro. John Hammond P.G.D. Middlesex P.M., and the minutes were subsequently confirmed. Bro. Baldwin P.P.G.P. as S.W., J. B. Shackleton P.G.P. J.W., F. Walters P.P.G.D. Hon. Sec., Stone I.G., Lawrence D.C., P.M.'s W. Hammond P.P.G.D., Potts, H. Potter, F. Binckes P.G.S. (Hon. Member), and Bros. Knight, Stanton, Buckley, Rogers, Baker, Brown, J. W. Adams, &c. Bros. J. Smith and F. Dye were passed to the 2nd degree, and Bros. H. J. Buckley, J. Cavell, W. R. Smith and D. Brown were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons, the acting W.M. performing the ceremonies in a very perfect manner. Bro. Woodrow having now arrived, Messrs. A. Driver and C. T. Tatum, who had previously been ballotted for, were duly initiated into the Order by him. The report of the audit committee was adopted, it showed the Lodge was in a flourishing state. A Board of Installed Masters was opened and Bro. J. B. Shackleton P.G.P. Middlesex P.M. 1524, as W.M. Elect, was duly installed into the chair by Bro. J. Stevens P.M. 1,126, who officiated by special request as Installing Master. The work was performed in a perfect and impressive manner and well merited were the encomiums passed on him at the conclusion. The W.M. having received the customary salutations, appointed and invested his Officers:—J. C. Woodrow I.P.M., J. Hammond P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. S.W., J. W. Baldwin P.M. J.W., Treas., F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex Secretary, H. Gloster P.M. S.D. Stone, J.D., Steinhauer I. G., Marsh Organist, F. Knight D.C., H. Potter P.M. W.S., Vasilla A.W.S., Gilbert P.G.T. Middlesex Tyler. Bro. F. Walters proposed and Bro. J. C. Woodrow seconded that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the able and impressive manner in which Bro. Stevens had performed the installation ceremony, and that he be elected an honorary member. Bro. J. Hammond in seconding the proposition remarked that the brethren, in electing Bro. J. Stevens, would find him an acquisition to the Lodge, as he was to every Lodge with which he was associated. This was unanimously agreed to. Bro. J. Stevens, in returning thanks for the honour conferred, said his services would be at the command of the brethren, and he hoped that good feeling and harmony would prevail while the Lodge continued. Bro. F. Walters in feeling terms proposed that Bro. W. Hammond P.P.G.D. and Bro. R. Williams P.G.O. be elected honorary members; those brethren had always rendered great service, not only to the Lodge, but also to the Province. This resolution was carried unanimously, and the W.M. in eloquent terms supplemented Bro. Walters' remarks. A widow of a late Brother of the Lodge was relieved from its Funds. The W.M. then said that the brethren had seen and appreciated the services rendered by the I.P.M. Bro. Woodrow. They had thought fit to present him with a jewel of solid gold, set with diamonds—a gift worthy of his acceptance—for the able manner he had discharged the duties of the chair, and in token of the respect in which he is held by each member. In placing the jewel on Bro. Woodrow's breast (he the W.M.) hoped he might live long to wear it. Bro. Woodrow, in brief but appropriate terms, thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions, and the brethren for their valuable gift. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Ballard, the new host. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. He referred to the fact of Her Majesty being the Patroness of our Order; while H.R.H. the Grand Master, by accepting that position, had lent a prestige to the Craft never before accorded it. We are proud to have the Prince of Wales at our head. The toast of the Pro G.M. and D.G.M. was next proposed, and then came the health of the R.W. Bro. Col. Burdett Prov. G.M. It was unnecessary to say how highly he was esteemed throughout the Province. He was constant in his visits to the several Lodges, and made himself conversant with the way in which they were being worked. Every member of the Province looked upon Col. Burdett as a thorough English gentleman. This toast was most enthusiastically received. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Sir Charles Bright, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers; he coupled with the toast the names of Bros. W. Hammond and Hurst. The former brother, in responding, said he felt it an honour to reply to the toast. The Province was but nine years old, and during that time it had been satisfactory to see so many Lodges established and flourishing under the auspices of Col. Burdett. He looked around, and saw many brethren belonging to this Lodge who had received Provincial honours. This was a source of pride to them all, and he thanked them for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast. Bro. J. Stevens now rose and said, that the I.P.M. being absent, he felt a great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M. It was his fixed idea that the W.M. was the right man in the right place; theirs was a large Lodge, and if there should be another formed from it he hoped there would be nothing more result from the expansion than Unity, Peace and Harmony. In the W.M. you have a guide to that haven which every Mason wishes to reach; the haven of unity. He would ask them to drink the toast heartily, and wish the W.M. success in every shape during his year of office. Brother Shackleton hoped, during his term, to be able to give them every satisfaction, and at the expiration of his year trusted he might hear the same expressions. His best endeavours would be for the welfare of the Lebanon Lodge, and he would do all he could to support Freemasonry and the Charities. Last year they had assisted the Girls' School and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; they had not as yet done anything for the Boys, but in the future they would. He thanked them for their kind reception. The next toast given was the health of the Installing Master; the W.M. was sure all had listened with great pleasure to Bro. Stevens's working of the ceremony of installation. Bro. Stevens had been elected an honorary member, and he (the W.M.) was pleased to see the unanimity with which the brethren had endorsed that proposition; he could say a great deal in Bro. Stevens's praise, and more of his merits, but in future doubtless they would see somewhat of his capabilities. Bro. J. Stevens, in a very eloquent speech, responded to the toast. He remarked how pleased he was to meet the Brethren and instal his old friend the W.M. into the chair; he spoke of the beauties of Freemasonry, and his remarks were listened to with great attention. He concluded by saying we have the glorious conviction that in spite of the shafts that are levelled against us, we know our strength. Personally his services were always at their command. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the newly-initiated. One brother had been obliged to leave, but the other was then present. However, he is about to leave this country to go to New Zealand; when he arrives there he will find the right hand of fellowship held out to him; Masons are to be found in every part of the globe. Bro. Tatum is but a young man, but he trusted a bright future career was open to him, and he hoped he would never forget their good wishes and the expression of God speed from the members of the Lebanon Lodge. Bro. Tatum in returning thanks for the cordial reception the toast had met with, hoped the good wishes of the brethren would be fully realised. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. Bros. Hurst P.A.G.P. Middlesex, Cash, Hutching 147, Freeman, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188, severally responded to the toast. Each complimented the W.M. for his genial presidency, and also Bro. Stevens for the excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Masonic Charities. As Masons they were bound to support the Aged, the Girls, and the Boys, who are dependent on us. If at the expiration of his year of office they desired to give him a jewel, he would rather they should give double the amount to the Charities. The Lodge had liberally supported the Institutions, and he hoped they would continue to do so. Bro. F. Binckes P.G.S. and Secretary to the Boys' School was present, and he (the W.M.) regretted there was not a better attendance of members to meet him; still, those who were present would drink heartily to the toast, coupled with Bro. Binckes's name. This brother in an able speech returned thanks, remarking that the Boys' School was the poorest of the three Institutions; they were losers to the extent of £800 by a recent failure, but he was pleased to hear the Lodge would support his Institution in the future. The toast of the Officers was given, the W.M. hoping that the selection he had made would give satisfaction. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. Some excellent harmony was rendered. Among the Visitors were Bros. W. A. Barrett P.M. 1706 P.P.G.O. Oxon, Mus. Doc., James Stevens P.M. 1426, Hutching 147, T. A. Thompson 1614, R. Boley 1201, J. Hurst 1512 P.A.G.P. Middlesex, Cash, and H. H. Levy P.M. 188.

In Memoriam.

It is with sincere regret we have to announce the death of Bro. L. M. Auerhaan, Treasurer of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 188. Bro. Auerhaan was a member of the Joppa Lodge over thirty years. His death will not only be lamented by his sorrowing widow and children, but by a numerous circle of Masonic and private friends. The suffering poor and distressed, of all denominations, will likewise miss a benefactor, who was always ready to listen to their appeals.

STOKES ON MEMORY.—At Mr. Stokes's popular Lectures on Memory at the Polytechnic Institution, some highly attractive methods of teaching are being explained by the author, including a plan of teaching the Multiplication Table by means of pictures. A bird with two wings stands for two, and a four legged animal stands for four, and in this fashion all the numbers are represented, a variety of charming pictures, thus taking the place of the ordinary unattractive numerals. Mr. Stokes commences at 12.30, and various other lectures and entertainments continue till 5 o'clock admission to the whole one shilling. For parents and children the Polytechnic is really the place to spend an instructive and profitable day.

I have always found Freemasonry better than Freemasons, as the model is better than the copy. Not that Freemasonry teaches how to make bad men good, but it certainly tends to make good men better, or at least to keep the good from degenerating. There are many better things in the world than Freemasonry, such as the family, the church, the profession by which we are supported, &c., and the man who puts Freemasonry before them will come to grief. —*Masonic Review.*

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 26th JULY.

1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7.
R. A. 1044—Mid Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R. A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1482—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.
1531—Chislehurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chislehurst.
1799—Arnold, Marine Hotel, Walton on the Naze (Emergency).

MONDAY, 28th JULY.

174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
408—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham.
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York. (Emergency.)
R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

TUESDAY, 29th JULY.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1319—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)

241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction)
269—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
1214—Scarbro, Scarbro Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.
1568—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead.
R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.

WEDNESDAY, 30th JULY.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)

86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire.
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent.
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire.
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham.
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
38—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley.
580—Harmony, Wheat-beaf, Ormskirk.
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1084—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester.
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby. (Instruction.)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow.
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester.
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester.
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes.
M. M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale.
K. T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester.

THURSDAY, 31st JULY.

Summer Banquet of the Henley Lodge, 1472, at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston.
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne.
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden.
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth.
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire.
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn.
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe.
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter.
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington.
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Warille, near Rochdale.
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire.
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R A. 266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood.
M.M. 32—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.

FRIDAY, 1st AUGUST.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond-road, N.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
41—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
998—Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool.
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1661—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High street, Gosforth.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A. 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Romford.
R. A.—General Chap. of Improvement, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birm., at 5.30.
K T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

SATURDAY, 2nd AUGUST.

Prov. Grand Chapter Middlesex, Grammar School, Enfield Town, at 4 p.m.
General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

Eboracum Conclave, No. 137.—On the 17th inst., this Conclave held its meeting in the Eboracum Lodge-rooms, Queen's Hotel, York, at 3 p.m. The members having previously lunched together, the Conclave was opened by E. Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead P.S. Int. Gen. unattached, there being also present E. Sir Knight J. S. Cumberland, V.E. and Sir Knights C. G. Padel S. Gen., M. Millington J. Gen., A. T. B. Turner Recorder, G. Simpson Treas., T. Humphries Prefect, W. P. Husband Herald, G. Balmford, J. Ward and others. The M.P.S. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Zetland G. Sov. elect of England was then announced, and entered, accompanied by the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett Intendant Gen. North and East Yorkshire, and was saluted in due form. The business of the Conclave was then proceeded with, and Bro. S. F. Bousfield of the Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124, Darlington, was duly installed a Knight of the Order by the M.P.S. the Earl of Zetland, who afterwards alluded to the loss the Conclave had sustained by the death of the brother who had preceded him in the chair, their late Soverign E. Sir Knight Thos. Cooper, and ended by proposing that a letter of condolence should be sent to the widow and family, which was carried. After the close of the Conclave, the St. Peter's Sanctuary K.H.S. and Commandery of St. John were successively opened, and those degrees conferred upon Sir Knight Bousfield by E. Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead, who proceeded to bring forward the sad case of the widow of a brother, a late clergyman in the neighbourhood, who had been left destitute with three children, and a sum of £2 10s was collected for her temporary relief. The Commandery and Sanctuary were then sealed.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday evening last. Bros. J. Da Silva W.M., Norden S.W., Woodward J.W., Ellis J.D., Gimingham I.G., Norden Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, Hogarth, Maidwell, Kahn, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and resumed to the first, as an E.A. desired to take part in the proceedings, the W.M. thereupon rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Kahn acting as candidate. The first, second and third sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Ellis, assisted by the brethren. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Gimingham for the able manner in which he worked the ceremony, it being the first time he had occupied the chair in this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Kahn answered the questions leading to the second degree. Bro. Norden was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed with prayer.

York Lodge, No. 236.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, at York. Present—Bros. A. Buckle W.M., R. W. Hollon P.M., W. Valentine P.M., Geo. Balmford P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., G. C. Baskett S.W., W. H. Gainforth J.W., G. Kirby Secretary, and many other brethren. The minutes having been read, several notices of motion for the next meeting were given, and Bro. T. B. Whytehead then brought under notice the case of the widow of their late Bro. the Rev. W. B. Jones, who, by the sudden death of her husband, of virulent diphtheria, had been reduced to a condition of absolute penury. The case was supported by Bro. the Rev. W. Valentine, whose curate Bro. Jones had formerly been, and the Lodge made a temporary grant of relief, which was further supplemented by the gifts of several of the brethren. The W.M., in a very kindly speech, moved that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of the late Bro. T. Cooper P.M., and that the Lodge do go into mourning for three months, which was unanimously carried, and the Lodge was closed at 9 p.m.

High Cross Lodge, No. 754.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 23rd July, at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Tottenham. Present—Bros. H. Stephens W.M., Burford S.W., Farren J.W., Roberts Treas., Cunningham Sec., Clements S.D., Garrod acting J.D., Tegg I.G., Verry Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Dance, Barham, Wells, Townshend, Linzell, Jones; Sheppard, Blenkinsop, Turner, Lewis, Tilder, Bridgman, &c. Visitors—Bros. Colville P.M. and Young. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The first business was to take the ballot for Mr. W. P. Mitchell, which proved unanimous in his favour, and he was admitted and duly initiated into Freemasonry. The Lodge having been advanced to the second degree, the W.M. proceeded to pass Bro. H. Cooper to that degree. On the Lodge being resumed, Bro. Geo. Burford the S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. David Roberts was also elected Treasurer, and Bro. Verry Tyler. A collection was made by the brethren, supplemented by a donation from the Lodge, on behalf of Frederick Smith, an old and much respected waiter of the hotel, who had recently sustaind a most severe domestic affliction. The Lodge was then closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned for refreshments, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Dance proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. H. Stephens thanked Bro. Dance for the kind expressions he had used in proposing his health. The amount of business that evening had detained them an unusual length of time in the Lodge-room. He should, therefore, be very brief in his remarks, but could not let the evening pass without again thanking the Past Masters, the Officers and Brethren, for the kind manner they had assisted him during his year of office; they had indeed rallied round him, and he trusted his successor would be equally well supported. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. Colville P.M. The health of the Initiate was given and ably responded to. Bro. Wells P.M. replied for the Past Masters. Other toasts followed, and the evening was enlivened by some excellent songs. Altogether a most enjoyable time was spent. The proceedings concluded with the Tyler's toast.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Forss W.M., Williams S.W., Clark J.W., J. Lorkin S.D., Greenwood J.D., Christian I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas.; P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Hogarth, Brasted, C. Lorkin, Dawes, Quay, Morgan, Polak, Carr, and others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Wardell answered the necessary questions. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Wardell as candidate. The Preceptor rehearsed the installation ceremony, placing Bro. Forss in the chair as W.M. Bro. Forss went through the formal investiture of his Officers. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Butt, of Lodge 1623, was elected a member. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Wallington for the efficient manner he had worked the ceremony. Bro. Williams was elected W.M. for Tuesday evening, 7th August. Next Tuesday will be the privilege night for the Secretary to fill the chair.

St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 24th inst., at the George Tavern, Australian-avenue, Barbican, E.C. Present—Bros. W. E. Young W.M., W. Radcliffe Treas. S.W., Jaques J.W., A. Withers Preceptor, W. W. Morgan Sec., Peirce S.D., Brasted J.D. Lodge having been formally opened, the minutes were put to the meeting and duly confirmed. The W.M. having expressed his desire to rehearse the ceremony of raising, the Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Brasted offering himself as candidate, the customary test of merit was communicated, and on the Lodge being further advanced, the third ceremony was performed. The Lodge was, in due course, closed to the first degree, and an announcement was made that at the next meeting of the Lodge of Instruction the Officers of the mother Lodge would assume the positions which they there fill. It is to be hoped that they will be well supported. Another feature in connection with the meeting which should call for a large assembly is the fact that the ballot will be brought into requisition to decide who shall be entitled to rank as Life Subscribers to our Charities by means of the Association formed in connection with this Lodge of Instruction. It is expected that three Life Subscriberships will be disposed of in this manner, and as by the rules of the Association it is not necessary to pay up back subscriptions, it will offer a good opportunity for brethren wishing to qualify. The one subscription, payable next Thursday, will entitle to a participation in the ballot. Names of new members, and subscriptions, together with any particulars, may be had of the Hon. Sec. of the Association, Bro. W. W. Morgan jun., 67 Barbican, E.C. Country brethren are solicited to become members.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—A meeting was held on Friday, 18th July, at the Alwyne Castle, Canonbury. Present—Bros. Byng W.M., Mendelsohn S.W., Chant J.W., G. H. Hunter Secretary *pro tem*, Beattie S.D., Rowley J.D., Shackell P.M. Preceptor *pro tem*, Potter I.G.; Sheffield, Young, Ager, Rowe P.M., Eldridge P.M., Pierdon and Field. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Pierdon candidate. The Lodge was closed in the third degree, and the W.M. worked the first section of the second lecture. The Lodge was closed in the second degree, and the fourth section of the first lecture was worked by the W.M. A letter was read from Bro. Lardner, giving a list of the members of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction who will work the Fifteen Sections here next Friday; the Secretary took the opportunity to request the members to muster strongly, and give their Visitors a hearty welcome, and announced that the Lodge would meet at 7, instead of at 8 o'clock, on that occasion.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, Tuesday, July 22nd. Present—Bros. P.M. Musto W.M., P.M. Cundick S.W., Shepherd W.M. 1349 J.W., E. T. Worsley Sec. This being the fourth Tuesday in the month, in accordance with the announcement we made last week, sections only were worked. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and closed down to the first, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The sections were then worked by the following brethren:—Bros. Spencer first, Watkins second, Johnson fourth, Shepherd fifth, Cundick sixth, Andrews seventh; Rawe eighth, Keable ninth, Pavitt tenth, and Smith eleventh. There not being time to work the remainder, the Lodge resumed, when the following brethren were unanimously elected members—Bros. Burleton S.D. 860 and J.W. 1681, J. W. Hunt 1716, Captain Dart 214, Still 860, and Stone 541. In addition to those already named, there were present Bros. Barker, Ellis 860, Ellis, Butler, White, Sadler, &c. One of the visitors from the West End (Bro. Burleton) stated several others had arranged to accompany him, but the weather not being all that was desired they were prevented. He hoped, however, to see them next week, when Bro. P.M. Wallington 860 will work the Installation ceremony, commencing at 7.20. We shall do ourselves the pleasure of attending. Bro. Pavitt will be W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed, after which some friends of the host entertained the brethren with some beautiful music and capital singing. Several of the brethren assisted, and this caused a very pleasant evening to be spent. All departed highly gratified. Tuesday the 29th inst. will be set apart for the rehearsal of the Installation Ceremony.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—The fortnighly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Feathers, Ealing, on Thursday, the 17th inst., when there was a numerous gathering of the brethren to support Bro. Seward in the chair. The Officers were:—Bros. Seward jun. W.M., Rickwood S.W., Burr J.W., Gunner S.D., Green J.D., Wright I.G., Tucker Preceptor; Bros. Fernee, Wells, Youens, Clark, Porter, Maling, Woolmer, &c., &c. After the opening of the Lodge, and the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, the W.M. announced his intention of rehearsing the ceremony of raising, and opened the Lodge in the second degree. Bro. Youens having voluntered as a candidate, was interrogated in the usual questions, and the Lodge having been advanced to the third degree, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed in the usual careful and impressive manner for which Bro. Seward is well known. The Lodge was closed down to the first degree, when after some conversation it was decided to defer the Annual Banquet until the last Thursday in August, instead of holding it on the last Thursday in this month. Bro. Rickwood will be the W.M. at the next meeting, on the 31st inst., when we hope that there will be a good attendance of the brethren to support him.

WIMBLEDON MEETING.—The prize annually given by Messrs. Felton and Sons, proprietors of the "Spécialité" Sherry, has been this year awarded to Major Young, 39th Middlesex Rifles.

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It gives us pleasure to spread before our readers the following interesting address, which was delivered by Bro. Michael Nisbet, R.W. Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania, at Valley Forge, on the day of its dedication as a Public Park, 19th June 1879, being the 101st anniversary of the evacuation of Valley Forge by the army of Bro. Gen. George Washington:—

Brethren,—In the days when Freemasons were few in number, they were confined to distinguished architects and operative masons. But in course of time, as the fame of the Fraternity became more widely extended, the lovers of learning and the friends of humanity were attracted to its ranks; and the noble and wealthy also eagerly seeking to become initiates, the Society became numerous, and ceasing, from these accessions, to be strictly operative, became symbolic.

Though thus changing its character, it still retained its intimate connection with architecture and the mechanic arts, and for this reason it has, from time immemorial, been customary on the part of those who desire the commencement or completion of any great public enterprise or undertaking to be attended with proper pomp and solemnity, to request our honourable and ancient Fraternity to take part in the proceedings.

Such an occasion is the present one. A number of public-spirited citizens have purchased these grounds for the purpose of maintaining them as a public park for ever, and when requested by the proper authorities to lay a corner-stone in this ancient and memorable building, we willingly acceded to the request, as it was not only in keeping with the ancient usages of Freemasonry, but it was also in keeping with another duty of the Craft, that of perpetuating and cherishing the memories of the worthy dead.

We are here, to-day, to perform our duty as Masons, in laying a corner-stone; we are here to assist in the ceremony intended for ever to perpetuate a memorable instance in the history of our country; and we are here to pay by our presence a tribute to the memory of the wise statesman, the brave soldier, the zealous patriot, and the true Mason—George Washington—whom this Grand Lodge delighted to honour while he lived, and to whom it dedicated its first constitution, "In Testimony, as well of his exalted Services to his Country, as of that noble Philanthropy which distinguishes him among Masons."

This spot has been made memorable as the place of encampment of the American army during the winter of 1777 and 1778. On the 11th day of December in the former year, it commenced its march for this place. Worn out by harassing and tiresome marches, and a life of continual hardship and danger during a campaign of four months, they were in the most deplorable condition. Without the commonest necessaries of life, without clothing to protect them from the inclemency of the weather—many of them having nothing but rags to cover them, and numbers of them without shoes to their feet as they marched over the frozen ground—eight long weary days were passed in reaching their destination, the ground over which they passed being marked by the blood from their lacerated feet. It has been said of them that they appeared more like a set of mendicants than the defenders of the liberties of their country. Here, among the snow-clad hills, they lay down in their dreary camp, to contend with hunger, cold and wretchedness in every form. Their hardships and sufferings were sufficient to subdue the spirit of the bravest patriot heart, but, sustained by the immortal Washington—whom they loved and venerated—the existence of the camp was maintained through the gloomiest period of our Revolutionary war, and until he marched them forth to victory. Nothing in the history of the world surpasses the sublime heroism which animated and sustained these men during those trying times; their sufferings and hardships have endeared the spot to every American heart, and its preservation as a public park, for ever, will serve to transmit to posterity an incentive to emulate their patience and endurance, whenever the liberties of our country may be imperilled.

To this place also a Masonic tradition is attached. The early records of our Grand Lodge are lost, so that we cannot ascertain its correctness now, but as it is well known that warrants were granted during the Revolutionary War for Military Lodges, it is probably true. It is, that while our troops were here encamped, a Lodge was held in this building, in which, during that memorable winter, Lafayettte—to whom the gratitude of our people is eminently due for his services to our country, and whom our Grand Lodge, in admiration of his high and various virtues, and for the attachment he had uniformly evinced for our liberties and happiness, honoured by creating him one of its members—was made a Mason by Washington. Here it seems that these two congenial minds, amidst the arduous duties of the camp, found gratification in the exchange of fraternal confidence and in performing the duties of the Lodge. This incident adds to our interest in this place.

When we look upon this fertile valley, and the hills by which it is surrounded, teeming with the industry of a happy, contented and independent people, who owe their present condition to the efforts of these worthy brethren, with what a feeling of overwhelming gratitude we recall the memories of the past!

No soaring monument, no imposing shaft, is necessary, to endear them to us; their services to our country, their devotion to Masonic principles, their practice of every true Masonic virtue, are engraved upon our hearts. We gratefully and affectionately recall them this day.

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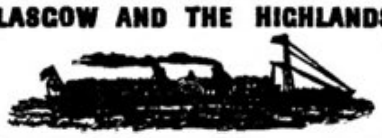

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OUR SCHOLARS IN AFTER LIFE.

WHAT is the present condition of the boys and girls who, in years past, were educated in the Masonic Schools? This is a question that may fairly be asked by those who have taken even the smallest part in providing the means for maintaining those Institutions, as well as by those who are solicited for subscriptions to enable them to be continued in their career of usefulness. We wonder that a answer to this interrogation is not more frequently demanded, but we feel assured that were such the case it would surprise many brethren to know how little information could be gathered on the subject. By this we do not mean to infer that our pupils are guilty of ingratitude; indeed, it may be that those who are really in need of assistance shrink from applying to their former benefactors lest they should offend by seeming to ask too much, while those who are more fortunately circumstanced frequently forget their school-days in the pleasures and labours of their every-day life. Then, again, it must not be forgotten that the old pupils are dispersed far and wide, over the length and breadth of the country, and in no few cases have placed a long sea voyage between the land of their childhood and their present abode. We doubt not that it would afford many members of the Craft infinite pleasure to have a few words from each of the old scholars of our schools; in some of whom they would recognise the names of those they had, in years gone by, striven hard to get elected to one or other of the Institutions; but anything like a regular record we fear is impossible, nor would it perhaps be desirable. We might regret to find that he or she, for whom we had worked so hard, had far from fulfilled our expectations; still would not a great part of such regret never be called for if we had taken some interest in the pupils after they left our School, and not have allowed them to be buffetted to and fro in the world—perhaps without a friend from whom to seek advice—at the most critical time of their life. It cannot for one moment be denied that such cases do occur, and that they are in themselves a source of great trouble to very many of our foremost brethren, some of whom, on various occasions, have striven to devise some means to reduce the evil to a minimum, if not to entirely stamp it out. Difficulties, however, present themselves; difficulties which appear all but insurmountable; in fact, they have hitherto proved to be quite so; and thus it is that, as scheme after scheme has been devised, and for a time supported, all have ended in an equally unsatisfactory manner. Their projectors find it impossible to carry them out. This is not wholly to be wondered at, nor should it debar others from trying; for it must be remembered that to found such a fund is in reality the establishment of another English Masonic Charity, and therefore no light undertaking, or a project that should be entered upon without the most serious consideration.

The men to undertake such a task, even if the smallest chance of success is to attend their efforts, must be well known as Masons throughout the country; must hold positions which will secure the respect and support of their fellows, and above all they must secure the services of brethren who are willing to devote time, labour and money to the routine work of the scheme; not merely for a day, or a month, but for two or three years; and we even go so far as to assure these, that they may labour night and day and yet find their task far from complete. Few have any idea of the amount of labour entailed, nor the number of questions that must necessarily arise,—in some cases of such a nature as to require deep deliberation and entail consultations with co-workers, at the same time calling for immediate attention, as in these matters delay will be looked upon as proof of incompetency to deal with the question, and will not unfrequently be used in a spirit of antagonism by those who may be opposed to the scheme. Another labour will be the consolidation of the various interests concerned; every Province which gives its support may be expected to offer suggestions, which for a time at least it will look upon as imperative, but which in the interests of others must be revised and altered so as to be equally beneficial to all; this is one of the greatest tasks we think the founders of a Fund for the assistance of those who leave our Schools will have to cope with, and unless the utmost care and discretion be used, it will prove the rock on which their destruction will be consummated. It must be clearly and distinctly understood that to warrant the smallest hope of ultimate success, the scheme must be started as a universal one, and not the mere effort of an individual Province, or of a section of the Craft. Some special branches of usefulness may, and doubtless will be, supported by various sections, but this idea, if undertaken, must be carried out in connection with the main scheme, and not separately, or in other words in opposition to it. Thus, one class may desire that the whole of their donations be devoted to apprenticing those pupils who it may be deemed expedient so to advance; others will stipulate that their money shall be spent in the purchase of outfits or tools, while others, again, will doubtless find some special object to which they desire the funds they provide shall be devoted, all of these suggestions can, by judicious management, be embodied in one system, and a means may thereby be created whereby assistance may be given to those who desire to further so desirable an object.

Among the latest who have brought this question under the notice of the Craft we may mention the R.W. Bro. Lord Rosslyn, whose remarks, in his capacity of chairman at the last Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School, will doubtless be in the minds of most of our readers. These remarks have since been especially referred to by Bro. Dick Radclyffe as will be apparent by reference to our issue of 5th July. Lord Rosslyn even went so far as to describe the absence of such a fund as the only "blot" he could find on our Institutions, and concluded his remarks thereon by appealing to the brethren to try and amend it, in order, as he put it, that the pupils might derive the full benefit of our bounty and our charity. After such an appeal it is not to be wondered at that his Lordship, finding his idea had taken some root,—and the efforts thus far of Bro. Dick Radclyffe to start the fund affirm such to be the case,—should now be anxious to see his proposed scheme started. We are pleased, therefore, to be in a position to announce that Lord Rosslyn has promised to use every exertion to make this project a reality; nay, he has even gone further, he has personally advocated the advantages of such a fund in a quarter where support means success, and has taken such an interest in the matter as can only emanate from a man hearted in the cause for which he labours. We think English Craftsmen are to be congratulated on having secured so able a brother to study their welfare, and we only hope the response will be as hearty as the appeal has been sincere. We know from his labours for Scotch Freemasonry what Lord Rosslyn's support means, and trust that he will meet with that hearty co-operation he deserves. Surely we cannot do better than aid a good cause under so good a leader.

In our present issue we publish a letter from Bro. Dick

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Radclyffe, in which he gives details of what has been done thus far in response to the appeal of Lord Rosslyn. We publish also a letter from Bro. J. Jacobs, P. Prov. G. Reg. Staffordshire, with particulars of a scheme, all but started in that Province. Both of these communications point to the need of such a fund as these worthy brethren individually propose. Both bring forward credentials, which stamp their views as sound, worthy of support, and fairly promising; time alone can show how far these brethren will meet with the response they ask for.

In the case of the Staffordshire Masons, who propose to perpetuate the memory of him whom they justly describe as one of the most generous and popular G. Masters that ever ruled a Province, it is but natural to suppose that a comparatively limited sphere would be open for the display of their generosity. It would be unfair of other Provinces to expect the brethren of Staffordshire to watch over pupils other than their own, nor would it be possible for them so to do except perhaps in a few isolated cases. If it is their intention to ask for the support of the country, we hold they are wrong with their title; however much any man may be respected and esteemed in his own district we must not forget that after the lapse of a few years his name is hardly remembered, even in those parts to which he more particularly devoted his energies, much less in distant counties where it may be he was never seen, and but seldom referred to. Doubtless the promoters of the Shrewsbury Memorial Fund have really but one object in view, that of perpetuating and increasing the work of charity, of which their late Prov. Grand Master was at once the able exponent, and likewise a generous supporter. The question, then, that arises is, How can this desire best be gratified? would it be more advantageous to form a special fund, or to co-operate with others in raising such an amount as shall not only secure the desired results to a district, but will be the means of benefitting the class in every part of the country? This most important point will doubtless be fully discussed at the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge at which the subject is to be brought forward. Were the scheme taken up by every Province as heartily as from the letter of Bro. Jacobs we feel sure it has been in his county of Staffordshire, the labour of establishment would virtually be at an end, but the brethren of Staffordshire must know, as we do, that they are somewhat singular, and that they have no light task before them if they wish to secure the assistance of others. At the same time, we emphatically say such assistance must be obtained before anything like a fund worthy of the object contemplated can be raised. We are afraid our brethren are somewhat too sanguine when they reckon that a few years will supply enough capital to realize, in interest, sufficient for their wants. If they are not, they must contemplate, as we have before pointed out, confining their exertions within a very limited sphere. They must not, however, lose sight of the fact that in order to obtain subscriptions they must show immediate results, and these they can only achieve by heavy calls on their capital. With such brethren as those in Staffordshire who have taken this cause in hand, we may safely leave all these matters of detail; we feel assured they will not be above receiving suggestions, and that they will be among the first to support any scheme which may be put forward worthy of the name of our much respected and lamented Brother the Earl of Shrewsbury.

Bro. Radclyffe informs us that details of the scheme of Lord Rosslyn, which is promised the support of some of the most distinguished members of the Fraternity, are so far advanced as to warrant their being immediately laid before the Craft. From his letter we have additional evidence of the personal interest his Lordship takes in the welfare of our pupils. Bro. Radclyffe's arguments as to what means might be adopted to raise funds are generally known; from personal experience we think the reason they are not more universally adopted usually is, that one brother undertakes the work which should be left to a Committee of twelve or twenty, and as a consequence finds these extra duties interfere with his ordinary engagements, and, in not a few cases, he is obliged to relinquish his scheme. Bro. Radclyffe has had experience in this business, and so have many others; if such men would unite, and enlist a few untried brethren in the cause, they might secure a grand success. A result might be achieved that would realise a far greater sum than if such labours were devoted separately. We anxiously await the issue of the circular promised by Bro. Radclyffe, as will likewise many of our readers who have allowed this project to exercise their minds. When details of the scheme are before us, we shall take the opportunity of commenting on its merits.

OLIVER CROMWELL AND THE FREEMASONS.

From the "Voice of Masonry."

THREE fables have been invented to establish a connection between Freemasonry and the dynasty of the Stuarts; one which made it the purpose of the adherents of James II. to use the Institution as the means of restoring that Monarch to the throne; a second, in which the Jesuits were to employ it for the same purpose, as well as for the re-establishment of the Roman Catholic religion in England; the third and most preposterous of these fables is that which attributes the invention of Freemasonry, as a secret society, to Oliver Cromwell, who is supposed to have employed it as a political engine to aid him in the dethronement of Charles I., in the abolition of the monarchy, and in the foundation of a republic on its ruins, with himself for its head.

The theory that Freemasonry was instituted by Oliver Cromwell was not at first received, like the other two, by any large portion of the Fraternity. It was the invention of a simple mind, and was first made public in the year 1846 by the Abbe Larudan, who presented his views in a work entitled *Les Franc Macons ecrasses*, a book, which Kloss, the bibliographer, says, is the armoury from which all the enemies of Masonry have since derived their weapons of abuse.

The propositions of Larudan are distinguished by their absolute independence of all historical authority, and for the bold assumptions which are presented to the reader, in the place of facts. His strongest argument for the truth of his theory is that the purposes of the Masonic Institution and of the political course of Cromwell are identical, namely to sustain the doctrines of liberty and equality among mankind.

Rejecting all the claims of antiquity that have been urged in behalf of the Order, he thinks it was in England where Freemasonry first saw the light of day, and that it is to Cromwell it owes its origin. And this theory he claims (with what truth we know not) to have received from a certain Grand Master with whose astuteness and sincerity he was well acquainted. But even this authority, he says, would not have been sufficient to secure his belief had it not afterwards been confirmed by his reading of the history of the English Protector and his mature reflections on the morals and the laws of the Order, where he detected at every step the presence of Cromwell. The object of Cromwell, as it has been already said, was by the organisation of a secret society, whose members would be bound by the most solemn vows of fraternity, to reconcile the various religious and political sects which prevailed in England in the reign of Charles I. to the prosecution of his views, which were equally opposed to the supremacy of the King and to the power of the Parliament, and by the distraction of both to the elevation of himself to the headship of affairs.

In the execution of this plan Cromwell proceeded with his usual caution and address. He first submitted the outline to several of his most intimate friends, such as Algernon Sidney, Harrington, Monk, and Fairfax, and he held with them several private meetings. But it was not until the year 1648, that he began to take the necessary steps for bringing it to maturity.

In that year, at a dinner which he gave to a number of his friends, he opened his designs to the company. When his guests, among whom were many members of Parliament, with both Presbyterians and Independents, the two rival religious sects of the day, had been well feasted, the host dexterously led the conversation to the subject of the unhappy condition of England. He showed in a pathetic manner, how the unfortunate nation had suffered distracting conflicts of politics, and he declared that it was a disgrace that men so intelligent as those who then heard him did not make an exertion to put an end to these distracting contests of party.

Scarcely had Cromwell ceased to speak when Ireton, his son-in-law, who had been prepared for the occasion, rose, and seconding the sentiments of his leader, proceeded to show the absolute necessity for the public good of a conciliation and union of many discordant parties that were then dividing the country. He exclaimed with fervour that he would not hesitate to sacrifice his fortune and his life to remedy such calamities, and to show to the people the road they ought to take to relieve themselves from the yoke which was oppressing them and to break the iron sceptre under which they were groaning. But to do this it was first necessary, he insisted, to destroy every power and influence which had betrayed the nation. Then, turning to Cromwell, he conjured him to explain his views on this important matter, and to suggest the cure for these evils.

Cromwell did not hesitate to accept the task which had, apparently without his previous concurrence, been assigned to him. Addressing his guests in that metaphorical style which he was accustomed to use, the object of which was to confuse their intellects and make them more ready to receive his boldest propositions, he explained the obligation of a worship of God, the necessity to repel force by force, and to deliver mankind from oppression and tyranny. He then concluded his speech by piquing the curiosity of his auditors, in telling them he knew a method by which they could succeed in this great enterprise, restore peace to England and rescue it from the depths of misery into which it was plunged. This method, he added, if communicated to the world would win the gratitude of mankind and secure a glorious memory for its authors to the latest posterity. The discourse was well managed and well received. All of his guests earnestly besought

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him to make this admirable expedient known to them. But Cromwell would not yield at once to their importunities, but modestly replying that so important an enterprise was beyond the strength of any one man to accomplish, and that he would rather continue to endure the evils of a bad government than in seeking to remove them by the efforts of his friends subject them to dangers which they might be unwilling to encounter.

Cromwell well understood the character of every man who sat at the table with him, and he knew that by this artful address he should still further excite their curiosity and awaken their enthusiasm. And so it was that after a repetition of importunities, he finally consented to develop his plan on the condition that all the guests should take a solemn oath to reveal the plan to no one and to consider it after it had been proposed with an absolutely unprejudiced mind. This was unanimously assented to, and the oath of secrecy having been taken, Cromwell threw himself on his knees and, extending his hands towards heaven, called on GOD and all the Celestial Powers to witness the innocence of his heart and the purity of his intentions. All this the Abbe Larudan relates with a minuteness of detail which we could expect only from an eye-witness of the scene. Having thus made a deep impression on the spectators, Cromwell said that the precise moment for disclosing the plan had not arrived and that an inspiration from heaven, which he had just received, instructed him not to divulge the plan until four days had elapsed.

The company, though impatient to receive a knowledge of the important secret, were compelled to restrain their desires, and to agree to meet again at the appointed time and at a place which was designated. On the fourth day all the guests repaired to a house in King's street, where the meeting took place, and Cromwell proceeded to develop his plan. And here the Abbe Larudan becomes fervid and diffuse in the minuteness with which he describes what must have been a wholly imaginary scene.

He commenced by conducting the visitors into a dark room, where he prepared their minds for what was to occur by a long prayer, in the course of which he gave them to understand he was in communion with the spirits of the blessed. After this he told them his design was to found a society whose only object would be to render due worship to GOD and to restore to England the peace for which it so ardently longed. But this project, he added, required consummate prudence and infinite address to secure its success. Then taking a censer in his hands, he filled the apartment with the most subtle fumes so as to produce a favourable disposition in the company to hear what he had further to say. He informed them that at the reception of a new adherent it was necessary he should undergo a certain ceremony, to which all of them would have to submit. He asked them whether they were willing to pass through this ceremony? to which proposition unanimous consent was given. He then chose from the company five assistants to occupy appropriate places and to perform prescribed functions. These assistants were a Master, two Wardens, a Secretary and an Orator.

Having made these preparations, the visitors were removed to another apartment which had been prepared for the purpose, and in which was a picture representing the ruins of King Solomon's Temple. From this apartment they were removed into another, and being blindfolded were finally invested with the secrets of initiation. Cromwell delivered a discourse on religion and politics, the purport of which was to show to the contending sects of Presbyterians and Independents, representatives of both being present, the necessity, for the public good, of abandoning all their frivolous disputes, of becoming reconciled, and of changing the bitter hatred which then inspired them for a tender love and charity towards each other.

The eloquence of their artful leader had the desired effect, and both sects united with the army in the establishment of a secret association, grounded on the professed principles of love of GOD and the maintenance of liberty and equality among men, but whose real design was to advance the projects of Cromwell by the abolition of the monarchy and the establishment of a commonwealth of which he should be the head.

It is unfortunate for the completed symmetry of this rather interesting fable, that the Abbe has refrained from indulging his imagination by giving us the full details of the form of initiation. He has, however, in various parts of his book alluded to so much of it as to enable us to learn that the instructions were of a symbolic character, and that the Temple of Solomon constituted the most prominent symbol.

This Temple had been built by Divine command, to be the sanctuary of religion and as a place peculiarly consecrated to the performance of its august ceremonies. After several years of glory and magnificence, it had been destroyed by a formidable army, and the people who had been there accustomed to worship were loaded with chains and carried in captivity to Babylon. After years of servitude an idolatrous prince, chosen as the instrument of Divine clemency, had permitted the captives to return to Jerusalem and to rebuild the Temple in its primitive splendour.

It was in this allegory, says the Abbe, that the Freemasons of Cromwell found the exact analogy of their society. The Temple in its first splendour is figurative of the primitive state of man. The religion and the ceremonies which were there practised are nothing else than that universal law engraved on every heart whose principles are found in the ideas of equity and charity to which all men are obliged. The destruction of this Temple, and the captivity and slavery of its worshippers, symbolised the pride and ambition which have produced political subjection among men. The unpitying hosts of Assyrians who destroyed the Temple and led the people into captivity are the Kings, Princes and Magistrates whose power has overwhelmed oppressed nations with innumerable evils. And finally the chosen people, charged with the duty of rebuilding the Temple, are the Freemasons, who are to restore men to their original dignity.

Cromwell had divided the Order which he founded into three classes or degrees. The third or Master's degree was of course not without its Hiramic legend, but the interpretation of its symbolism was very different from that which is given at the present day.

The Abbe thus explains it. The disorder of the workman and the confusion at the Temple were intended to make a profound impression upon the mind of the candidate, and to show him that the loss of liberty and equality represented by the death of Hiram is the cause of all the evils which affect mankind. While men lived in tranquillity in the asylum of the Temple of Liberty they enjoyed perpetual happiness. But they have been surprised and attacked by tyrants, who have reduced them to a state of slavery. All this is symbolised by the destruction of the Temple, which it is the duty of the Master Mason to rebuild, that is, to restore that liberty and equality which had been lost.

Cromwell appointed missionaries or emissaries, says Larudan, who propagated the Order, not only over all England but even into Scotland and Ireland, where many Lodges were established.

The members of the Order were first called Freemasons; afterwards the name was repeatedly changed to suit the political circumstances of the times, and they were called Levellers, then Independents, afterwards the Fifth Monarchy Men, and finally resumed their original title, which they have retained to the present day.

Such is the fable of the Cromwellian origin of Freemasonry, which we owe entirely to the inventive genius of the Abbe Larudan. And yet it is not wholly a story of the imagination, but is really founded on an extraordinary distortion of the facts of history.

Edmund Ludlow was an honest and honourable man, who took at first a prominent part in the civil war which ended in the decapitation of Charles I., the dissolution of the monarchy and the establishment of the commonwealth. He was throughout his whole life a consistent and unswerving republican, and was as much opposed to the political schemes of Cromwell for his own advancement to power as he was to the usurpation of unconstitutional power by the king. In the language of the editor of his memoirs: "He was enemy to all arbitrary government though gilded over with the most specious pretences; and not only disappointed the usurpation of Cromwell, but would have opposed him with as much vigour as he had done the king, if all occasions of that nature had not been cut off by the extraordinary jealousy or vigilance of the usurpers." Having unsuccessfully laboured to counteract the influence of Cromwell with the army, he abandoned public affairs and returned to his home in Essex, where he remained in seclusion until the restoration of Charles II., when he fled to Switzerland, where he resided until his death.

During his exile Ludlow occupied his leisure hours in the composition of his *Memoirs*, a work of great value, as a faithful record of the troublous period in which he lived, and of which he was himself a great part. In these memoirs he has given a copious narrative of the intrigues by which Cromwell secured the alliance of the army and destroyed the influence of the Parliament. The work was published at Vevay, Switzerland, under the title "Memoirs of Edmund Ludlow, Esq., Lieutenant General of the Forces in Ireland, one of the Council of the State and a Member of the Parliament which began November 3rd, 1640." It is in two volumes, with a supplementary one containing copies of important papers. The edition from which I cite bears the date of 1698. There may have been an earlier one. With these Memoirs the Abbe Larudan appears to have been well acquainted. He had undoubtedly read them carefully, for he has made many quotations and has repeatedly referred to Ludlow as his authority.

But, unfortunately for the Abbe's intelligence, or far more probably for his honesty, he has always applied what Ludlow said of the intrigues of Cromwell for the organisation of a new party as if it were meant to describe the formation of a new and secret society.

Neither Ludlow nor any other writer refers to the existence of Freemasonry as we now have it, and as it is described by the Abbe Larudan in the time of the civil wars. Even the Operative Masons were not at that period greatly encouraged, for, says Northouck, "no regard to science and elegance was to be expected from the sour minds of the puritanical masters of the nation, between the fall of Charles I. and the restoration of his son."

The Guild of Freemasons, the only form in which the Order was known until the eighteenth century, was, during the Commonwealth, discouraged and architecture was neglected. In the tumult of war the arts of peace are silent. Cromwell was, it is true, engaged in many political intrigues, but he had other and more effective means to effect his ends than those of Freemasonry, of whose existence at that time, except as a Guild of Workmen, we have no historical evidence, but many facts to contradict its probability.

The theory, therefore, that Freemasonry owes its origin to Oliver Cromwell, who invented it as a means of forwarding his designs toward obtaining the supreme power of the State, is simply a fable, the invention of a clerical adversary of the Institution, and devised by him plainly to give it a political character, by which, like his successors Barruel and Robinson, he sought to injure it.

At the last meeting of the Sphinx Lodge it was proposed—

"That a petition to the Grand Lodge be presented for the purpose of advocating the entire abolition of the oaths at present so freely administered in Craft Masonry, and for the substitution in place thereof of a solemn affirmation, as more consistent with the true objects and best interests of English Freemasonry."

One brother suggested, as the better course, to bring forward the subject at the usual meeting of the Grand Lodge. It was ultimately withdrawn on the understanding that the W.M. would communicate with the Grand Secretary upon the subject.

After nearly two years spent in its preparation, a new work on ferns, written by Mr. James Britten, F.L.S., with fac-simile coloured plates, painted from Nature by Mr. D. Blair, F.L.S., will be published shortly in monthly parts by Messrs. Cassell, Petter, Galpin & Co., under the title of "European Ferns."

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"ASSISTANCE" FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Following up my letter in your issue of 5th July, I have much pleasure in informing you that the scheme therein contained will be laid before the Craft almost immediately, and that it is supported by some of the leading and most distinguished members of the Fraternity. R.W. P.G.M. the Earl of Rosslyn has personally undertaken to support the appeal, and the prospectus will be issued shortly, with a long list of influential supporters. In the meantime, I think it desirable to give publicity to the scheme, as possibly there are numbers of your readers who would like to join and have their names on the list as patrons and supporters. I may mention, it is not necessary for a brother to undertake a Stewardship or to have a long pocket. As it is a well known fact that the result of the Steward's appeal who raises, say £50 from 100 subscribers, does infinitely more good for the Charities generally than the rich Steward who simply writes his cheque for 100 guineas, and does no more. I mention this as I know there are many who feel they cannot undertake Stewardships, to work for the Charities, on the ground they feel they are not rich enough. Personally I cannot give the Institutions as much as I desire, still I do not hesitate to undertake a Stewardship, give my mite, and induce others to do the same. By this means I feel I more than compensate the Institution. There are thousands of brethren who could not afford more than a few guineas, but are, at the same time, in a position to induce others to do likewise, and also richer brethren might do the same. (The rich are frequently apathetic, and although they give freely, they do not want the work). There are many in a position to raise £100 in two years. I trust therefore I may induce 99 to join me. This alone would give the nucleus to the fund we are about to start. As an idea of how simple matters lead to big results, I would call your attention to the following:—If every W.M. for the next year were to give up his jewel, £6,000 would be raised. To forego one banquet in every Lodge, at least double this sum. A £5 subscription from every Lodge would realise £6,000. One guinea from every initiation fee would give a good round sum. 5s from every name on Grand Lodge Register over £25,000. Stewards for the Festivals of the Institutions have a very good opportunity to raise subscriptions, and they could easily do so without in any way interfering with the working funds required for the Institutions. If every subscriber would add one guinea to the "Assistance" Fund, what a large sum could be raised. Money could be raised by means of balls, picnics and bazaars, and if every Lodge will put a collecting box in its ante-room, as well as permit a subscription list to lie on the Secretary's table, and Stewards would not let their brethren remain in ignorance of the whereabouts, many small sums would be secured, to grow into a large total. To conclude, I shall be glad to receive the names of any brethren wishing to act as Stewards, or support the scheme as patrons, and a rough proof of the prospectus shall be forwarded for their approval.

Suggestions will be received by,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

DICK RADCLYFFE.

129 High Holborn, London, W.C.
29th July 1879.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My attention has only just been called to the remarks of Lord Rosslyn at the Boys' Festival, and of a letter in your journal of 5th July, from Bro. Radclyffe, on the proposed scheme for assisting the Boys and Girls on leaving our Schools. May I be permitted to inform these brethren and the Craft generally, through you, that the Province of Stafford will, I hope, in a very few weeks inaugurate a fund which will meet these wants, and I hope the brethren will give it such support that in a few years we may have a fund at our command, the interest of which will suffice for all our wants. A couple of years ago we had the misfortune to lose one of the most generous and popular Pr. G. Masters that ever ruled a Province—the late Earl of Shrewsbury. At our next P.G. meeting I proposed that something should be done to perpetuate his name in our Province, which was carried unanimously, and a Committee appointed to report at our next meeting. I was one of this committee, and consulted Bro. Fredk. Binckes and Bro. Hedges as to what would be the best way of associating Lord Shrewsbury's name with some of those charities he had so nobly assisted, and after feeling quite sure, from personal enquiries, that a fund was urgently needed to assist *some* of the Boys and Girls on leaving our Schools, I proposed to our Committee, and it was adopted, and will be brought before our next P.G. meeting, that a fund, to be called the "Shrewsbury Memorial Fund," be established, to assist, in after life, deserving Boys and Girls on leaving the Masonic Schools. I may say that, with one or two exceptions, it has received general support in Staffordshire, and some Lodges have voted very handsome sums for its adoption. At our next Grand meeting, which we hope will be soon (but having no P.G. Master appointed yet, it is uncertain when) it will be brought forward, and doubtless adopted. When the "Shrewsbury Fund" is once launched, I trust the liberality of the Staffordshire Masons, and the Craft generally, will be such that will do credit to a name which will long be remembered, not only in this Province but throughout the Craft, for generosity and true Masonic feeling.

I am, yours fraternally,

J. JACOBS P.M. 482,

P.P.G. Reg. Staffordshire.

The Rookery, Handsworth, Birmingham,
29th July 1879.

The following is a copy of a circular sent out to the brethren of Staffordshire:—

HANDSWORTH,
28th March 1879.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to send you copy of a letter I have received from Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Masonic School for Boys, from which you will see how necessary it is that we should establish the "Shrewsbury Fund" as early as we possibly can. May I ask you to communicate, at your early convenience, to Bro. Cartrigert P.G. Sec. the amount your Lodge purposes giving, so that at our next P.G. Meeting we can see how much money may be collected in the Province. I may remind you the money can be given in one or more years. With kind regards,

I am, yours fraternally,

J. JACOBS P.M. 482, P.P.G. Reg.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS,
WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

Offices—6 Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 14th March 1879.

DEAR BROTHER JACOBS,—I have been, and am, anxiously waiting further tidings of the—as I hope I may term it—success of the movement in providing a Fund for furthering the advancement of Boys and Girls in life after leaving our Institutions, which Fund, as I understand it, is proposed as a Memorial of the Masonic services of the late Prov. G. Master of Staffordshire, the Earl of Shrewsbury.

Two prominent instances of the urgent need of such a Fund are now at this present before me: one—the case of a lad of good connection, but without means, who distinguished himself very highly in an examination for the New Class of Engineer Studentships for H.M. Navy, 6th January, out of 150 successful from a very large number of Candidates. Government requires an allowance of £25 per annum for three years to each successful Candidate as he is elected, and in December 1877 we found the amount for the first year, 1878. I have been called upon to find the amount for 1879, and failing a Fund to assist, was compelled to advance the £25 myself on 1st January last, to secure the young man's retention in his present most eligible position. The kindness of a few friends has recouped me the larger portion of the sum, but I am still out of pocket £10. This should not be; but what is to be done for the third year, 1880? With a Fund such as that under consideration, there would be no anxiety. Take another case: a lad, situated as the former, full of promise and ability, is desirous of entering Sandhurst or Woolwich, to study for a Commission in the Army. His friends can raise but a moderate sum, and this we can supplement from our "General Fund" with £20 only! Now, it is truly a laudable ambition in these youths to serve their country in H.M. Service, and I, for one, should be proud in after years to see two—or more—Officers of distinction who had acquired their position through the means of Masonic Institutions.

Such a Fund of Assistance is our great crying want, and I feel sure would have met with the concurrence of your late excellent Prov. G. Master. Every precaution would be taken to guard its distribution from abuse, and its founders could always have a share in its management under provisions, that of the Trustees; *at least two* should be appointed by the Province.

I must apologise for the length of this letter, though I have not half exhausted the arguments I could urge in favor of the desirability of the establishment of this "Advancement" Fund. My anxiety must be pleaded in excuse, and that anxiety is based on a large experience of the need of the Fund, and of my knowledge of the services that would be rendered to our Educational Institutions by its successful organisation, and prudently administered distribution.

Believe me,

Very faithfully and fraternally yours,

FREDERICK BINCKES, Sec.

W. BRO. J. JACOBS.

NON-AFFILIATION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—One of the strongest points I have ever urged in favour of Freemasonry is that it is universal; it is the same in England, America, on the Continent, or indeed anywhere where civilisation is known; and this, too, in the face of opposition, sometimes from without and sometimes from within. By universal, I do not wish to say that Freemasonry in England is an exact counterpart of Freemasonry in a far distant State of America, or any other portion of the world, where it may be the Lodge is formed of brethren as unlike ourselves as it is possible for men to be—the natural differences of society in different countries would not permit such to be the case; but the principles and the main ideas are

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the same. It is impossible for a good English Mason to teach a strange brother aught wrong in the groundwork of the Order, or for a foreigner to lay down *Masonic* precepts which would lead an English brother into difficulties. Still there are some very peculiar Masonic laws and usages in various parts of the world which, if they could be more widely known, would supply material for reflection, and I doubt not, in most cases, food for improvement. You, Brother Editor, have done good service in the past, and can still further assist us in this respect by reproducing articles from the various foreign Masonic papers which from time to time reach you. To many it may be thought that articles bearing somewhat a local significance are not interesting to the large body of your readers, but I think this is an error. We all enjoy the perusal of details of our own individual schemes, and hope by widely circulating our ideas to bring others to our way of thinking, or convince us we ourselves are wrong. If no one outside our circle took any notice of our remarks, which to strangers may be of very little importance, we should not know when we were right and when wrong, for as a rule friendly critics too often hope to please by passing over the faults they discover. I look upon the man who warns me if he sees me drifting on to the rocks or quicksands of life as my best friend, and care not for him who, when misfortune occurs, tells me he saw I was wrong but did not like to point out my mistake for fear of displeasing me. By a knowledge of the private life and work of an individual we are often able to avoid errors ourselves, and, in many cases, by friendly advice, remedy failings in others, it may be in time to effect a change, and thereby earn for ourselves a debt of gratitude. So it is with Lodges and bodies of men generally.

I was extremely pleased to have the opportunity of perusing the article on non-affiliation, from the *Masonic Newspaper*, which appeared in your last issue. The remarks therein, based as they are on the rules of the State of New York, are of course very different to what could be written of English Non-Affiliation, such a penalty, as far as "non-payment of dues" is concerned, being virtually unknown in this country; still they possess a great deal in common with what might be written of the English Craft, which from some cause or other, like its trans-Atlantic sister, annually loses a great number of brethren who joined with the strongest recommendations, and for the few years of their Masonic career showed unmistakable signs of true heartedness and zeal for the brotherhood. Cannot the cause be traced in some measure to "non-affiliation for non-payment of dues," which, although an almost unregarded English law, is none the less binding on those who from misfortune are the very ones least able to bear the brunt. When a brother joins a Lodge it is usually with every prospect of maintaining his then social position, but who can for one moment foresee the troubles and misfortunes which lie in our path. As your American contemporary observes, "in the midst of domestic misfortune or financial oppression comes additional adversity," and then, as he further remarks, the question arises, Which shall be paid first? Lodge dues or demands for household necessities? Of course every right-minded brother will say the latter, but does the individual who thus answers reflect for one moment what this entails. The brother's subscription to his Lodge may be one year in arrear, and he does not like to send in his resignation in consequence of being thus behind; it therefore goes on, and twelve months hence an increased amount is due, with perhaps less chance of its being cleared off, and so it goes on until the brother's name is removed from the Lodge records, and it may be he is returned to Grand Lodge as a defaulter. Surely, as this American writer says, "this is making a crime of poverty, and convicting a brother for having done his duty." In after years the sufferer may desire to return to the Lodge, when the first thing that greets him is the long standing "arrears" and re-joining fees which, although not quite so accumulative as in the case of New York Lodges, may be sufficient to debar him from ever entertaining the possibility of again enjoying his Masonic privileges. And yet this is a debt, not incurred in return for any benefits derived from the Lodge, but due in consequence of a brother's not taking part in its proceedings. It is unjust, and as your contemporary remarks, that is a very mild form of putting it. Could not some law be introduced to enable a brother to rejoin without such payments *where it could be shown that the inability to continue in the ordinary course was no fault of the applicant.* I am sure it would prove a benefit to the Craft, as we should thereby be enabled to receive into our ranks many of the tried and zealous brethren who have experienced a rather large share of the misfortunes of this life.

Hoping you will excuse the length of this epistle, and wishing you success in your undertaking,

I remain,

Fraternally yours,

AN OLD PAST MASTER.

LAUGHTON CHURCH TOWER RESTORATION FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Would you kindly insert the accompanying Appeal, and urge every brother Mason whose heart is influenced by the impulse of charity to send me a subscription, to resist a cruel impost of nearly £400, for the repairs of my Church Tower? It is most unjustly, if not disgracefully, thrown on me by the withdrawal of those individuals whose duty it was, and on whose fidelity and honour I relied to discharge the debt.

Do, my dear brother, help me, as the case is urgent: and thus I shall obviate the evil design of those who would damage my reputation and means; and to whom I have done no harm, but have acted with fidelity and truth.

Any small subscription will be gladly received, and faithfully acknowledged by,

Yours sincerely,

DANIEL ACE, D.D.,

Vicar of Laughton.

Laughton Vicarage, near Gainsborough.

30th July 1879.

P.S.—In a few days I have received £20 from friends.

APPEAL.

The Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D., the Vicar of Laughton, in Lincolnshire, is under the necessity of making an appeal to all Members of the Church of England to enable him to defray the expenses incurred for the Restoration of the Tower of the Parish Church of Laughton, for which Dr. Ace, who is the Vicar of the Parish, has been held personally liable.

The income of the Vicarage is but very small, and the amount of the liability now thrown upon Dr. Ace amounts to a very large sum, which he is totally unable to pay, and the enforcement of payment must necessarily lead to his utter ruin.

The repairs of the Tower were such as were absolutely needed to preserve the Tower and fabric of the Church from complete destruction.

As in the present state of the law Church Rates are not in existence, there is no possibility of obtaining any part whatever of the amount by Church Rate.

Dr. Ace feels confident that a Clergyman of the Church of England will not be abandoned in his hour of need, or allowed to suffer utter pecuniary ruin through his having (in his anxiety to preserve the ancient and venerable edifice in which he ministers) incurred a debt, not for anything in any way for his own personal benefit, but wholly for the benefit and preservation of the House of the Lord.

The following gentlemen have consented to receive Donations towards "The Laughton Church Tower Restoration Fund."

The Rev. J. C. K. SAUNDERS, M.A., Fricsthorpe Rectory, Market Rasen.

T. OLDHAM, Churchwarden, Laughton, Gainsborough.
J. HANNAM, Bookseller, Gainsborough.

KNIGHTS AND NYMPHS OF THE ROSE.

THIS was an Order of Adoptive or Androgynous Masonry, invented in France towards the close of the eighteenth century. M. de Chaumont, the Masonic secretary of the Duc de Chartres, was its author. The principal seat of the Order was at Paris. The hall of meeting was called the Temple of Love. It was ornamented with garlands of flowers, and hung around with escutcheons on which were painted various devices and emblems of gallantry. There were two presiding officers, a male and female, who were styled the Hierophant and the High Priestess. The former initiated men, and the latter women. In the initiations the Hierophant was assisted by a conductor or deacon, called Sentiment, and the High Priestess by a conductress or deaconess, called Discretion. The members received the title of Knights and Nymphs. The Knights wore a crown of myrtle, the Nymphs a crown of roses. The Hierophant and High Priestess wore, in addition, a rose-coloured scarf, on which were embroidered two doves within a wreath of myrtle. During the time of initiation, the hall was lit with a single dull taper, but afterwards it was brilliantly illuminated with numerous wax candles.

When a candidate was to be initiated, he or she was taken in charge, according to the sex, by the conductor or conductress, divested of all weapons, jewels or money, hoodwinked, loaded with chains, and in this condition conducted to the door of the Temple of Love, where admission was demanded by two knocks. Bro. Sentiment then introduced the candidate by order of the Hierophant or High Priestess, and he or she was asked his or her name, country, condition of life, and lastly, what he or she was seeking. To this the answer was "Happiness."

The next question proposed was, "What is your age?" The candidate, if a male, replied, "The age to love;" if a female, "The age to please and to be loved."

The candidates were then interrogated concerning their private opinions and conduct in relation to matters of gallantry. The chains were then taken from them, and they were invested with garlands of flowers which were called "the chains of love." In this condition they were made to traverse the apartment from one extremity to another, and then back in a contrary direction, over a path inscribed with love knots. The following obligation was then administered:

"I promise and swear by the Grand Master of the Universe never to reveal the secrets of the Order of the Rose, and should I fail in this my vow, may the mysteries I shall receive add nothing to my pleasures, and instead of the roses of happiness may I find nothing but the thorns of repentance."

The candidates were then conducted to the mysterious groves in the neighbourhood of the Temple of Love, where the Knights received a crown of myrtle, and the Nymphs a simple rose. During this time a soft melodious march was played by the orchestra. After this the candidates were conducted to the alter of mystery, placed at the foot of the Hierophant throne, and there incense was offered up to Venus and her son. If it was a knight who had been initiated, he now exchanged his crown of myrtle for the rose of the last initiated nymph; and if a nymph, she exchanged her rose for the myrtle crown of Brother Sentiment. The Hierophant now read a copy of verses in honour of the God of Mystery, and the bandage was at length taken from the eyes of the candidate. Delicious music and brilliant lights now added to the charms of this enchanting scene, in the midst of which the Hierophant communicated to the candidate the modes of recognition peculiar to the Order.—*Mackey's Lexicon.*

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SUMMER BANQUET OF LODGES Nos. 1507 AND 1744.

THE brethren of the Metropolitan Lodge No. 1507, and of the Royal Savoy Lodge No. 1744, held a joint Summer Festival on the 24th ult., at the Rye House, Hoddesden, under the presidency of the respective W.M.'s, Bros. J. Douglass 1507, and J. Willing jun. 1744. A numerous company assembled at the London station, and on reaching Hoddesden enjoyed a short ramble in the grounds of the famous hostelry there. At four o'clock they proceeded to the banquet-hall, where a most enjoyable repast was provided, and which was heartily enjoyed by those present. At the conclusion thereof a few toasts were proposed by Bro. Willing, who fulfilled his task in a manner deserving of praise. He confined his remarks to a few words complimentary to those whose health he called on the party to drink. Bro. Willing, in hearty terms, proposed success to the Metropolitan Lodge, coupling with the toast the health of its W.M., Bro. Douglass, and that brother, after a brief reply, paid a like compliment to the Royal Savoy Lodge and its Master. With the toast of the Past Masters and Secretary of the two Lodges was coupled the name of Bro. Stiles, who occupies the latter position in each. The health of the ladies was proposed from the chair, and acknowledged by Bros. Everett and Stiles, while various of the Officers acknowledged the remarks Bro. Willing made in their praise. The company spent the remainder of the evening in dancing and other enjoyments, returning to town at an early hour. The thanks of those present are due to the brethren who undertook the various arrangements in connection with this holiday. The proceedings throughout were all that could be desired.

CONSECRATION OF THE VICTORIA PARK LODGE, No. 1816.

THE inaugural ceremonies of this Lodge took place on Friday the 25th ult., at the Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney. The ceremonies of Consecration and Installation of Officers were most efficiently and admirably carried out by Bro. James Terry P.P.J.G.W. Herts, assisted by Bro. C. Grey Hill P.M. 1366 as Director of Ceremonies. The programme of the proceedings was fully carried out, with solemn and appropriate effect. The remarkable ability displayed by brother Terry during the proceedings was attended with the most gratifying results, and the highest appreciation was accorded them by all the brethren present.

The following were duly invested as the principal Officers:—Bro. Benjamin Carter W.M., George Edwards S.W., William Snellgrove J.W. The appointment of the minor Officers, with the reception of propositions for initiation and joining members, concluded this portion of the proceedings. Preparatory to the partaking of refreshments the various brethren engaged themselves by perambulating the beautiful walks laid out in Victoria Park, the weather being in every sense most auspicious for the occasion. The banquet, which followed, was somewhat delayed through a sad accident occurring to a child of one of the brethren living in the locality, who was suffocated from a cherry accidentally slipping into its throat, which could not be extracted before death took place. This sad incident caused a considerable delay in the holding of the banquet, from the absence of several prominent brethren who had adjourned to the house of sorrow and mourning, to condole with the bereaved parents. The banquet, which proved one of the very best of its kind, was numerously attended, for, besides the Consecrating and Lodge Officers already named, there were about fifty brethren seated around the beautifully decorated tables, amongst whom were the following:—Bros. L. Stean W.M., G. T. Barr S.W., J. A. Jones J.D., of St. Leonard's Lodge 1766; J. Harrison, C. R. Crouch, G. H. Barking and H. Lloyd P.M. of the Burdett Coutts Lodge No. 1278; Stoke P.M. Finsbury Lodge 861, E. M. Adams Guelph Lodge 1685, A. J. Manning P.M. Henley Lodge 1472, A. Angliss Upton Lodge 1227, H. Rogers P.M., C. H. Smith P.M., John Saunders W.M., George Grunday J.D. of Temperance in the East Lodge 898, H. J. Dobbs Beacontree Lodge 1228, J. H. Cambridge Kent Lodge 15, H. Sherwin Organist, &c., &c., &c. The usual Loyal and Craft toasts were given by the W.M. and loyally responded to. Bro. Terry in felicitous terms proposed the health of the W.M., Bro. Benj. Carter; who briefly and appropriately returned thanks, expressing the utmost confidence in the Officers he had appointed to assist him during the coming year in upholding the constitution of their noble Order, and doing their best to further its various institutions. The name of the Consecrating Officer was next submitted to the brethren, Bro. Terry responded in a lengthy and eloquent speech. He said that he had acted as a substitute in the capacity of Consecrating Officer for the Grand Master 118 times, in opening new Lodges, and at the present time he stood second only in that respect to their Grand Secretary. He had won his spurs as a young Mason, being the first W.M. of the Burdett Coutts Lodge. The ceremony in opening this new Lodge that day had been superlatively good. From the fact of there being so many valued brothers of his own Lodge present, he could not help trying to do his best. Freemasonry was not a mere plaything, it embodied great principles, that were not to be treated lightly. The studying of sections, nor the rendering of ceremonies, did not constitute the principles of Masonry, it existed in the brotherly sympathy they evinced towards each other, and in the feeling of brotherly love created in the warm and manly pressure of the hand when they met each other in the street or in the Lodge. In calling a man a brother it signified more than the mere sound of him. Brother Terry also gave wise counsel to the Lodge admission of members. It required great care to consolidat Lodge, and admit only those persons who would do them credit give honour to them with their presence. It was not quantity wanted, but quality, there was a good wholesome rule they observe, that was, rather reject five persons whose character not bear the closest scrutiny than lose one good and valued didate who could not associate with the five persons had they admitted. Bro. Terry resumed his seat amidst a hearty expressi Masonic applause. The health of the S.W. and J.W., Bros. G Edwards and Wm. Snellgrove, were proposed by the W.M., enthusiastically responded to by the company. Bro. George Edw S.W., in replying, expressed some degree of diffidence in thankin brethren for placing him in so distinguished a position as he occupied. He averred that it would be his pride to do his utm promoting the best interests of the Lodge in every conceivable and hoped a similar feeling animated them one and all; if so, it aug well for their future success. He thanked the brethren for the manner they had responded to the toast. Bro. Snellgrove re in somewhat similiar terms. The Visitors were heartily dran Bro. L. Stean, W.M. St. Leonard's Lodge, briefly and in a happy and appropriate manner responded to the toast, concludi wishing every success possible to the new Lodge, and long life health to its founders and its Officers. Several excellent ballads sung at intervals, accompanied very cleverly by Bro. M. H. W. She Organist. The latter proceedings ended at an early hour, the ut satisfaction being expressed with the arrangements of the cat and with the generous hospitality of the members of the new L —*Shoreditch Chronicle.*

THE KISS OF DEATH.*

THE great Earl stood in his place of power,
And told the tale how a Princess died;
While many a silent tear was shed,
And many a haughty noble sighed.

For she was dear to the English heart,
Who tended her father's dying hours;
Always ready to take her part,
And always welcome as fragrant flowers.

As the gentle nurse, we knew her well,
Who sat by the bed of England's Heir;
In all those grave and terrible days,
When he was saved by her loving care.

When England's prayer of might went up,
To the King of Heaven to save our Prince,
And the throb of sorrow from every heart,
Did our love to the Throne and Him evince.

And the prayer was answered, and he was saved,
To show the power of the mighty God;
And the Princess Alice we loved so well,
Is dead, and buried beneath the sod.

We heard the pitiful tale he told,
To the Peers assembled to hear him speak;
How the weary mother, who nursed her child,
In her warm embrace had kissed his cheek.

In that dreadful passage of fell disease,
"Kiss me, mother," the child had cried;
Though she had been warned of the danger there,
She kissed her boy, and sickened, and died.

She could not resist the pleading voice,
The eloquent glance in the wonderful eyes;
So she had given the kiss of death,
And followed her bright one to the skies.

Was ever a story so sad as this,
Of one who could not her love suppress;
The mother was killed by the young lad's kiss,
And died through giving her soft caress.

The mothers of England all mourn her loss,
And Englishmen ever will sing her praise;
For she was gracious, and good, and sweet,
We loved her all for her winsome ways.

Oh! widowed mother, Oh! gracious Queen,
Who rulest over this Empire vast,
Remember in all thy sorrows now,
As in thy joys that are gone and past.

My children ever will share with thee,
In joy or sorrow, come weal or woe;
For thou hast won thy people's hearts,
And reverent love to thee we show.

EMMA HOLMES,
Author of "Amabel Vaughan."

Fowey, Cornwall, June 1879.

* The Earl of Beaconsfield, in announcing in the House of Lor the decease of H.R.H. the Princess Louis of Hesse, in his capacity Prime Minister, in an eloquent and touching speech spoke of t

Old Warrants.

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No. 125.

No. 302, "Ancients;" No. 385 (at the Union) A.D. 1813, No. 267 A.D. 1832, and No. 220 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

ROBT. GILL S.G.W. WM. DICKEY Deputy Grand Master.
JOS. BROWNE J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the GRAND LODGE of the most Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitution granted by H.R.H. Prince EDWIN, at York, in the year of our Lord Nine hundred and twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred and twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., The R.W. and Most Noble and Puissant Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount Balquider Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveney and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the county of Gloucester, &c., &c. Grand Master of Masons; The R.W. Wm. Dickey Esq. D.G.M., The R.W. Robert Gill Esq. S.G.W. and the R.W. Jos. Browne Esq. J.G.W. (with the approbation and consent of
No. 302 the Warranted Lodges within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster, Do hereby authorise and impower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Robt. Ferguson one of our Master Masons. The Worshipful Ed. Patten, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Robt. Simpson, his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at some convenient place in Liverpool, upon the 1st and 3rd Monday in every Month and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions: And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most Antient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and impower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Robt. Ferguson, Ed. Patten and Robt. Simpson (with the Consent of the Members of the Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of the Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due respect to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this 27th day of December, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety and Six, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred and Ninety and Six.

ROBERT LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 10, Letter K, page 84.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Lodge of Harmony No. 220, Garston, near Liverpool.

DISSAPPOINTED BRETHREN.

OCCASIONALLY we meet with brethren who do not hesitate to own that they are disappointed in their experience of Masonry. It does not realize their expectations. They thought the Institution to be something quite different from what it proves to be. They are disappointed that they have taken membership in a society so little in accord with their thoughts and habits of life. One of the disappointed class became a Mason because he was impressed with the idea that the Fraternity was a sort of free and easy club, whose members devoted themselves to eating and drinking, and having a good time generally. He is wearied by the precise regulations of the Lodge. He is disgusted with so much reiteration of the truths and duties that are bound up in the Masonic system, and by his actions and his words alike he reveals the fact that he is not satisfied with Masonry. He goes elsewhere for the license and free companionship which he fails to find under the auspices of the Craft.

Another is disappointed because he gets no direct returns for the money he has invested in obtaining the degrees and in payment of dues. A brother of this class says, "what has Masonry ever done for me? What benefit have I received from all my outlay of time and money?" Disappointment arises in this case because of the non-realization of the selfish purpose that led to Masonic affiliation. The brother had no proper appreciation of the character of the society which he entered, and it is no cause of wonder that he is disappointed at what he finds to be its purpose and work. Had the complainer been better informed he would never have sought admission. Had the brethren of the Lodge to which he applied read his heart and understood his motives they would never have allowed him admission.

Sometimes the disappointed brother is one who has been checked in his ambitious schemes. He joined the brotherhood that he might be a leader and ruler. He covets high places, and aspires to the honors and distinctions which Masonry confers upon the distinguished few. If he is held back from these places of rank and authority his disappointment shows itself in criticisms and denunciations of his brethren. He loses his interest in Masonry, and sometimes turns his hand against the Institution which once he professed to love and respect.

But there are other types of disappointed brethren; some of them of worthier character than those already sketched. A man of pure thought becomes a Mason, and is instructed in the reverence due to the great and sacred name of Deity. The lessons around the Lodge altar are deeply impressive to the candidate, and he is delighted with the moral elements that are presented in Masonic teachings. How great his disappointment if he finds that those who give these teachings are profane swearers—that they are without any real respect for God. and religion! He is made sad if it shall appear that the theory of Masonry is one thing and the practice quite another.

It is a like kind of disappointment that effects the man who has connected himself with the Craft expecting to find brotherly love illustrated among Masons to an extraordinary degree; but who is forced to acknowledge that there is no such large expression of this virtue as he had anticipated would be the case. He does not see close fellowship, that spirit of willing helpfulness, that manifestation of sympathy and affection among brethren, which he had supposed it was the peculiar office of Masonry to produce in the hearts of its followers. He is disappointed that there is so much of hardness, bitterness and strife all the time coming to the surface even within the lines of the great brotherhood itself. Alas! that there should be a reason for this worst kind of disappointment—a disappointment occasioned by the fact that Masonry only poorly realizes its grand ideals, and that its followers are so imperfectly effected by the sublime principles that are interwoven with the system! Alas for perverse human nature which so often fails to represent in actual performance the truth that has received the assent of the lips! Truly there are spots on all our feasts of charity.—*Repository.*

West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623.—The members met on Monday, 28th July, at Bro. Butt's, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, when there were present Bros. W. Stuart (P.M. 141) W.M., R. Greenwood S.W., D. Moss J.W., W. Butt S.D., S. Renaut J.D., W. Smyth I.G., E. Mallett Secretary; Bros. J. King, James Stevens, W. W. Morgan, and Danker. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. King candidate. The W.M. then worked the first and fourth sections of the lecture, Bro. James Stevens dictating the answers. On the W.M. rising, Bros. James Stevens P.M. 720 and W. W. Morgan were duly elected members of the Lodge, and they thanked the brethren for the honour conferred on them. The W.M. then received the congratulations of the brethren, and afterwards closed his Lodge in due form.

Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, Hounslow.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Hounslow, on the 26th July. The W.M. was unable to attend, and several of the Officers likewise were absent. The chair was taken by Bro. M. S. Larlham P.M., supported by Bros. H. Lovegrove S.W., G. Clark J.W., W. Ramsey Hon. I.P.M., H. B. Marshall Treasurer, H. Clark S.D., F. J. Perks D.C., Dunkley Organist, and J. Daly Tyler. After the opening of the Lodge and the confirmation of the minutes, no candidates being in attendance, the business on the summons was proceeded with. The ballot was taken for the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and was declared unanimous in favour of Bro. H. Lovegrove S.W. Bro. H. B. Marshall (C.C., F.R.G.S.), who has been Steward for the three Charities during the present year, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Bro. J. Daly was re-elected Tyler, and Bros. Wood, W. S. Dunkley and Heelis were appointed as Audit Committee. Bro. White, a candidate for passing, now answered the usual questions, and was passed to the second degree. The S.W. announced the appointment of the W.M. as Prov. Grand J.W. Several names of brethren were handed in for joining the Lodge, and after the transaction of some routine business, the Lodge was closed. The brethren assembled at 6.30 p.m., at the Red Lion Hotel, the W.M. elect Bro. H. Lovegrove in the chair, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. In proposing the health of the Prov. G.M. Col. F. Burdett, the S.W. referred to the flourishing condition of the Province under his rule, and remarked that the Royal Hanover had especial reasons for being grateful to the Prov. G.M., as for services in the Province generally the W.M. Bro. Dubois had been appointed to the important position of Prov. Grand Junior Warden, and he himself (the S.W.) had received purple in the Mark Degree. The toast of the W.M. elect and the Officers was proposed by Bro. Larlham, Hon. Member, and responded to by Bros. Lovegrove, G. Clark, H. Clark, Perks and Dunkley. The Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren left for town at 9 o'clock.

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THE W. BRO. W. HICKMAN, D. PROV. GRAND MASTER.

THE Grand Lodge of this Province will assemble, by command of the R.W.P.G. Master, at Ventnor, on Monday, the 11th day of August, at One p.m., and be close tiled punctually at 1.30 p.m. The Brethren will meet at the Undercliffe Assembly Rooms, Albert Street, where the Provincial business will be transacted.

The Banquet (a cold collation) will take place at 3.30 p.m. precisely, at the Literary Institute, High Street. The Tickets will be 7s 6d each, including a pint of Wine.

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By command of the R.W. Prov. G. Master,

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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTERS OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, on the 24th ult., and favoured by an almost unanticipated break in the disastrous weather of the previous months, was largely attended, there being representatives present from every Lodge connected with the Province. The Hiram Mark Lodge, No. 13, had, on this occasion, the honour of arranging for the reception of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and carried out the entire proceedings in a manner which reflects great credit on all its members. Pending the arrival of the Rt. Worshipful the Provincial Grand Mark Master Col. Francis Burdett and his Officers, the Hiram Lodge was opened at 5 p.m. by the V.W. Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp in the regretted, but unavoidable, absence of Bro. G. J. Brownlow the W.M., the W. Bro. W. G. Brighten Prov. G. Sec. acting as S.W., the V.W. Dr. A. Clarke S.G.W. J.W., the V.W. Bro. James Stevens P.G.J.O. M.O., O. H. Pearson S.O., O. H. Knaggs J.O., H. A. Cooper Smith S.D., and a large number of members of the Lodge were also present. Bro. John Eustace Anderson of the Old Dundee and Harmony Lodges, having been approved by ballot, was advanced to the Mark degree in most perfect manner. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was unanimously in favour of Bro. Littor, and Bro. Thrupp was also unanimously elected Treasurer. On his election, that worthy brother announced to the Lodge that after all liabilities discharged there remained in his hands the very substantial balance of £103, and he proposed that nearly the whole amount should now be invested to provide for possible, though hardly probable, contingencies. This proposal met with general approval, and will be carried out on confirmation of the minutes. Bro. Harrison was re-elected Tyler, and after a few matters of routine business had been disposed of, the Lodge was closed in good time to prepare for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Precisely at the appointed hour, six p.m., the Provincial Grand Master's procession was formed, and entered the Lodge-room in due order, the Prov. Grand Master Col. Francis Burdett being received with much enthusiasm. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened by Col. Burdett and his Officers. Amongst the brethren who were present, in addition to those already named, were the V.W. Bro. F. Davison Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. A. Clarke Prov. G.S.W., R. P. Spice Prov. G.J.W., Ambrose Hall Prov. Grand Chaplain, C. Hammerton Prov. Grand Treasurer, J. Mason M.O., J. B. Shackleton Prov. D.C., A. W. Hame Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, H. J. Court jun. Prov. Grand Org., E. Passawar Prov. I.G., Edwin Gilbert and R. W. Brown Prov. Grand Stewards, John Gilbert Prov. Grand Tyler; also W. Bro. J. Tomlinson P.G.M.O., C. H. Harrison P.G.W., Charles Palmer P.G.J.O., D. M. Dewar P.G.M.O., Frederick Binckes P.G.W. and Grand Secretary, J. M. Klenck P.G.R., E. B. Bright P.G.S.W., J. B. Baker P.G.S.B., J. H. Knaggs P.G.O. W.M. 181, Dr. Ramsay W.M. 13, D. P. Cama, A. H. Pearson P.M. 7, M. A. Caffe Sec. 211, F. Lawrence M.O. 13, B. H. Paul 13, Rev. H. B. Hunt, K. R. Murchison, C. Goulden, H. Lovegrove, R. T. Hill, Clayton Palmer, H. J. Stark, B. H. Ridge, C. Pulman, W. Stephens, J. de Orrelanda, J. L. Syms, W. H. Smith, G. Harrison, and a considerable number of brethren whose names we were unable to ascertain consequent upon their signatures not being placed in the attendance book until after the Prov. Grand Lodge had been closed. The minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, held at the Bridge House Hotel, on the 24th March last, having been read and confirmed, the roll of Lodges was called over, and in every instance these were found to be well represented. The Provincial G. Sec. then gave a very favourable report as to the increase of Lodges and the number of brethren advanced into the Order during the past year. A financial statement was circulated, and was approved of and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. This being the period for

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re-appointment of the Prov. Grand Master, the V.W. Bro. James Stevens P.G.J.O., after referring to the eminent services of the R.W. Bro. Col. Burdett, since his appointment in 1870, and the progress of Mark Masonry in Middlesex and Surrey under his beneficent rule, nominated that distinguished brother for a further period of three years, and no other nomination was made. The appointment and investiture of Officers then took place in the following order:—

Prov.	G.S.W.	Bro. Octavius H. Pearson 7
„	G.J.W.	„ R. P. Spice 3
„	G. Chap.	„ Rev. A. W. Hall 7
„	„	„ Rev. H B. Hunt 244
„	G. Treas.	„ C. Hammerton 104
„	G. Sec.	„ W. G. Brighten 144
„	G. Reg.	„ Dr. Passawer 5
„	G.M.O.	„ K. R. Murchison 197
„	G.S.O.	„ A. W. Hume 5
„	G.J.O.	„ H. R. Cooper Smith 13
„	G.S.D.	„ Edwin Gilbert 211
„	G.J.D.	„ Charles Golden 224
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„	G. Standard Bearer ...	„ Charles Palmer 104
„	G. Organist	„ Humphrey J. Stark 244
„	G.I.G.	„ Byron H. Ridge 198
„	G. Stewards	„ Wm. Stephens 236
„	„	„ Sir Charles Palmer 238
„	„	„ J. de Orlanda 5
„	„	„ George Lilley 139
„	„	„ Beasley
„	„	„ M. A. Cuffe 244
„	G. Tyler	„ John Gilbert

The revised Bye Laws of the Prov. G. Lodge which had been distributed to all members were taken as read, and finally adopted. A Committee for General Purposes was elected, and all business being disposed of, the Prov. G. Lodge was closed in ample form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was well served in the large dining hall of the Greyhound Hotel. On the removal of the cloth, and after the usual loyal toasts had been heartily received and responded to, the Prov. G. Master proposed, "The Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master, the R.W. Deputy Grand Mark Master, and the Grand Mark Officers present and past," and referred to the present position of the Order being such as could never have been arrived at but for the extreme devotion to its interests of highly distinguished Masons in the Craft degrees, who seeing its many beauties as an exponent of the sublime principles of Freemasonry, had spared no efforts to promote its strength and prosperity. From the M.W. G.M.M. through all the several Officers in Grand Mark Lodge the same energy and perseverance had been displayed, and he considered this a fitting opportunity to recognise the indefatigable exertions of Bro. Binckes P.G.S.W. and Grand Secretary, who had laboured more than any other man he knew, in securing the distinguished position of the Mark Degree. After a very cordial reception of the toast, Bro. Binckes, first returning thanks on behalf of the M.W. G.M.M. and his past and present Officers, gave a brief but interesting *résumé* of the progress of the Order, and stated that, looking back, as he could do, over a period of twenty years, he could remember that such unparalleled success was scarcely contemplated, for the increase of Lodges in this degree of late years had even exceeded in proportion that of the Craft, and the Order had been benefited by the influx of a large number of distinguished and influential Masons. A still further increase of prosperity was foreshadowed by the recognition the Order had received from numerous Grand Masonic bodies, and he ventured to make an announcement which, although now for the first time made, would shortly become public, and greatly gratify all connected with Mark Masonry, that he was in official receipt of the fact that the Grand Chapter of Scotland had also accorded their recognition of the English organisation. This was the accomplishment of a long desired bond of union, and he congratulated the members of the Order on the happy result of the endeavours made to that effect. Bro. Binckes concluded a happy and telling speech by expressing his pleasure with all the proceedings of the day, and his desire for the continued growth and prosperity of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The W. Bro. Raymond W. Thrupp, Acting W.M. of the Hiram Lodge, said that as representing the Lodge under whose banner the Provincial Grand Lodge had met, it was his pleasant duty to propose the health of the R.W. Prov. G.M.M. for Middlesex and Surrey, Colonel Francis Burdett, whose name was not only a household word in the Province over which he presided, but was known and recognised far beyond that area as that of a kindly and generously disposed man and a hard-working Mason. Under his benign rule the Lodges of both Craft and Mark Masonry had trebled or quadrupled, and that fact alone was sufficient to prove the great esteem in which he was held by the brethren generally. He therefore had no hesitation in calling on all present to acknowledge the worthy Mason who now presided by receiving the toast with acclamation. The R.W. Prov. G.M.M., having been received in the most enthusiastic manner, expressed his deep sense of the kindness so heartily evinced, and for which he said he felt his inability to thank the brethren so fully and efficiently as he could desire. During all the period he had had the honour to rule over them he had experienced their affectionate regard, and indeed he feared they did more than they should do in their generous reception of his efforts. Some more able brother (cries of No!). Well, he could but express his heartfelt gratitude for their reception, and his pride and gratification in holding the honourable position to which they had again nominated him. He had now to propose the health of the W.M. of the Hiram Lodge, whose absence he greatly regretted, the more so that it was doubtless a great disappointment to that worthy brother that he could not carry out personally the reception his Lodge had given to the Provincial Grand Lodge. He had been, however, ably represented by Bro. Thrupp, whose admirable working in the Lodge and arrangements for subsequent enjoyment reflected the greatest credit on the Lodge generally. The toast was cordially received, and Bro. Thrupp for the W.M. and the members of the Hiram Lodge, returned thanks and expressed a hope that the Prov. Grand Lodge would yet again honour them with another, and he hoped many more, visits. The remaining toasts were "The Advancee," Bro. Anderson, "The Deputy Prov. G. M. Master and Prov. Grand Officers present and past," coupled with the name of Bro. Davison, on whom the Prov. Grand Master bestowed a meed of praise for all the hard work he had done in the interests of the Province, and to which Bro. Davison responded, and "The Tyler's" toast brought to a conclusion one of the most, if not the most, successful gatherings of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge for Middlesex and Surrey.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., on Wednesday, the 6th day of August next, at seven o'clock in the evening punctually.

Business:—The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation will be read for confirmation, after which the following Report of the Committee of General Purposes will be submitted.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from the 16th April to the 16th July 1879, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter	929	1	8	Disbursements during the Quarter	193	2	4
„ Unappropriated Account	174	15	7	Balance	1157	9	0
Subsequent Receipts	417	8	2	„ in Unappropriated Account	170	14	1
	£1521	5	5		£1521	5	5

which Balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions Edward George Sim as Z., John Longman Cogan as H., David Moses as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602, London, to be called "The Sir Hugh Myddelton Chapter," and to meet at the Agricultural Hall, Upper Street, Islington.

2nd. From Companions Edward Haggis as Z., Alfred Frederick Donagan as H., George Carrick as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of United Good Fellowship, No. 809, Wisbech, to be called "The Etheldreda Chapter," and to meet at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech, in the County of Cambridge.

3rd. From Companions Charles Hunter as Z., Cornelius Davies as H., Robert Roberts as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Madoc Lodge, No. 1509, Portmadoc, to be called "The Eryri Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Portmadoc, in the County of Carnarvon.

4th. From Companions Robert Kalley Miller as Z., Alfred Isaac Bristow as H., William Bristow as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Royal Naval College Lodge, No. 1593, Greenwich, to be called "The Trafalgar Chapter," and to meet at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, in the County of Kent.

5th. From Companions George Edward Walters as Z., Pietro Antonio Bianchi as H., William Robert Marsh as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Ley Spring Lodge, No. 1598, Leytonstone, to be called "The Ley Spring Chapter," and to meet at the Red Lion Tavern, Leytonstone, in the County of Essex.

6th. From Companions Frederick Bessant Williams as Z., Ralph Gooding as H., Alfred John Pritchard as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Martin's-le-Grand Lodge, No. 1538, London, to be called "The St. Martin's-le-Grand Chapter," and to meet at The London, Fleet Street, in the City of London.

7th. From Companions John Thornhill Morland as Z., Walter Ballard as H., Edward Leader Shepherd as J., and eleven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Abbey Lodge, No. 935, Abingdon, to be called "The Abbey Chapter," and to meet at the Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, in the County of Berks.

8th. From Companions Joseph Theophilus Chater as Z., Edward Constant Ray as H., Joseph Coleman Hughes as J., and thirteen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Perseverance Lodge, No. 1165, Hong Kong, to be called "The Cathay Chapter," and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, Victoria, Hong Kong, China.

9th From Companions William Leather as Z., William John Marrow as H., John Graham Dunn as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Loyalty Lodge, No. 897, St. Helen's, to be called "The Loyalty Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Hall Street, St. Helen's, in the County of Lancaster (W.D.)

10th From Companions George Russell as Z., William Robert Parker as H., Thomas James Hill as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Port Natal Lodge, No. 738, D'Urban, Port Natal, to be called "The Port Natal Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, D'Urban, Natal, South Africa.

These Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

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A Memorial has also been received from the St. Anne's Chapter, No. 970, East Looe,—a Charter for which was granted by Grand Chapter on the 6th November last,—praying that Comp. John Snell Tucker may be appointed to fill the office of the 3rd Principal J., in lieu of Comp. William Fenwick resigned. It being shown that Comp. Fenwick had permanently left the neighbourhood, and consequently could not act in the above capacity, the Committee recommend that the prayer of the Memorial be granted.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, G. Treas., President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
16th July 1879.

JAMAICA.

Sussex Chapter, Kingston.—This Chapter has not assembled for some years, but we are glad to be able to state the Companions have resumed work, and from the young and new blood it is hoped that prosperity will now attend the Chapter, which it may be observed was once flourishing and prosperous. A Convocation was lately held, when Companion Tait was elected Z., Comp. Dr. Allen H., Comp. Mudon J. A dispensation being granted by the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent for Jamaica, Hon. Dr. R. Hamilton, to instal the Z. and H., a convocation was held at the rooms, on 26th June, presided over by Most Ex. Comp. S. E. Piertoz P.Z., M.E. Comps. J. W. Whitebourne P.D.G.S. H., G. J. Peynado P.Z. J., R. Langley P.Z. S.E., C. H. Davis P.Z. S.N., when M.E. Comp. C. W. Tait was installed as Z., M.E. Comp. Dr. J. Allen as H., M.E. Comp. W. C. Mudon as J.; after which the Z. installed the following Officers:—Comps. E. Melville S.E., F. Carlon S.N., J. Harris P.S., Dr. Tompsett 1st Assist., H. Davis 2nd Assist., A. H. Jones Treasurer, George Magnus Janitor. A letter, regretting his non-attendance, from indisposition, was received from the Grand Superintendent for Jamaica Hon. Dr. Hamilton. The following Principals were present and rendered assistance:—M.E. Comps. S. E. Piertoz P.Z., J. W. Whitebourne P.Z. P.G.D.S., G. J. Peynado P.Z. of Sussex, E. Brandon H. of Friendly, C. Davis P.Z. Royal, R. Langley P.Z. Phœnix.

Phœnix Lodge. Port Royal.—At the ordinary meeting, held on 1st July, Present—W. Bro. G. P. Myers W.M., Bros. Dr. J. Tyndall S.W., J. Hanna J.W. and other Officers. The following Past Masters of the Lodge were present:—W. Bros. P. J. Lenon, J. De Pass, D. Barned, J. Alvanya, H. Barned and L. C. Hollar. Two candidates were passed, and two raised. According to Bye-law an election took place, when Bro. Dr. J. Tyndall, R.N., was elected Master. Bro. Anderson, R.N., Treasurer, and Bro. Hanna now J.W. as Tyler. There were over forty members present, and several visitors.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Edward Bolton, which took place at Port Royal, Jamaica, on the 4th July. He was one of the founders of the Phœnix Lodge of that town, and was elected an honorary member. His remains were followed to their last resting place by the members of the Phœnix, and several brethren of sister Lodges. Bro. Bolton has left a widow and several children to mourn his loss.

The R.W. Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, will preside at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Province on Monday, the 11th inst., at Ventnor, where the Lodge will be opened at 1 p.m., at the Undercliffe Assembly Rooms, Albert Street. At the conclusion of the business of the day, which is of the usual character, a banquet will be served at the Literary Institute, High Street. In order to ensure ample accommodation for all who attend, the Prov. G. Sec. requests that the names of those intending to take part in the banquet may be sent him not later than the 7th inst. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in due course.

In our report of the meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, which appeared in our last issue, we omitted to mention that Bro. G. C. Adames, of Phœnix Lodge, No. 2, was appointed Prov. G. Standard Bearer.

ANONYMOUS MUNIFICENCE.—At the recent meeting of the Governors of the Chelsea Hospital for Women, the Earl of St. Germans (the President) received at the hands of the Rev. Canon Fleming (one of the Board of Management) an anonymous donation of £1,000 towards providing furniture for the new Hospital. In the spirit of true charity it is given on the express condition "That no name is mentioned," it being simply acknowledged as "From a Friend per Rev. Canon Fleming." We know not which to admire the more,—the munificence of the gift, or the manner of bestowment.

Signor Lombardi, of the firm of Lombardi and Co., photographic artists and publishers, of 13 and 14 Pall Mall East, has secured the Egyptian Hall, Piccadilly, for the exhibition of his poikilographic paintings. M. Gustave Doré has written some very complimentary remarks as to the ability displayed in the production of these paintings.

THE MODERN ORDER OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

From the Canadian Craftsman, of July 1878, *with some Alterations and Additions.*

BY COL. MACLEOD MOORE, GREAT PRIOR OF CANADA.

THE great interest evinced of late years by the Masonic body of the United States and Canada in the Order of Knights Templar induces me to enter into some particulars relative to its origin and modern practices, explicitly pointing out my own long-formed impressions, as also the views entertained by others, and to correct, if possible, errors, which many Masonic writers have fallen into whilst explaining the significance of its ceremonies, but who, evidently, ignorant of the true history and character of the Order, have, by misrepresentations, caused it to be villified by those unacquainted with its objects and origin.

The Order holds the most conspicuous place in the History of the Crusades, where they fought in Palestine to vindicate and further the Christian religion, and regain possession from the Saracens of the holy places of our Faith. Although from their original poverty called "Poor fellow Soldiers of Jesus Christ," they, in course of time, amassed great wealth, and became possessed of extensive estates in Europe, having Preceptory Houses scattered all over Christendom, owing allegiance to but one Supreme Head, and becoming so powerful as to excite the fears of the Popes as an ecclesiastical, and of kings as a military body. At length Philip, King of France, at the commencement of the 14th century, coveting their possessions, and fearing their influence, persuaded the then Pope, Clement V., to join with him in suppressing the Order, and seizing their estates, most of which Philip subsequently appropriated to his own use.

The proceedings taken against the Templars for their suppression, are matters of history. The Order was annihilated, and everywhere deprived of their property, and the members reduced to poverty. A great number were received into the Order of St. John [afterwards called Knights of Malta] on the same footing as they stood in their own Order—strong evidence that the guilt of the Templars was not substantiated. The greater part of them, however, were dispersed over all parts of the world, driven here and there, by persecution and distress, and gradually, as the members died off, or merged into other Orders, the name of Templars fell into oblivion, or was only remembered with pity for their unmerited fate. Some of them are supposed to have found refuge amongst the ancient Society of Freemasons. The Masonic tradition being, that a connection had existed before the suppression, and that when the suppression had taken place, some of the persecuted Knights sought life, liberty, and protection in the silence and secresy of Masonry, and therein propagated the Order, which has been by the Freemasons preserved and handed down to the present day. Such is the record of the rise and fall of this once famous institution, and the popular legend and belief of its connection with Freemasonry.

Much diversity of opinion has been expressed and many conflicting statements advanced in the discussions entered into, as to the origin of the modern Order, which originally formed no part of Freemasonry, but as now constituted, is undoubtedly one of the Masonic degrees, fully recognised at the Union of the English Craft in 1813, as a distinct body, governed by its own laws and constitutions, attached to Craft Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters, having nothing mystical in its ceremonial, its members being strictly confined to Freemasons professing and practising the Christian religion.

The necessity no longer existing for which the Templar Order was originally founded, it now confines itself to inculcate the practices of Christianity, to aid and succour the distressed and destitute in the land, and war against vice, infidelity and superstition, and raise the standard of moral rectitude.

The precise date when, and by whom, it was first introduced and adopted by the English Craft, has not been clearly ascertained, there being no trace, or a very faint one, of its connection with Freemasonry in England prior to the middle of the last century, about the period when "Laurence Dermott" re-organized the York Rite, working out, it is said, the English Royal Arch from a previous system, as the completion of the original second part of the Master's degree. It is not impossible that he may also have introduced from France the Templar system where it formed part of the higher Masonic degrees, as practised in Europe, claiming to be the successors of, and a continuation of the ancient Chivalry of the Crusades, but like many other matters connected with Freemasonry, this connection has been asserted, taught, believed, and handed down from one generation to another, without any very critical examination, for notwithstanding the strong arguments, and circumstantial evidence employed, it has never been satisfactorily shown how the connection was brought about, and, unfortunately, there are no records to show or direct proof, that the present Modern or Masonic Templars are the lineal and actual descendants of the early Chivalric body. Masonic authorities have therefore, now, generally arrived at the conclusion that modern Templary is an adaptation of the mediæval Order, introduced into the Masonic Body after the establishment of the present symbolic system, the object being to complete and cement the moral code of Freemasonry with the pure teachings of Christianity, exemplified by the doctrines of the early knightly fraternity of the Templars. It is well to recollect that up to the Union of the Grand Lodges in 1813, English, or St. John's Masonry was virtually Christian, as not until that date did it avowedly become *universal*, tolerating the Christian chivalric degrees.

Some Templars, no doubt, might have learned the principles on which Masonry as now existing was founded, but it would seem more practical, that Freemasons on the Continent of Europe, who wished to introduce some novelty into the pure and simple Craft system, re-

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vived, and attached the Templar Order to it, because it was not known what the Templars practised in secret, and no one could tell how much or how little of the charges against them were true, but all could see that there was a mystery, and interest about that famous body; the very circumstance of the name "Knights of the Temple of Solomon" may also have led the Masonic body to claim a direct connection.

The origin of all Masonic degrees is enveloped and shrouded in mystery, the fraternity being always averse to publicity, handing down their peculiar secrets *viva voce*, to future generations, with the same caution that the philosophers of old displayed in perpetuating their symbols and mysteries. The Templars also, like the Jesuits, never communicated their secrets to strangers, and some even were concealed from the greater part of their own members. It is, therefore, not likely the Order ceased to exist after its political suppression, but more probable that small organisations were kept up in many places, and the hope cherished that it would some day be possible to revive it. A great and extensive organisation could not utterly have lost all cohesion and died without a struggle, but it is equally unreasonable to believe that the fragments here and there, entered into any association of working men, such as that of "The Corporation of Builders, or Freemasons," then were, who could not have been expected to devote themselves to the restoration of the Templar Order, in direct opposition to the ban of the Church; even personal safety would not have been secured, and there is no proof that the Knights ever joined the German building sodalities; besides, if it had been seriously intended publicly to restore the Order, there would have been no difficulty in doing so after the Reformation; therefore no valid reason exists why they should conceal their organisation under the mask of Freemasonry. Remnants of the Order, to perpetuate the memory of their glory and wrongs, may, however, have assumed some of the higher degrees,* and formed bodies consisting of themselves alone. The A. and A. S. Rite would appear to throw some light on the matter, and I think I may adduce without any infringement on the esoteric history of the degrees some allusion to this connection.

One of these degrees, in which the numbers *eight* and *one*, are indicated by the position of the hands as a mode of recognition, would seem to refer to the eight knights who founded the Order of the Temple, and the ninth who entered with them afterwards, then again the nine Elus may also represent these founders. Another and stronger fact is shown in the degree, where the word "Libertas" occurs, which is the key to its meaning; the letters L. D. P. mean "*Liberté de Penser*," and the words "Shalal Gratim Abi," literally means "The Pope [Father Papa] shall restore the spoil." The Knights of the "East and West" may mean the Order of the Temple created in the East, and afterwards having Preceptories in Europe. The word Kadosh (holy), indicates a Templar, "Haikal Kadosh," meant holy house of the Temple. In fact, see how the degrees 15th, 16th and 17th, are entitled in succession, Knights of the East or Sword.—Creation and first period of the Temple Order in Palestine, —Prince of Jerusalem,—[Knights of the Haikal Kadosh at Jerusalem] and Knights of the East and West. The re-building of the Temple may have been meant for the re-establishment hoped for of the Templar Order, other examples might be quoted intelligible to the initiated alone, and in one of the highest degrees of the Rite will be found corroborative evidence implying a common origin with Templary.

That some of these degrees bear affinity to the Templar system, and were framed on the history of the Templars is evident, being formerly in England always given under sanction of a Templar warrant, which was considered the guardian of these high degrees, until of late years when they were resigned to the A. and A. S. Rite, but the original connection with Freemasonry as an inherent part of it is a mystery, and likely still to remain so, for the Templar Order has not in its ceremonies any resemblance, even the most remote, to Craft Masonry, and is intensely *Trinitarian*. The probability is, that the connection was first entertained and brought about by individual knights joining the fraternity of Masons, and it is quite possible, when the Masonic houses and fraternities were broken up at the Reformation that some of the dispersed members, attaching themselves to the Masonic Body, conduced to perpetuate the ceremonies of the ancient Templars, preserved from the time of the persecution in the monastic establishments, in which many of the unfortunate knights were condemned to do penance and employed in menial offices, but had been treated with consideration and sympathy, for it is difficult to believe that men of probity in the Masonic society of the last century deliberately *invented* the Templar degree, introducing it as the true Order long secretly attached to Freemasonry, unless they had strong grounds to believe that *actual* Knights of the Temple had formerly entered it for the purpose of preserving their old Order from utter extinction.

It is a mistake to suppose that the existence of the Order depends on the favour of Pope or Sovereign, or the possession of lands, as in ancient times one private knight could communicate knighthood to another. So one private Templar [after the suppression] could confer the knighthood of the Temple on another as his successor, down to the present time. This is the manner in which, to our contention, justified by our traditions that Templary came into Masonry, and has thus been preserved intact as a true, just, and lawful succession. Taking this view, I am still impressed with the belief that our modern or Masonic Templary has a right to be considered as perpetuating the chivalric Order of the Crusades, and in consequence, I have from time to time in my addresses to the Great Priory of Canada endeavoured to point out inconsistencies and inaccuracies in our forms and practices, but I fear my object and meaning have in many instances been greatly misunderstood, attributing a desire on my part to advocate a total separation from Freemasonry, to admit of its assuming a more exclusive character, in accordance with its presumed chivalric origin and constitution. This is entirely a mistake, for to sever the connection to which it owes its present existence would take away its claim to be considered as legally perpetuating the Order of the Crusades. The attempt was made some years back by the Scottish branch, but utterly failed, and they were obliged to resume the Masonic qualification. My whole object has been to endeavour to point out the anomalies of the present system, and, if possible, prevent the further perpetuation of errors palpable to the historic student. Admitting that the modern or Masonic Templar Order is but an imitation of the old Knightly Fraternity, there surely can be no question that it should be historically correct, and as nearly as possible follow the original in preference to mere fancy ceremonial inventions.

A re-organisation of the Order in England, changing the names and title to that of the original nomenclature of the ancient Templars, with a careful revision of the statutes, took place in 1873, the object being to unite and place all the different sections in the British dominions under the Grand Mastership of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, adopting a common code of laws and ceremonies, dividing the Order into Nationalities, or Great Priories, each being governed by a Great Prior, these Great Priories making their own laws. The affairs of the whole Order being managed and regulated by a body termed the "Convent General," composed of the Great Priories sitting in common, presided over by the Grand Master, who has also a Council especially constituted under statutes, so that he may be advised by a body in which all the nationalities are equally represented. This federal scheme of organisation, following the practice of the early Order, originated with the learned and zealous (then Grand Chancellor) Sir Patrick Colquhoun, M.A., Q.C., LL.D., late Chief Justice of the Ionian Islands, ably supported in skilfully carrying it into effect by the highly esteemed and well-known Masonic authority, the Hon. Judge FitzHenry Townshend, Q.C., LL.D., of the High Court of Admiralty, Dublin—Grand Commander Sup. Grand Council 33° for Ireland, &c., based on the original and existing principle that the Order, having a chivalric origin, was not in itself Masonic, but had a Masonic basis and qualification, requiring that its members could only be taken from the Masonic fraternity. The intention was also to form a cosmopolitan chivalric body, regulated by the customs and usages of the present century, having but one Grand Master, as of old, under whom different nationalities divided into Langues or Tongues could assemble without any interference with their individual political allegiance.

It was confidently hoped and looked forward to, that this admirable organization, clearing away much of the unsatisfactory and incorrect practices of the modern system, would raise the Order to a more conspicuous and independent sphere of usefulness, uniting the different branches into one powerful and influential Christian confraternity, but this desirable result does not seem likely to be attained, and the time and labour bestowed by the erudite framers of the system are thus thrown away.

A majority of the English nationality, principally from Lancashire and West Yorkshire, being dissatisfied with the changes lately introduced, as in their opinion tending to separate the Order from Freemasonry, have ignored the federation and Articles of Convention which they are endeavouring to set aside, and resume their former anomalous position without reference to the wishes or opinions of the sister Great Priories, or to the advantages held out by a uniform system, and have also objected to adopt one of the most important changes contemplated, viz.: the revisal of the ritual in use; for this end a Ritual Commission had been appointed, who, after some years' careful consideration of the subject, submitted their report to Convent General in October 1876 [published in the Proceedings of the Great Priory of Canada last year], which commends itself, being a full exposition of the views taken by the Commissioners. The ritual recommended by them appears to me all that can be desired, and should be adopted intact, even if it is in parts objectionable, or imperfect, it would be unwise for the Order to have one ritual for England and Ireland and another for Canada. It has also the strong recommendation of assimilating with the Scottish ceremony, many years in use, and although Scotland has not joined the Union it would insure uniformity in all the branches under British rule.

The necessity for a revision of the ceremony of a reception may not have been generally entertained; it arose from the changes that have taken place from time to time since the introduction of the Order into English Freemasonry, and we find by reference to Masonic records that it was first conferred as an *honorary order*, given either before or after the Royal Arch, evidently with a very short ceremony, mention being made of the recipient receiving other degrees at the same meeting.

(To be continued.)

* The term "high degree" in Masonry simply means those beyond or after the Craft, which is the pre-requisite of all others. Some of them no doubt derive their origin from the "secret fraternities" that existed in the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries, and have thus been perpetuated by grafting on the Masonic system.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls met on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present—Bros. Col. Creaton (in the chair), R. B. Webster, A. H. Tattershall, H. A. Dubois, E. Letchworth, Col. James E. Peters, Henry Venn, James Moon, C. F. Matier, Thomas Cubitt, Herbert Dicketts, H. Massey, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary). One petition was received. The Committee resolved to invest £1500. The Audit Committee recommended the investment of £2000, but Col. Creaton informed the brethren that it would be necessary to build a boundary wall at the Institution, in place of the present wooden fence, which was now worn out, and it would be prudent to retain sufficient funds to defray the cost. The Committee then adjourned.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 2nd AUGUST.

Prov. Grand Chapter Middlesex, Grammar School, Enfield Town, at 4 p.m.
General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

MONDAY, 4th AUGUST.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
837—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Room, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester.
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks.
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
R. C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 5th AUGUST.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Tavendero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Feambert, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Pallachan, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley.
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
393—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
55[illegible]—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1437—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle.
R. A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 286—Loyalty, Freemasons' H[illegible], Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
M. M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 6th AUGUST.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, s.(In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Popian's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1555—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
200—Duke of Atholl, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
274—Tranquility, Bear's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Ty
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
992 St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.

1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby. (Instruction.)
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick.
1200—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
1626—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool.
R. A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot.
R. A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley.
R. A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.
M. M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 7th AUGUST.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruc
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruc
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.
742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instructio
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8.
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood.
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn.
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1282—Archolme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkies Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnle
1514—Thornhill, Deara House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
1515—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 357—Confidence, Private Rooms Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
R. A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-street, Ardwick, Manche
R. A. 758—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 8th AUGUST.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc
760—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1050—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instructi
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instructi
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8.
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0. (I
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8.
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (I

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
454—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
682—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1102—Mirfield, Assembly-room, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
K. T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.

SATURDAY, 9th AUGUST.

1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
R. A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood-green.
615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent
1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Gt. Stanmore, Middlesex.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This L[illegible] held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, the Here[illegible] Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 31st [illegible]

date. The Lodge was resumed, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Caton acting as candidate. The first and second sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. Moss, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Fowler 1728 was duly elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Woodward was appointed W.M. for ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed.

St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211.—The meeting on Thursday, at the George Tavern, Australian-avenue, Barbican, was presided over by the W.M. of the mother Lodge, Bro. Alfred Withers, who was supported by his Officers and members of the Lodge. After due observance of preliminaries, some sections were worked, and the brethren proceeded to ballot for two Life Subscriberships in the Masonic Charities. The first of these fell to the Lodge of Instruction; and the second, to Bro. Charles Hubbard W.M. of the Lily Lodge of Richmond. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. P.M. John Laver, who presided over this portion of the evening's proceedings. We regret to say there was but a poor attendance.

Zetland Chapter, No. 236.—A meeting of this Chapter (attached to the York Lodge, No. 236) was held on Wednesday evening. Present—Comps. Sir James Meek Kt. M.E.Z., Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett H., G. Balmford J., R. W. Hollon P.Z., W. Lawton P.Z., J. Tedd P.Z., Middleton P.Z., A. Buckle P.S., J. G. Turner S.E., J. M. Meek S.N., T. B. Whytehead, T. M. Richey, T. S. Camidge, J. Blenkin, J. Hollins, &c. The business consisted in the exaltation of two candidates, which was performed by the M.E.Z.; the mystical lecture being delivered by Comp. J. Todd P.Z. The members afterwards met at an excellent supper, at the close of which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. A handsome plate of the Installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, presented to the York Lodge, by Bro. Middleton, was much admired.

Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780.—The brethren of this Lodge met in goodly numbers on Friday, 25th ult., at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. The Lodge was opened at two o'clock by Bro. Charles F. May, supported by Bros. W. Gomm S.W., B. Blasby J.W., Walter Goss P.M. Treasurer, W. Hilton P.M. Secretary, and the other Officers of the Lodge. The following Past Masters likewise were present—W. Hale, J. Chambers Roe, Thomas Brown, W. Gardiner, G. A. Litlewood, H. Potter, &c. Visitors—H. J. Dean J.D. 45, W. E. Haycock P.M., John March D.C. 27, J. Holloway 749, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, E. Woodbridge 1612, J. H. Lee 1196, James Squires P.M. 3, S. J. Vaughan 193, E. Gladstone Phœnix, Fisher P.M. 834. After preliminaries had been observed, Bros. Alfred T. Secker and George Cumbers were raised, and Bros. George David Jones and Charles Edward Botley were passed. The ballot was taken for three candidates for our mysteries, and was declared favourable in each case. The three gentlemen were Messrs. William Pollok Meaden, Jonas Hole, and John Brill. The two latter were in attendance, and took their introductory step in Freemasonry. The election of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year was the next business that claimed the attention of the members. The result was in favour of the S.W.'s advancement, and Bro. Gomm received the congratulations of the brethren. Bro. Walter Goss P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. John Gilbert (Prov. G.T. Middlesex) was re-elected Tyler. A discussion of a somewhat lengthy nature then took place on home matters, and the appointment of auditors was made, after which Lodge was closed. An opportunity was now afforded the new proprietor of the Star and Garter—Bro. John Brill—to display his abilities as caterer, and in justice we are bound to state he fully realised all that had been expected of him. The banquet was capitally served, and unqualified satisfaction was expressed by all who partook of it. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. May proceeded with the toast list; we regret, however, to be compelled to state the members did not extend to their Worshipful Master that obedience and courtesy he has a right to demand. The seeds of dissension so freely scattered during the discussion that had taken place in the Lodge had fallen on prolific soil, and now, in far too many places, seemed ready to burst forth. Consequently, the sound of the gavel calling to order was more frequent than desirable to those who desired that harmony should be maintained. We deeply regret this; it will be acceded by all that Bro. C. F. May has studied the welfare of his Lodge most assiduously, and hitherto his year of office has passed off most pleasantly. We trust ere the members meet again the evils that have caused this dissension will be remedied. During the evening Bro. May announced his intention to serve as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be held in 1880, and a respected brother of the Lodge intimated that his name might be placed on Bro. May's list for £10 10s.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, Bros. Dallas W.M., Fores S.W., Clark J.W., C. Lorkin S.D., Moss J.D., Smyth I.G., Christian Sec., Smyth Treas., Brasted acting Preceptor; Bros. Christian, Quay, Greenwood, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. announced that the ceremony of passing would be rehearsed, whereupon Bro. Quay answered the questions and was entrusted. The W.M. opened the Lodge in the second, and Bro. Quay was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Moss worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed to the first, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed.

Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017. — An emergency meeting was held on Thursday, 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Cafe Royal, Air-street, Regent-street. There were present Bros. J. Lazarus W.M., L. J. Solomon S.W., W. H. Brall J.W., L. Jacobs Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., M. Levy J.D., J. Dyer I.G., Mann D.C.; Bros. E. Moses, C. Camoyans, Benjamin, L. A. Lazarus, H. Chandler, Lappert Leverton, Hochfield, &c. Lodge was opened, and the ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. P. Lombery, of Sierra Leone. The result was unanimous in his favour, and he was duly initiated into the Order by the W.M., who performed his duty in a very perfect manner. Bro. L. A. Lazarus (a son of the W.M.) answered the usual questions in a satisfactory manner, and was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge was then closed until October. The brethren adjourned to light refreshments and separated early. The following brethren were visitors:—Bros. M. P. Tench 511, B. Lyons W.M. 1227, A. Davis 188, Burrell 1310, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—A meeting was held on Friday, 25th July, at the Alwyne Castle, Canonbury. Present—Bros. Pennefather W.M., G. H. Stephens S.W., H. J. Lardner J.W., J. Eldridge Treas., J. G. Chant Sec. *pro tem*, D. Moss S.D., W. Butt J.D., Beattie I.G. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the brethren of the West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623, as follows:—1, R. Greenwood 1623; 2, Thos. Butt J.W. 907; 3, Davison P.M. 299; 4, Davis J.D. 879; 5, D. Moss 1275; 6, H. J. Lardner J.W. 1745; 7, G. H. Stephens W.S. 1623; 8, Hallam S.W. 1349; 9, D. Moss 1275; 10, Davison P.M. 299; 11, W. B. Kidder P.M. 12; 12, W. Butt 1623; 13, E. Mallett P.M. 141; 14, T. Mc. Butt I.G. 1623; 15, J. C. Perkins S.W. 795. A cordial vote of thanks was carried unanimously to the W.M. and brethren for their excellent working, and the Lodge was closed in ancient form with solemn prayer.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—On Tuesday last Bro. W. Wallington P.M. 780, and Preceptor of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, in fulfilment of the promise he had made, attended to rehearse the ceremony of installation. Accordingly Bro. Pavitt's cosy little room was well filled, and the attention paid to the ceremony by his old pupils and the other members of this Lodge of Instruction must have been eminently gratifying to Bro. Wallington. The chair was taken at 7.30 by Bro. Pavitt, who was supported by Bros. Smith S.W., Barker J.W., W. Musto P.M. Preceptor, E. T. Worsley Secretary, Spencer S.D., Johnson J.D., Roberts I.G.; Bros. Ellis, Glasspool, Norman, Wyman 1614, Still 1076, Power, Morgan, Ellis 860, Watkins, &c. The Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Glasspool having answered the questions, the Lodge opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Wallington now took the chair, and Bro. Musto, as D. of C., introduced Bro. Worsley as W.M. elect, and Bro. Wallington proceeded with the ceremony. The excellence of Bro. Wallington's delivery of the various ceremonies of Craft Masonry has long been recognised, and on this occasion he well sustained his reputation. Bro. Worsley went through the formal initiation of Officers, and then the Installing Master gave the several addresses. Some of the sections of the second lecture were then worked by Bro. Worsley and the brethren, Bro. Musto dictating the answers. On the motion of Bro. Musto, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Wallington for his services, and the degree of hon. membership was conferred upon him. After this mark of recognition had been suitably acknowledged, Bros. Wyman 1614 and Still 1076 were elected members. Bro. Worsley was appointed to preside at next meeting, and Lodge was closed. Several of the brethren remained for half an hour, and spent the time in social converse.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1,602.—An ordinary meeting of the brethren of this Lodge was held on Friday last, 25th July, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, and, despite the words at the tail of the summons, "No Banquet," which were underlined, each officer was at his respective post in time to assist at the opening of the Lodge, as well as a large number of brethren and visitors, among the latter being Hugh Hunter W.M. 776 Antrim, Ireland, R. Pearcy W.M. 288, W. G. Kent J.W. 1297, E. W. Brassie W.M. 1471, W. G. Hunter W.M. 228, and J. Crosbie. The business consisted of initiating F. F. Ernest Heyse, passing Bros. C. Gwyn, P. J. S. Taylor, and G. W. Foster, and raising Bro. T. C. Duncan, each ceremony being performed by Bro. A. F. Rowley the W.M., Bro. Thomas officiated as Organist. The Lodge expressed its gratitude for the safe delivery of Bro. Pearcy, the Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction, from a severe illness and restoration to health. This was ordered to be inscribed on vellum and presented to that brother.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, at York. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, the I.P.M. Bro. T. B. Whytehead occupied the chair. There were also present Bros. C. G. Padel S.W., W. P. Husband as J.W., T. Humphries assist. Sec., M. Millington S.D., T. D. Smith J.D., G. Simpson M.C., A. T. B. Turner Assist M.C., G. H. Simpson Org., P. Pearson Tyler, T. Hill Steward; Bros. Atkinson, Dyson, York and others. The following Visitors were also present—Bros. Major T. B. Shaw-Hellier P.M., Capt. L. Murphy and H. E. Whytehead. The business consisted in passing Bro. Oldfield to the second degree, which having been accomplished, the Lodge was lowered, and a Lodge of Instruction formed, the chair being occupied by Bro. Padel, who appointed his Officers, and worked the second degree with great excellence. During the after proceedings Bros. O. Marshall, Capt. Murphy, P. Pearson and other brethren enlivened the evening by singing. The S.W. proposed the health of the absent W.M., which was warmly accepted.

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AUTHORITY.

WE cannot help feeling amused when we glance at the different attacks that have from time to time been made against Freemasonry, or when we watch the various ruses that are practised in order to obtain a knowledge of the secrets of the Brotherhood. We are led to reflect that, notwithstanding them all, the Craft continues to add to its numbers, and has the gratification of retaining in its foremost ranks some of the most enlightened men of the day. To the class who plan such attacks these facts must be a sore trouble, as they tend to prove that outside slander and threat do not affect the inner working of the Craft, but rather, it would seem, tend to its popularity, and produce the very opposite effect to that desired. How these persons would like to find a vulnerable point in our system! But in this, so far, they have been unsuccessful, although we think they have called every known device to their aid, and have not shrunk from outraging the laws of truth, morality, or justice, in order to produce the result they aimed at. One day we are startled by an edict of the Romish Church, which recounts the awful consequences which await men if they continue to carry on the iniquitous proceedings of the Lodge; at another, the Craft is accused of being the prime mover in every plot, crime, or conspiracy which may arise; and, finally, after the credit has been awarded it of being the cause of all the ills that trouble the world, the Masonic Brotherhood is held up to ridicule. Thus, after trying every means where argument could decide the question, its calumniators start on a course which will allow of neither sense nor reason being heard. The best answer to these scares—which frighten a few undecided men who have not quite made up their minds whether they shall seek a knowledge of Freemasonry or not—is, perhaps, to treat these arguments with indifference, as nothing will displease the slanderer so much as to find that his personalities are ignored. If that course be adopted, it also shows how little importance is attached to outside attacks, but can the same be said of assaults from within? There it is that danger awaits the Craft, and there it is that continued care must be exercised, and even the slightest sign of abuse wiped out. The established ordinances of the Craft provide safeguards against this danger, but it is necessary that these precautionary measures should be known and supported by individual members of the Order, without whose assistance the efficiency of preliminary measures—however wisely planned—is materially decreased, whereas, with a little friendly co-operation the members of a Lodge themselves form a tower of strength, which powerful opposition cannot hope to destroy.

Taking our personal experience as a guide, we are pleased to think that occasions of actual rupture seldom occur in Masonic Lodges, but the few cases we are cognisant of prove how necessary it is to present a bold front at the outset, when combined action on the part of a few members will serve to stamp out the threatened revolt. The Master should be looked upon as the standard of the Lodge, and those present who do not rally round him when called upon should be treated as foes. There can be no half measures on such occasions, nor should indecision be tolerated for an instant. If a quiet explanation will not suffice to settle a difference, the gavel of authority, backed by influential members, should always secure silence, and then the decision of the Master can be asked for, and must be treated as final. If, however, a Master once allows his call to order to be disregarded, his authority is lost, and then, when the critical moment arrives, the whole fabric of the Lodge is plunged into chaos. One of the earliest signs of loss of authority is exhibited when the Master's voice is disregarded at the banquet table, where it is very difficult to rule without appearing to govern. It is here that the greatest liberality consistent with discipline is necessary, and although the discipline may be so temperate as almost to amount to equality, it is absolutely necessary that it should exist, and that it should be as much recognised as during the working of a ceremony in open Lodge. Very many members seem to disregard this fact, and if the Master finds it necessary to sound the call to order, they leave him to secure it single-handed, as best he can, whereas their assistance, even in the form of silent support, would tend immediately to secure a satisfactory result. Authority is necessary, and in helping to maintain it the brethren are but securing their own comfort; if once authority is lost, confusion and disturbance must follow, and then scenes will occur which if recounted to the outer world would do more harm to the good name of the Craft than all its outside enemies can bring about by so-called exposures, ridicule, or venomous attacks.

OUR SCHOLARS IN AFTER LIFE.

THE few days that have elapsed since the issue of our last number have been made good use of by Bro. Dick Radclyffe, in furthering the cause he has undertaken to support, and we are gratified to learn that his efforts thus far point to a successful issue. By the time these lines are in print all who have expressed a desire to take part in the foundation of the fund will have received a proof copy of the first circular of the proposed scheme, together with a request to make any suggestions that may occur to them, and Bro. Radclyffe informs us that he hopes to send particulars to every Lodge on the English roll within the next week, although of course that will depend on the nature of the replies he receives to his first application.

From Bro. Jacobs, the proposer of the "Shrewsbury Memorial Fund," we likewise have good news. He expresses his desire to co-operate with the brethren who are working out what may be termed Lord Rosslyn's idea, and Bro. Jacobs goes so far as to say that after the next meeting of the Grand Lodge of Staffordshire the "Shrewsbury Fund" will doubtless be an established fact. We hope this will be the case, and that a satisfactory arrangement may be forthcoming to enable the founders of the two schemes to unite in their endeavours. As we pointed out last week, the fund must embrace the whole of the country, and not be split up into sections, or Provincial charities, which could not fail to clash, and would lead to invidious comparisons.

It seems strange that so large a portion of the business transacted at the last meeting of the General Committee of the Boys' School should have reference to the advancement of old pupils. This supplies further evidence that some sort of organised aid is necessary, as by the rules of the School the Committee have no power to expend more than £20 on the advancement of a pupil however deserving he may prove himself to be. This sum, it is well known, is far short of the amount required to start a boy in the higher class of mercantile or government appointments,

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although if would doubtless serve in some instances as the nucleus of a subscription that would realise sufficient for the object aimed at. This, however, is not a subject that should be left to the chance of some Lodge or brother taking upon themselves to see satisfactorily carried out, it is rather one that should be done systematically, and when done properly will supply ample work for a committee.

Rule XXXVIII. of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which defines the duties of the House Committee, makes it a part of that Committee's business to "register the names and addresses of the parents or friends to whom the pupils are delivered,—to ascertain as far as practicable their future position,—and record the same on the minutes." We presume these items have not escaped the attention of the House Committee, who should, therefore, be able to render assistance to the founders of the fund by making known the particulars they have recorded on the minutes in consequence of this rule.

In answer to Bro. Radclyffe's question as to whether we will support him or not? we may say that we shall not only support him, but shall be pleased to assist in bringing the proposed Fund as prominently before the Craft as the publicity of our columns will allow.

A LECTURE,

Delivered before the Brethren of the Lodge of Instruction, No. 972, St. Augustine's, Canterbury.

By Bro. T. B. Rosseter.

Brethren,—My business this evening is to introduce to your notice some few facts that may be gleaned from research into the usages and customs of others than what we term ourselves—"Christian Freemasons." The term Christian Freemason is often used, but I fearlessly assert there should be no such term as "Christian Freemason." Such a term, or definition of faith is, or ought to be, left behind on passing the portals of the Lodge. We believe in a Supreme Being;—that is our Faith.

I must first direct your attention to the opening statement of the introduction to the First Lecture of the first or Entered Apprentice degree: "The usages and customs among Freemasons have ever corresponded with, and borne a near affinity to the ancient Egyptians," &c.; and secondly, the question, "What is Freemasonry?" I will answer the last question first;—It is a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols. These are the landmarks of my argument, but I must first give you the meaning of the terms "Free and Accepted, and Operative Mason."

Free and Accepted is based on the Operative, whereby a useful lesson of morality is derived from implements used in the noble art; in other words theoretical Masonry. Operative Masonry is the useful rules of architecture, whereby an edifice receives figure, strength and beauty in equal proportions and due preponderance in all its parts.

Now, if we, as Freemasons, take up these implements of the art and work with them in our own peculiar fashion, it cannot be denied that we are fitting representatives of those "Great Builders" in whatever age they may have flourished. The Christian parallel is drawn from the building of King Solomon's Temple to St. John the Baptist; from thence to St. John the Evangelist; and from thence handed down to our own time. What I propose to show is, that there are other parallels in Freemasonry than the one I have alluded to. We ourselves admit that we have an affinity with the Ancient Egyptians; let us see, as Operative Masons, how we are connected; or rather, how the parallel is drawn. It is admitted that our "rites and ceremonies are founded on the mysteries of the Goddess 'Isis.'" This Isis was the mother or wife of "Osiris." Osiris was celebrated for his success in the perfecting of the art of fortifications and buildings; now it is generally admitted that Osiris is "Nimrod," or the "Ala Mahozim" of the Babylonians, or the "God of Fortifications;" the "God of the walled city. He it was, who in the primeval triad of Egypt was known as "Khons," the "God of hidden counsel."* And here steps in the Egyptian parallel. Now this very name Khons brought into contact with Roman mythology serves us with an explanation.

That which I refer to is the Latin God Consus who, although identified with Neptune and Saturn, was also regarded as the God of "Hidden Counsel," or the "Concealer of Secrets;" in the same way we use the word conscience, to know. The father of Kohns was Khonso, that is, Ausoun or Amun; the spirit of the intellect in conjunction with Kneph the "Spirit of God," which, as Plutarch tells us, means the "Hidden God;" and Father and Son were known in the Egyptian triad as one. The Mother of this Khons was Maut. Ge, the earth goddess, had a child, called in the Phœnician language "Muth." Maut and Muth have the same meaning,—Death. Then this Maut of the Egyptians, or Muth of the Phœnicians, must be Eve, the mother of the human race. This Muth was identified as Rhea by the Chaldeans. The name of Rhea signifies the "gazer." It was as the gazer that the mother of mankind conceived by Satan, and brought forth Maut or Death into the world. It was through her eyes that the fatal connection was formed—for what says the Sacred Law? "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and pleasant to the eyes." The sacred symbol of Rhea was an eye encircled by vulture's wings.* The eye is a sacred symbol to us Masons. "His all-seeing eye beholds us." We, as theoretical Masons, here close with the Egyptians, and hence the Chaldee mythology for "Gee" being their earth goddess is figuratively represented in our Lodges by "Clay." There is nothing so zealous as clay, our mother earth, who is ever labouring for our support, and who will again receive us when all our friends forsake us;" and here the Egyptian, the Parsee, and the Brahmin hold out the hand of "brotherly love" and claim the Level. The Chinese knew her as "Shing-Moo" the Holy Mother; "Ma Tsoopo," the Gazing Mother; they point to you their certificates handed down by their ancestors rough and unsightly as the early period is, yet leaving their mark as Masons on the face of the earth; they point to you each succeeding age advancing in style and art, each showing the free thought of the Master Mason's mind, telling you in language plain and intelligible, that he too was conversant with the square, level, and plumb-rule; whether his conduct was square, his steps level, or the integrity of his measures as upright as his plumb-rule, must be left to the decision of the G.A.O.T.U., from whence all goodness emanates, and to whom we must give an undisguised account of our lives and actions. Julian, who was initiated into the Eleusian mysteries A.D. 351 in the twentieth year of his age, quoting Ariosto says—"For all men being equal have the same habitual rights"—alluding to those who had been initiated. Again, in his directions to a Priest of the Mysteries he says—"Consider that tradition of the gods which has been transmitted to us by the most ancient ministers on things sacred, namely, that when Jupiter formed the world some drops of sacred blood were spilled on the earth, from which sprang mankind. Thus we are all relations, all sprung from the same stock, as the gods declare, and we must believe on the testimony of the facts themselves as we all derive our origin from the gods." The invention of the plumb-rule and level is claimed by Theodosius, who died 700 years before the Christian era. Herodotus tells us that Polycrates, who lived 550 years B.C., possessed an emerald signet ring, mounted in gold, the work of this Theodosius. Of what the engraving consisted, Herodotus and Strabo are silent, but both confess it had wonderful powers. Anæagoras 450 B.C., tried to square the circle. I merely quote this to prove to you that they were theoretical as well as operative Masons. But what shall we say of our ancient brethren, the Egyptians, when we find them using the equilateral triangle as a symbol for their triform Divinity—"the Sun, Moon, and Osiris"—the "Father, Mother and Son." It is but fair to conjecture, and that is scarcely a term for it, for their very edifices proclaim to us the fact that they were theoretical as well as operative Masons. Our P.M.'s wear on their clothing the "Triple Tau." It is my purpose to explain to you from whence this is derived and its relative meaning.

Now I have shown to you that this Osiris of the Egyptians is Nimrod the Great Builder; in other words, Kohns. Eusebius, Josephus and Eppiphanius all tell us that "Cush was an Ethiopian, and that Nimrod was his son." But then in the triad father and son were one. Now, if Cush be Nimrod, Cush must be Kohns. This Cush, or Kohns is represented in the hieroglyphics as bearing a stem with five branches, indicative of the five points of the pentangle, or our "five points of fellowship," whilst the head is encircled with a band decorated with "Taus," and the Egyptian monuments abound with them, and bear witness of their more ancient origin. Now, the Assyrians knew this Cush, or Kohns by the name of "Tammuz, or the Lamented One," as we are told in the Volume of the Sacred Law.†

Now, this mystic T was the initial of the name of Tammuz, and Tertullian tells us that this mystic Tau was marked on those who were initiated into the mysteries, and was used as a most "sacred symbol." Layard found it used as a sacred symbol in Nineveh. Wilkinson proves to demonstration that it was worn on the robes of the "Rot-n-no," or "Masters of the Mysteries," 1500 B.C., as the sepulchres in the great oases testify. And to identify Tammur with the sun it was either joined to the circle of the sun or inserted in the circle. We are told by Julian, "that the Gods in council sat together in a circle." But this "Tau" had to the initiated a deeper meaning. This mystic "Tau," as the symbol of the Great Divinity, was the "sign of "Life." It was borne as a token of dignity or divinely conferred authority, signifying one who had reached the summit of the mysteries, or, as we call it, the "Craft." Pythagoras, the Samian, who flourished 400 B.C. made it his boast, and so did his pupils, that those who had been educated in the mysteries of his school, whether "strangers or barbarians" could distinguish each other by "signs and symbols," though at a distance. There is nothing very strange in this when we come to consider the source from whence he derived his knowledge. In his 20th year he visited Egypt and Chaldea, and gained from the priests a knowledge of their mysteries and symbolical writings; this he could not have done unless he "had been found worthy," and initiated into their mysteries; consequently he brought their mystic signs and symbols back to Samos with him. Now Pythagoras must have heard of Theodosius, the artist, as it is said the world is indebted to him for the demonstration of the 47th proposition of the 1st book of Euclid, about the square of the hypothenuse. It is not to Pythagoras, he was but a mere imitator, but to the Egyptians and Chaldeans, that we must look to solve this problem. Firmicus tells us that the initiated underwent what their Gods had undergone. First, after being duly prepared by magic rites and ceremonies they were ushered, in a state of absolute nudity or "nakedness," into the

* Khons, in Egyptian, comes from a word that signifies "to chase."

* "There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen," Job xxviii. 7.

† "And behold there sat [women weeping for Tammur," Ezekiel, viii. 14.

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innermost recesses of the Temple. Proclus, after describing the preliminary preparation, says, "But on entering the interior parts of the Temple, unmoved and guarded by the mystic rites, they generally received in their bosoms Divine Illumination; and, 'stripped of their garments,' participated, as they would say, of a 'Divine Nature,' and were then clothed with the 'Sadra,' or 'Sacred Vest,' made of rams' skins; this garment was accounted sacred, and of no less efficacy than to avert evils. It was never cast off 'till completely worn out;' in fact the initiated were buried in it. They argued that, as the initiated needed to be 'stripped naked' to get the full benefit of initiation, so the soul needs to divest itself of everything that may hinder it from rising to the contemplation of things as they really are."

What Mason, when he looks back to his own initiation and his passage to the subsequent degrees, and compares this statement with his previous knowledge, shall say these were not theoretical Masons.

Julian, in his "Allegorical Fable," says:—"The Sun said to him, 'You are young, and have not yet been initiated; return and purify yourself from all impurities.'" Gibbon, in a note on this, says: "Julian was secretly initiated in the twentieth year of his age; he obtained the privilege of a solemn initiation into the mysteries; as these ceremonies were performed in the depths of caverns and in the silence of the night, and as the inviolable secret of the mysteries was preserved by the initiate. I shall not presume to describe those rites and ceremonies which were presented to the senses or imagination of the initiate till the visions of comfort and knowledge broke upon him in a blaze of celestial light." And what is the answer the initiate in Masonry gives when asked the question—What is the predominant wish of your heart? And when his request is granted, who shall describe the feeling of thankfulness he experiences for the blessing which is restored to him? With what pleasure does he behold the "Two Grand Luminaries" and the "Master of the Lodge?" Like Herodotus I must plead silence. I am tempted to quote an extract from the Preface to the works of Julian by the Abbé de la Bleterie: "The Sun is the Eternal production of the Sovereign God, of whom it is the living image; which from all eternity, according to Julian, arraigned the universe; which preserves, and will always preserve it; while holding the same place in the intelligible world that the Sun holds among corporeal beings, is the source, the centre, the light of the subaltern gods, and of all the spirits to which virtuous souls will be reunited after death; which manifests its power and resides in an especial manner in the star whose rays enlighten the material world." And now let us turn to the vital point, this "Mystic Tau," the Sign of Life; let us look at it as Masons; not as the outside or profane world. In what sense was this letter the "Sign of Life?" It was figuratively to represent the lamented death of Tammur, and his restoration to life. I must direct your attention to a statement made by Berosus. Berosus was a Priest of Belus or Nimrod, 268 B.C. "Belus," says Berosus, "commanded one of the gods to cut off his head that by his blood all might live." This Being* is Osiris, Kohns, or Nimrod; in other words, Tammur. The ends of the world were shaken at his death, and rejoiced again at his resurrection or raising. If we look at this Masonically we can well understand their mystic signs of knowledge. Does it not bring to your minds our penal sign. Would we not sooner have . . . . . than reveal that which has been entrusted to our keeping? If this is what Pythagoras learnt from the Egyptians, and what he taught his pupils, the sequence naturally follows, and the Egyptian parallel Masonically is complete.

* Thophilus of Antioch shows Kronos or Kohns, in the East, was worshipped under the name of Bel or Bal.

THE MODERN ORDER OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

From the Canadian Craftsman, of July 1878, *with some Alterations and Additions.*

By Col. MacLeod Moore, Great Prior of Canada.

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UNFORTUNATELY, Masonic teachers and writers of the last century fell into very grave mistakes as to the practices and history of the old knightly fraternities, possibly arising from there being at the time no popular historic knowledge of these Orders disseminated, leading them to *invent* as their fancy dictated what they supposed were the correct usages, without much regard to historic accuracy. Their idea would seem to have been that the Order of Knights Templar and Knights of Malta were synonymous. No doubt this blunder caused the degree of Malta to be mixed up with that of the Templars, which there is every reason to think was never contemplated when Templary was first attached to the Craft, but as the Union, whether by design or accident, has been so long established, it is now not desirable, nor advisable to dissolve it, the history and doctrines of the Orders being so much alike, and the object of both being to attain the same end.

In the early Encampments, as the combined bodies were called, the ceremonies were not of a very uniform character, and considerable differences existed, referring more to the Hospitallers of St. John wearing the *black* habit or costume of that Order, whilst others followed the French "Ordre du Temple," representing the Templars of the Crusades, using the *white* mantle, the *true badge*, thus giving rise to the discrepancies that have been found to exist in different jurisdictions. The degrees of the "Rose Croix" and "Kadosh" now of the A. and A.S. Rite, as also that known as "Knight Templar Priest," formed part of the system, to which was added a short ceremony for the degree of Malta, this latter being merely intended as a brief historical record, to show that the Knights of St. John, having established themselves in the Island of Malta, assumed that name, the Masonic Malta degree being a mere allusion to, but having no inapt pretensions to a connection with the "Sovereign Order of Malta." Great care appears to have been taken by the Commission to ascertain the ancient ceremonies of the Templars, evidently from researches into the most authentic documents extant on the subject, and in preparing a simple and impressive ritual, going back to first principles, and keeping it as nearly as possible to what it was in the olden time, before Masonic innovation had crept in, which had no place in the early Order. This explanation, it is to be hoped, will prove satisfactory to those interested in the subject, whose time, and class of reading, may not have led them to a knowledge of its true history, but who wish without trouble to be correctly informed. No arguments or explanation will, however, have any weight where there is a determination not to be convinced, and an obstinacy of purpose to attain a selfish end. A dislike of change is characteristic of most of us, and we are naturally in favour of what has been sanctioned by long use, clinging to old associations; but the antiquity to be desired and retained is that which carries us back to the beginning, the working of any new system being most irksome, it is wise to make all radical changes gradually, respecting the prejudices of those who are opposed to extreme measures.

There cannot be a doubt that in modern Templary many customs have been introduced by those ignorant of its history, who, taking vulgar error and fiction for fact, have perpetuated absurdities as genuine evidence, which it is now difficult to eradicate, although shown to be historically incorrect.

In former times there were two separate classes of knighthood, the earliest (now extinct) originated with the Crusades, being independent military fraternities, or bodies of soldier Monks, which the modern Templars represent. The second class or titular knighthood, established long afterwards by Royal authority, still survives, and is a distinction of high honour, resting in the hands of Sovereigns, granted for distinguished services to the State, to which the title "Sir" or "Chevalier" prefixed to the Christian name is *alone* applicable.

Masonry has no power nor ever had of conferring knighthood; the only authority for so doing is a self-constituted one, in imitation of the early practices of chivalry, long since fallen into desuetude, which authorised one knight to create another by giving the accolade or dubbing any worthy aspirant. It is therefore looked upon as a ridiculous, although harmless assumption, to address modern Templars by the title "Sir" added to their names, and has been long discontinued in the British dominions, unless with the addition of the word "Knight" *between* it and the name, even this is considered too much in the style of romance to recommend its adoption on *all* occasions, and the term "grade," when speaking of the divisions or degrees of the Order, is also a very inapplicable innovation.

The ancient Templars were known as the "Brethren of the Temple," and the common mode of address to individual members that of Brother" or "Frater." The latter [Fra.] as a prefix, does not mean a professed Monk, but simply his brotherhood in the Chivalric Order. Officially the members were styled "The Knight" —"Knight Preceptor"—"The Sieur of ——," Frère Chevalier," &c., adding their names, and the designations by which they were commonly known.

Much has been said about the landmarks of the Order. The word itself in this sense appears a misnomer, as it is Craft, not Chivalric bodies, that, properly speaking, have "landmarks."

Templary being in the strictest sense Christian, it may be said that the whole doctrines of the Christian faith are its landmarks. But to particularize:—None can become Templars who do not profess a belief in the Holy and undivided Trinity. This is of a universal and general application, imperative and indispensable, and provided for in the rules of the Order. It may thus be considered the principal landmark, handed down from the Mediæval Monastic Chivalric fraternities. Another is, that the *Masonic* candidate should be a Royal Arch Mason, this degree being the completion of the Craft, in which a firm belief and trust in the Supreme Ruler of the Universe is peculiarly inculcated, very properly precedes the Templar Christian belief in the Holy Trinity as an addition to that general recognition of the Deity which is absolutely necessary and common to the whole Masonic fraternity, not from any supposed connection between the Royal Arch and Templar ceremony. Rituals, signs, and passwords, can hardly be called landmarks, because they differ in some degree in every jurisdiction, even in the Craft, and as they were introduced by Masonic ritualistic compilers are liable to change as circumstances render it necessary.

With respect to the amalgamation of the Templar Order with Freemasonry, all the evidence that can be collected tends to show that in the middle, if not in the early part, of the last century, the Knights Templar Order was in possession of the English Masonic body, and was practised as an appendage to a higher degree than the Royal Arch, but that the old knightly fraternities were in *nowise* Masonic.

It appears to have been the custom in the last century to work degrees that were not controlled by any governing grand body, under sanction of a Craft warrant, that is, in the Lodge room of a regularly warranted Craft Lodge, and this would seem to be a very proper custom, the presence of the warrant giving a certain degree of legitimacy to those working in the higher degrees. No doubt this was the case with the Kilwinning High Knights Templar Lodge of Ireland, who obtained their warrant in 1779, from the Mother Kilwinning *Craft* Lodge of Scotland. The Irish daughter evidently considered that the warrant gave authority to practise the higher degrees, as almost immediately after receiving it the Templar Order and other high degrees were communicated. The *name* of this

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Lodge would also imply that Templary was previously known in Ireland, and that the petitioners for the warrant belonged to it, as it cannot for a moment be conceived that they deliberately falsified the powers granted them, the more especially as the warrant itself was open to inspection. In my opinion, a great mistake is made in looking at this old Kilwinning warrant from the point of view of this present day, and in not considering the very different relations that all Masonic matters bore to each other a century ago. *Then* it was apparently held that the only correct lawful Masonic authority was the Craft warrant, and that *that* warrant covered every known degree of Masonry.

The impetus given of late to the Knights Templar Order in the United States, and the popularity it has acquired there, is to be attributed to the attractive form it has assumed, the aim apparently being, to establish a kind of volunteer militia organisation under strict discipline, distinct from the Masonic portion, by the adoption of a quasi military uniform—knight errant excursions and picnics, stirring orations, parading with bands of music, and intricate formations in imitation of military evolutions, all of which are both enjoyable and harmless recreations, and very pleasing spectacles, but certainly are neither Masonic or chivalric, and do not convey a very accurate idea of the Great Order of the Temple, or what it is intended to represent, viz., the stern, mail-clad warrior Monks of the Crusades—surrounded by their men at arms and numerous retinue of retainers, the Knights distinguished by their flowing white mantles, adorned with the blood-red Cross of Martyrdom, the rest in sombre habits of russet brown or black.

In thus alluding to the customs of the United States Templars, I must not be understood as wishing to interfere with their system or draw invidious comparisons, but merely to point out the *totally* different views entertained of the Order by the two jurisdictions, and to explain what these are to members of the Order in Canada who, attracted by the magnificence of the display they have witnessed, have expressed a wish to imitate them.

In our Templar costume we follow that of the Ancient Knights, which is intended to symbolize the principles of the Order, but never meant to be paraded before the eyes of the public. Such exhibitions are not the custom of the country, all public Masonic displays being looked upon as most objectionable, and a Templar procession with us would appear as ridiculous to the common observer as if the Knights of the "Garter" and the "Bath," in their state robes, or gentlemen in court dress, were to parade the streets for the admiration of the multitude. Show and parade are sometimes necessary, but in matters connected with Freemasonry, the less so the better; like Christianity, it is more appreciated in its unobtrusive character than by public demonstrations, and the unnecessary expense incurred better applied to promoting the object and aim of all Masonic systems.

I have taken considerable pains to ascertain from the highest Masonic authorities in the United States the origin of the Templar Order there, and find that mention is made of it as an honorary order, practised in a Royal Arch Chapter at Boston, so far back as 1769, where it was given by members of Craft Lodges attached to British regiments quartered there at the time, who were in possession of it and visited the Chapter; but the earliest *distinct* body or Encampment of Templars was not formed until the middle of the decade of the last century in Pennsylvania, it is said by Irish Craft Masons, but no one seems to know by what authority or where they first obtained the degree—it died out after a short existence—then it started in New England and a ritual wholly made there, which is of itself sufficient proof that the persons who set it on foot never had the correct order at all; if they had it they would have retained the ritual by which they received it, without which they could have no connection with the order elsewhere. The New York Grand Encampment was chartered by the "Joseph Cerneau" spurious Grand Consistory 32°. United States Templary is, therefore, essentially a modern American degree, based on the Kadosh,* the thirtieth or Templar degree of the A. & A. S. Rite, and framed to suit their Masonic system according to their own ideas of the supposed forms and practices of the Ancient Knights as Masons, with but little attention paid to the usages of the old Orders of Chivalry, which we are endeavouring to follow; therefore, how can the Templar Order in the two systems be considered as *one*, when the rituals and customs in no respect resemble each other. The *O.B.* are unlike—ours is a Trinitarian Order, whilst the other is decidedly *not*, and might be wholly Unitarian and be just as much Templary as it is now—without Trinitarianism there is no Templary, and it is necessarily so distinctive a characteristic of the Order that it is difficult to understand how any system without it can be entitled to style itself Templary. This, then, is where the great difference exists between the two systems, and the difficulty in the way of forming a "treaty of alliance" so desirable and so strongly advocated. I would still join in doing much to bring about a union of the English speaking Templars, but let it be done in moderation, fairness and charity to all. The recent assumption of superiority by the Grand Encampment, United States, over the Great Priories of the British Dominions, does not seem the most advisable move to conduce to this end. The analogy drawn between the "Grand Encampment" and "Convent General" is not strictly applicable. The federal alliance of the Great Priories, like that of nations for mutual support and convenience, cannot interfere with the *complete* independence of each. The "Grand Encampment" is the nationality of the United States Templars, as the Great Priories are to their own nations, and the United States Grand Commanderies similar to the Provincial Priories. Perhaps in a purely *technical* sense, the "Grand Encampment" and "Convent General" are to some extent nearly alike, but this arises from the incongruous position into which Templary has drifted; in reality no nationality should possess any body higher than a Great Priory, or any officer superior to a Great Prior; there should be *only one* Grand Master, chosen by the knights of all nationalities, who should preside over the whole Templar Order. There *never* was, and there cannot be, *two* Grand Masters of the *same* Order of Chivalry—it might be well if the Grand Encampment abated somewhat of its pretensions to superiority over the Great Priories, as Convent General, composed of these Great Priories cannot enter into foreign relations without their mutual consent.

Having thus endeavoured to give a general idea of Templary, I would say to all those whose prejudices cause them to vilify and throw obloquy on the memory of the ancient Knights, and who believe that their persecution and downfall was merited, that to judge of the true spirit of the Order we must not look upon those instances where the rude and licentious habits of the time mixed up a portion of evil with its genuine character, but turn our eyes to the splendid examples of noble acts performed by that famous soldiery—whose chivalrous feeling raised to a pitch of enthusiasm, inspired them to such deeds of courage and devotion in defence of the Christian faith and its followers, that they were looked upon with wonder and admiration by the whole world, and whose subsequent fate was as undeserved as it was terrible. The accusations against them were as preposterous and ridiculous as they were false and malicious, only fitted for the gross ignorance and superstition of the age, and meant as a cloak to conceal the real designs of their persecutors, actuated by an intensity of jealous hatred and cupidity, at the haughty pride, ambition, and enormous wealth of the knights, which had corrupted the pure principles on which the Order was originally founded.

The Papal Bull was published in May 1312, and the Order which had fought and bled in the cause of the Cross for two centuries, extinguished by the Pope, although he avowed that the proof had failed so as to carry definite judgment.

The genuine Order of the Temple still exists in unbroken succession in Portugal, now conferred as an honorary distinction by the Sovereign and called "The Order of Christ," also, until the suppression of the Pope's temporal authority, in the Papal States; even yet it may exist there. The Knights of Christ, established by King Dionesius in 1319, were the Old Templars, under a new name in order to avoid any conflict with the Papal power; but the Order, the statutes, the knights, were those of the Order of The Temple, just as the Jesuits existed during the suppression under another name, but continued Jesuits still.

In conclusion, it may not be out of place to add a short list of such historical works, relating to the Order, as are easily attainable, the perusal of which will assist in dispelling the erroneous impressions disseminated by many of the Masonic magazines and monitors, purporting to give its true history and usages:

"Secret Societies of the Middle Age," Article "Templars," published in Library of Entertaining Knowledge, 1837.

"Addison's Knights Templars," English edition, 1842, in preference to the later one of 1853, or to the American edition by "Macoy," in which "Addison's" text has been in many places altered to suit the American Masonic system, and therefore calculated to mislead the Historic Templar Student.

"Anthony O'Neil Hayo's History of the Knights Templars, from their rise, to the third Crusade," as also his "Persecution of the Knights Templars," Edinburgh, 1865.

"Burne's" Sketch of the History of the Knights Templar, Edinburgh, 1837.

"Sketch of the Knights Templar and St. John, with Notes on the Masonic Templars," by Richd. Woof, F.S.A. Worcester, London, 1865.

"Porter's" History of the Knights of Malta, 1858.

These works will be found sufficient to give an accurate idea of the Orders of the Temple and Hospitallers of St. John or Knights of Malta.

NOTE.—Since the above list was printed Sir Patrick Colquhoun, Q.C., LL.D., has published a "Concise History of the Order of the Temple," an interesting historical work with his own deductions on the "*legitimate descent theory*."—(R. Hill & Co., Bedford, England, 1878).

* The Kadosh may be styled an appendage to Templary, but cannot be considered as true Templary itself from the fact that it takes the death of De Molai as its strong point, and not the establishment of the Order, being designed purely to perpetuate the memory of the Martyrdom of the Great Master and his brother Knights, and to invoke vengeance upon the oppressors, viz., the Papal power and the Throne of France.

THE RE-OPENING OF TEWKESBURY ABBEY.

THE time for the re-opening of the noble Church has been fixed for Tuesday, 23rd September, and in addition to the opening services on that day, it is proposed to hold special services during the seven following days. Among the preachers who have promised their assistance during the octave, are the Bishop of the Diocese (Gloucester and Bristol), the Bishops of Oxford, Ely, and Derry, the Revs. Canon Barry, G. Portal, G. Body, W. J. Knox Little, and W. Foxley Norris. During the week a Masonic gathering has been arranged at Tewkesbury, to commemorate the Restoration by the Freemasons of Gloucestershire of the 13th century chapel, adjoining the north transept of the Abbey, and at the service on that day, the Rev. G. F. Portal, rector of Burghclere, Newbury, will be the preacher. On the last day of the octave, 30th September, a festival of parish choirs from the neighbourhood will terminate the proceedings. The Lord Bishop of Derry will preach on the occasion. The holy communion will be celebrated daily, during the festival, at 8 a.m., and at a later hour, mattins (full choral) will be sung, in addition to the services, for which special preachers are appointed. There will also be a service for children during the week. Arrangements are being entered into with the railway companies, with a view to the convenience of visitors from a distance, and particulars will shortly be published as to hotel accommodation, private lodgings, luncheons, and reading and writing rooms, and other matters, whereby the comfort of those who may be drawn to the old town may be ensured. We are asked to say that funds are urgently needed to complete the restoration work.

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PROV. GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

THE Seventh Convocation of this Prov. Grand Chapter was held at the Grammar School, Enfield Town, on Saturday last, and favoured by propitious weather, was largely attended. Under the auspices of the Enfield Chapter, the members of which had spared no pains to afford a hearty welcome to the Provincial Grand Superintendent and his Officers, the meeting was equally attractive as successful. The spacious and comfortable school-room was rendered bright and cheerful by the elaborate setting out of the admirable appointments of the Enfield Chapter, the principal chairs of which were placed on a dais surrounded by large and valuable plants and exotics, and when the Prov. Grand Chapter had assembled, the general effect was of a most pleasing character, and merited the encomium bestowed on those Companions who had so tastefully provided for the gratification of their guests. Amongst those present during the meeting were the M.E. Comps. Col. Francis Burdett G. Superintendent, Frederic Davison Prov. G.H., C. Horsley P.G. Reg. as Prov. G.J., H. C. Levander Prov. G.S.E., H. G. Buss Prov. G. Treas., G. Letchworth Prov. G.P.S., H. J. Adams Prov. G. Sword Bearer, D. A. Cama Prov. G. Standard Bearer, T. Walls Prov. G. Org., J. Gilbert Prov. G. Janitor; also Comps. H. A. Dubois P.P.G.D.C., D. W. Pearce P.P.G.R., W. F. Laxton, P.P.G.R., Dr. E. Brette P.P.G.A.S., George Kenning P.P.G.D.C., C. R. Shervill P.Z. 382, G. H. Jaffa P.S. 1237, T. Massa J. 1293, W. H. Postans H. 1237, Louis Beck 1326, T. W. Ockenden P.S. 1423, E. Hopwood P.Z. 1326, J. Linzell J. 1237, E. W. Mackney P.Z. 134, R. Mathison 1237, G. Cordwell P.Z. 1326, J. B. Shackleton 1326, &c. Amongst the visitors were—E. Comps. James Stevens P.Z. 720, 771, S. Hill P.Z. 109, A. Durrant Z. 1185, and G. W. Dorn. The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened with the utmost solemnity, the roll of Chapters in the Province was called, viz., Royal Union 382 Uxbridge, Bard of Avon 778 Hampton Court, Strawberry Hill 946 Twickenham, Royal Middlesex 1194 Hampton Court, Enfield 1237 Enfield Town, Burdett 1293 Hampton Court, Lebanon 1326 Hampton, Era 1423 Hampton Court, and Francis Burdett 1503 Twickenham. These, with the exception of No. 946, were well represented. The minutes of the previous Convocation were verified. The report of the Audit Committee, which was extremely favourable, as notwithstanding a large and necessary outlay for Prov. Grand Chapter appointments during the past year, a satisfactory balance is still left in the hands of the worthy Prov. Grand Treasurer, Comp. Buss, was received and unanimously adopted. The Prov. Grand Superintendent then announced that he had appointed Ex. Comp. H. C. Levander as Prov. G.H., and Ex. Comp. the Rev. Ernest Brette as Prov. G.J., and immediately proceeded to instal those Companions into their respective offices. This ceremony, though brief, was conducted with all the usual careful and impressive observance customary to the Prov. Grand Superintendent when performing Masonic ceremonial, and the newly installed Provincial Grand Officers were greeted and congratulated on their appointments. The election of Prov. Grand Treasurer resulted in the unanimous re-election of Ex. Comp. H. G. Buss, who was re-invested by Col. Burdett amidst acclamation. The remaining appointments to Prov. Grand Office were:—

Companion	H. A. Dubois	Prov. G.S.E.
"	Glover...	" G.S.N.
"	Herbert Dicketts	" G.P.S.
"	G. Cordwell	" G. 1st A.S.
"	John Hammond	" G. 2nd A.S.
"	Keen	" G. Reg.
"	D. P. Cama	" G.S.B.
"	J. B. Shackleton	" G.S.B.
"	T. Walls	" G.D.C.
"	Louis Beck	" G. Org.
"	John Gilbert	" G. Janitor

Ex. Comp. H. G. Buss called the attention of the Prov. Grand Chapter to the death during the past year of Ex. Comp. Wentworth Little, and stated that a subscription was now in course of being raised for a fitting memorial of his great Masonic services, and the worth and esteem in which he was held by all Freemasons, as well in the Craft as in other degrees. He proposed a vote of five guineas from the Prov. Grand Chapter funds towards such memorial. The Prov. Grand Superintendent stated his desire to second that proposition, and spoke in the most unqualified terms of approval of the exertions and energy of the late Comp. Little, to whom he considered the Province of Middlesex had been at all times greatly indebted. The proposal now made gave him pleasure, but it was mingled with grief and sorrow at the loss of one who had in his brief sojourn here been of so much assistance personally to himself, and generally to the Craft throughout the district over which he had the honour to preside. It is almost needless to say the proposal was accepted with the utmost unanimity. Letters of apology from Grand Scribe E., and several other distinguished Companions, regretting their inability to be present, were read, and the Prov. Grand Chapter was solemnly closed, and the meeting adjourned. A large proportion of the Companions remained to banquet, which was admirably served at the George Hotel under the personal supervision of Companion Robert Mathison 1237, the "worthy host," whose liberality, both in respect of viands and wines and perfect service, was greatly and deservedly extolled. "To scatter plenty o'er a smiling land" seemed to be the set purpose of mine host of the "George," and he carried it out to the fullest. On the clearance of the cloth and a deliberate attention to a well-spread dessert, the Prov. Grand Superintendent proposed the first toast, "The Queen and R. A. Masonry," which was received with the usual cordiality. In consequence of the necessity for an early departure there were but two other toasts given, viz., "Grand Chapter," and "Prov. Grand Chapter of Middlesex," the latter being coupled with the health of the Prov. Grand Superintendent. Ex Comp. Levander in proposing this toast spoke in most enthusiastic terms of the privilege which all Middlesex Masons enjoyed in being presided over by Col. Burdett, and, judging from the reception his name met with there could be no two opinions as to the popularity of that distinguished Brother and Companion. In response the Prov. Grand Superintendent expressed his best thanks for all the gratifying words of Ex. Comp Levander and the reception of the toast, and stated that from a Province comprising only some three or four Chapters in 1872 it had how nine prosperous Chapters, and there was reason to expect that at no distant period every Lodge in the Province would have its Chapter. The Order of the Royal Arch was itself generally increasing, and ought to receive the strongest support from all true Masons. He desired to thank his Officers of the past year for all their exertions, as well as those of former years for securing the effectual establishment of the Province itself, and he also thanked his present Officers by anticipation for what he felt assured would be equal energy and zeal on their part towards continued progress. The brief period at the further disposal of returning Companions was agreeably devoted to harmony, Comp. Stevens reciting "Mason's Vows!" and spinning "Jack's Yarn;" Comp. Walls singing, in admirable style, "I don't mean to tell you her name;" and though last, not least, Comp. Jas. Verry, the respected Janitor of the Enfield Chapter, humming "The Three Flies." This brought the meeting to a conclusion, and at nine o'clock the Companions started for the London trains, quite satisfied and delighted with the success attending the Seventh Convocation of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Middlesex.

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ASSISTANCE FUND—OUR SCHOLARS IN AFTER LIFE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to thank you for your kindness in printing my letter last week. I am pleased to see an effort is being made by Bro. Jacobs, and am flattered to think my suggestions, following the Earl of Rosslyn's proposal, have had the effect of producing such an able article. Enclosed, I beg to hand a sketch of the scheme, and hope you will not only be able to give me the benefit of your experience, but that you will also add your name to the list of patrons, and assist to carry out the work. Not a day passes but I receive evidence that the "Assistance Fund" will be enthusiastically received. As, therefore, you have taken up the matter so kindly, I venture to hope you will continue to ventilate it in your columns. The question is such an universal one that it would be arrogance on one man's part to dictate what to do with the Fund, and I am anxious to hear suggestions—

1st. As to how money could be raised.
2nd. How it should be applied.

I propose, now that the scheme is well afloat, calling a meeting, and inviting the brethren to take part in carrying out details. Secretaries of Provincial Grand Lodges and Country Lodges have great opportunities for supporting the scheme, without expense to their Lodges, by simply announcing on their notice papers, "The merits of the scheme will be discussed, and brethren anxious to assist are requested to give in their names." It would hardly be within the limits of reason to hope the large sum required can be raised in a few months; but if every Lodge were to start a subscription list for small monthly payments, how soon the desired total would be obtainable. I agree with you it would hardly be possible for each Province to work separately, nor would it be to its advantage. I do not think any Province would be strong enough to support their nominations entirely, although doubtless some means could be devised to give them a vote for their nominees. But is not this disgressing? Is not our aim now to raise a fund, and invite the whole Craft to consider that it as essential to provide for our scholars in after life as it is to educate them in their youth? The more I think that we have no Assistance Fund attached to our grand Charities, the more inexplicable it seems to me. There is scarcely another Charity to be found that does not assist its scholars with some start in life on their leaving school, and the statistical facts given by some of these Charities, I am assured, are most gratifying. No doubt there are many brethren in a position to take an apprentice, or otherwise offer an opening. What better opportunity could such as these have? Let them apply to the Schools; they will be gainers in many ways. They will be assured of the respectability, and will receive a reliable guarantee of the ability of the scholar. The boy or girl has also the advantage of going amongst kindly disposed people, and will have the satisfaction of knowing that he or she would not be so placed unless proper inquiries had been made, or it was considered he or she was fitted for the vacancy. I simply urge this, *en passant*, as one way in which the Assistance Committee would be doing good service. Bro. Binckes points out, indeed, two prominent cases, and he is right in stating it is laudable for our boys to wish to serve their country; indeed, what greater profit could we have in return for our "assistance" than to know that not only did our Boys serve their country, but deserved well of their country? Who knows but one of these days we might have to score a second Rorke's Drift by our Boys.

Without passing an opinion on Bro. Jacob's laudable scheme,

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could you not devise a means by which the two schemes could be amalgamated? I don't think the Craft would have to record an ill-asserted marriage, as we start with one common object in view. Personally, I should be proud to work with Bro. Jacobs. I have mentioned casually various ways of raising money,—bazaars, picnics, balls, &c. As to the former, this appears to have taken root on good soil. A grand bazaar may be one of the successes of next year. Although the ladies are not allowed to become Masons, we might secure their assistance. Indeed, I am convinced many ladies—wives and daughters of Masons—will be tempted to say they will assist; and with the fair sex to support a Charity scheme, failure is not one of the possibilities.

Trusting you will favour me with your able assistance,

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

DICK RADCLYFFE.

129 High Holborn, 7th August.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your article of last week's number, "Our Scholars in After Life," I am afraid you somewhat mistake the purport of what it is intended doing in this Province for the Boys and Girls who require assistance on leaving the Schools. My letter, which you kindly inserted in your same number, was scarcely explicit enough. What I proposed was, that we should inaugurate a fund in memory of our late Prov. G. Master, not for our Province only, but for the benefit of all and any who might need assistance on leaving the Schools; that ours would be the nucleus of a national fund, but being the originators that we should *name* it; it might be called the "Shrewsbury Fund," &c., and all Masons could subscribe to it under that, as well as under any other title. The money we get together in Staffordshire will, I hope, be sufficiently large to start the new Charity, and augmented and strengthened by the brethren who now wish such a fund established will, I trust, become in time as useful as our other Charities. After our next Prov. Grand Meeting, the Shrewsbury Fund for the advancement in after life of children leaving the Schools will doubtless be an established fact. I trust we shall be able to co-operate with the brethren who are now working for a similar object, and make all the funds into *one*. Apologising for again troubling you,

I am, yours fraternally,

J. JACOBS P.M. 482,

P.P.G. Reg. Staffordshire.

The Rookery, Handsworth, Birmingham,

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The letters in your last issue, as to the advisability of assisting our pupils after they leave the Schools, and your remarks on the same subject require deep consideration, and need to be looked at from several points of view. I hope that every move that may be made will be carefully considered, and that nothing will be done without due deliberation. You, Bro. Editor, seem to think there is no question as to the need of such a fund, and really I cannot see my way to join issue with you on this point, although at present I hardly like the idea of the scheme. It seems to me that it will be very bad to let boys or girls grow up with a feeling that, in whatever position they may find themselves, whether through neglect on their own part or otherwise, they have a fund to which they may appeal, and on which they may rely for a fresh start in life. I quite understand that the Committee may be invested with authority to use discretion, but we are apt to err on the side of leniency, and thus I am afraid we shall get the credit of encouraging idleness by offering a premium to those who are too lazy to make any push for themselves. Still I suppose that there always will be the black side to a question, and that deserving persons will suffer because there are so many undeserving ones in the world. I only hope that this fund will not fail in consequence of the abuse of its well-meant provisions.

Later on, if you will allow me, I may refer to the rules, which I suppose will be made public.

Yours fraternally,

PATER.

UNIFORMITY OF MASONIC RITUAL AND OBSERVANCE.

"PAST MASTERS AS PRECEPTORS" AND "WHICH IS CORRECT?"

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am happy to announce that the support I have received in response to my proposed publication of the above work is sufficiently assuring to induce me to proceed therewith without further delay, and that consequently the book is in the press. It will be ready for issue by the end of this month, and copies will be forwarded to subscribers immediately. Of the 500 subscribers asked for, I have at the present some 400, and have no doubt that during the month the remaining number will be forthcoming. At any rate, I will now take the risk (if any) of publication. But I shall nevertheless esteem it a favour if some of my brother Masons who take an interest in this matter will use their influence with the Lodges and Lodges of Instruction with which they may be connected to promote its general circulation amongst the Craft. The first supply will be forwarded to subscribers, and I naturally desire that that supply should be as large as possible. Subsequent editions, I have reason to believe, will be required, and these will be obtainable in the ordinary course. The price of the work (2s 6d only) brings it within reach of all who are likely to feel interested in the subject of which it treats. Subscribers' names may be forwarded either to yourself, as the publisher, or to—

Yours very truly and fraternally,

JAS. STEVENS, P.M., P.Z.

112 High-street, Clapham,
4th August 1879.

THE UNPLEASANT AFFAIR AT KEW BRIDGE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Having been present at the last meeting of the Royal Alfred Lodge at Kew Bridge, and sharing in the pain which every true-hearted brother must have experienced at the course which the after-dinner proceedings took, I asked a brother in whose judgment I have the utmost reliance what could be done to prevent such unseemly conduct in the future. He pointed out, in reply, that the course of action was as clear and plain as possible. The Worshipful Master, in the event of any unseemly conduct arising in a meeting over which he presides, has the power—which he is perfectly justified in exercising—of stopping any brother—whether he be the real culprit or not—and of calling upon him to sit down. If he refuses to accede, either to gentle appeal or to more imperative command, it is then in the power of the W.M. to say, "Brother So-and-so, it is my intention, unless you instantly sit down, to leave the chair; and, in such an unfortunate event that order cannot be maintained, it will be my duty to summon you before the Board of General Purposes." Such scenes as that enacted on the 25th ult. are calculated to disorganise, if not break-up, any Lodge; and as a frequent visitor at the Royal Alfred, I anxiously looked forward to see what the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE would say respecting it. The matter was so flagrant that it could not possibly be overlooked; and the brethren have reason to be thankful for the sensibly temperate manner in which it was alluded to in your columns. I heard a remark from one of the P.M.'s present which was simply disgraceful, casting reflection upon a neighbouring Lodge. He said, "Go to the Lily of Richmond;" but I must say I never witnessed such a scene amongst that much-maligned section of our Fraternity. Of their temporary suspension they have nothing to be ashamed, it was because one of their P.M.'s called attention to a point of order. I was present this year at the installation of Bro. Hubbard, and rejoiced at the prospect of the revival of true brotherly amity, which received abundant testimony in the W.M. being able at the last Festival to take up the noble sum of 115 guineas. And certainly, if any reflections were justifiable at all, the banquet-table was not the place to air them, to the annoyance of the well-disposed brethren, and the break-up of the general harmony. It was a mournful and pitiable sight to see the peace and enjoyment of what ought to have been a friendly and harmonious gathering so rudely broken up, and this was the unanimous expression of the Visitors, who on this unfortunate occasion rose from the table and silently "wandered away." No one can blame Bro. —— for the part which he endeavoured to take in throwing oil on the troubled waters, and can only regret that certain of the brethren did not accept in the proper spirit the kindly counsel which was thus proffered to them. However, let us hope that the occasion for reference to such an unpleasant subject will not soon occur again; and, trusting that a better spirit will predominate over the future gatherings of the Royal Alfred, hitherto renowned for the harmonious and hospitable character of its meetings,

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A VISITOR.

LIVERPOOL DOCKS.—The Liverpool Docks as they stand at the present day are among the wonders of the world. Since the formation of the first wet dock in 1719 the extension of these inland basins has been continuous. Fifteen years ago they covered an area of water-space to the extent of two hundred and seventy-seven acres, and the quays were nineteen miles in length. Since then there has been no cessation of dock extension. To enumerate or describe them all would fill many pages. There are the Salthouse, Albert, and Canning Docks, the Clarence Half-tide Dock, the Prince's Half-tide Dock, the Manchester Basin, the Wapping Basin, the Coburg, Brunswick Union, Toxteth, and dozens of other docks, with the Goree Piazza at the bottom of St. James-street, a short distance from the Town Hall. Every convenience and facility for the despatch of business surrounds them. A broad open thoroughfare, tapping at right angles many of the principal streets, runs along their whole length; in this roadway is a double line of rails, which branch off also and surround several of the basins and docks; omnibuses and tram cars traverse it perpetually during the day from end to end. The scene is a busy one always. A hurrying polyglot multitude, constantly on the move in and out and about the sheds; great vans and wains laden with produce, cotton bales, ores, Manchester piece goods, cases of every size and description containing cochineal, indigo, flax, jute, guano, mahogany, dressed hides and untanned molasses, raw silk, and the thousand and one articles of home, colonial, and foreign produce needed to carry on the manufacturing processes of the world; the engines snorting and puffing impatiently, as they rattle along with their long line of attendant waggons, *en route* for the great terminus higher up in the town.—*From "Our Own Country"* for August.

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BURRELL LODGE, No. 1829.

ON Saturday afternoon, the 2nd inst., a new Lodge of Freemasons was consecrated at Shoreham, the Lodge being named after the Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., the "Burrell Lodge," and bearing number 1829. The ceremony took place in the Town Hall, in the presence of a large body of the brethren, many of whom are well known as influential members of the Craft. Among those present were Bros. R.W. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of Sussex, J. H. Scott Dep. Prov. G.M., J. St. Clair Prov. G.J.W., E. F. Cave Browne Cave Prov. G. Chap., R. Crosskey Prov. G. Treas., T. Trollope Acting Prov. G.S.W., V. F. Freeman Prov. G. Sec., W. Hale Prov. G.S.D., Mark Tanner, M.D., Prov. G.J.D., J. M. Kidd Prov. G.D. of C., Joseph Dixon P.P.S.G.W. Acting Prov. G.A.D. of C., A. King Prov. G. Organist, F. J. Rubie Provincial G. Steward, Frank Holford P.M. 811 Prov. G. Steward, G. F. Evershed Prov. G. Steward, A. J. Hawkes P.M. 315 Prov. G.S., T. Hughes Prov. G. Tyler. The following members of the Lodge were present:—Bros. Lord Arthur Hill P.M. 66 Ireland, Prov. G.M. County Down 1465, Rev. Charles J. Smith P.M. and W.M. 1466, W. T. Clarke 315, Rev. G. R. Johnson 487, R. B. Higham 315, E. Bridges J.D. 311, T. Packham S.W. 315, and G. Smith P.M. 732 P. Prov. G.P. Sussex. Among the Visitors were Bros. G. Nash Derwent 40, J. C. Pelgate Kilwinning 12, G. J. Parkman Journeyman 8, J. Robertson S.W. Atlingworth 1821, H. W. Davey P. Prov. G.C. W.M. Union 38, A. Cumner The Great City 1426, T. Davison S.W. Sackville 1619, T. Robertson St. Andrew 149, W. Ridge S.D. Sackville 1619, G. Hawkes Fermor 1350, H. Alex. Dowell J.W. Hova Ecclesia 1466, J. Harrison Carnarvon P.M. P. Supt. of W. Hants and Isle of Wight, G. Seaborne 219, W. W. English New Ship 851, H. W. Charington Royal Clarence 271, E. Broadbridge Mount Lebanon 73, R. L. Ellman P.M. Pelham 1503, J. Large Windsor Castle 771, H. S. Gates St. Cecilia 1636, G. J. Leppy South Saxon 311, G. J. Eady Emulation 21, J. G. Harris S.D. Gordon 1726, A. Smith S.W. Lodge of Union 38, S. Tanner W.M. South Saxon 311, S. R. Legg P.M. Royal Brunswick 732 P.P.G.S.B. Sussex, W. Bonyer 274, E. A. Head J.W. 1639, J. B. Mellison St. Cecilia 1636, C. Sandeman W.M. St. Cecilia 1636 P.P.A.G.D. of C., F. Binckes P.G. Steward, Sec. Boys' School, W. Roe Org. St. Cecilia 1636, G. Cole St. Cecilia 1636, A. Brazier Lodge of Friendship 851, G. Courtney Counthan 1382, E. W. Vickers S.W. Yarborough 811, C. Woolley P.G.R. Sussex P.M. South Saxon 311, S. Ford P.M. Clarence 271 P.P.S.G.D. Lincolnshire, T. J. Sabine W.M. Atlingworth 1821 Prov. S.G.W. Middlesex, P. J. Emery Howard 56, J. Lewis Thomas St. Thomas 142 A.G.D. of C., C. T. Turner Gordon J.W. 1726, C. Brisco P.M. South Saxon 311, E. E. Street S.W. Howard 56, T. Francis P.M. 56 and 1800, T. Cubitt P.G.P., J. A. Swinbourne W.M. Gordon 1726, J. Sundius Smith J.W. Royal Clarence 271, W. Dawes P.M. Wellington 351 P.P.G.R. Sussex, and W. Richards Tyrian 180.

The Lodge was formally opened by the Prov. G.M., who, in a short address, remarked that Masonry had previously flourished in Shoreham, and the then existing Lodge had, doubtless, been visited by Royalty. He was pleased to be present to assist in renovating the Lodge and once more establishing Freemasonry in the ancient borough.

Sir Walter having vacated the chair, Bro. J. H. Scott, Deputy Prov. G.M., proceeded with the ceremony of consecration, which was performed with due solemnity, and in a most impressive manner Bro. Scott embraced the opportunity of addressing the brethren present. He congratulated the founders of the Lodge upon the success they had achieved in securing their charter, remarking that especial thanks were due to Bro. Lord Arthur Hill for coming forward to fill the onerous post of W.M. While, also, congratulating the founders upon the name they had selected for the new Lodge, he assured them that they had placed great responsibilities upon their shoulders, for the name of Burrell had for a line of years been borne by those with whom had been associated all that was noble, generous, and true, and it would be their duty to see that the name was not sullied by any act of those belonging to the new Lodge. He (Bro. Scott) had addressed the brethren at great length at the consecration of the Atlingworth Lodge a few days ago, and would therefore content himself with a few remarks only. He concluded by impressing upon the brethren the cultivation of those principles so dear to Masonry, and heartily wished prosperity to the new Lodge.

Bro. the Rev. E. F. Cave Browne Cave Prov. Grand Chaplain, also gave an address.

The ceremony being concluded, the W.M. elect, Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, was duly installed, while the following, who, with his lordship, were the founders of the Lodge, were appointed to their respective posts, viz., Bros. C. J. Smith W.M. and P.M. 1466 acting I.P.M., Captain R. Burrell P.M. 271 S.W., W. Tunstall Clarke 315 J.W., A. Burrows 186 Treas., E. Bridges J.D. 311 Sec., T. Packham S.W. 315 S.D., R. B. Higham 315 J.D., A. Brazier 851 I.G., Rev. G. Rose-Johnson 487 Chaplain, J. Braithwaite P.M. 869 P.P.G.J.W. Herts D.C., A. R. Brown 697 Steward, and H. H. Hughes Tyler.

The effect of the Consecration ceremony was greatly enhanced by the musical accompaniments given under the direction of Bro. A. King Prov. G. Organist, who was assisted by Bros. J. Large (late of Westminster Abbey), E. Broadbridge, W. Roe, and G. Cole. The efforts of the vocalists were most successful. The ceremony being concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Royal George Hotel, where nearly eighty brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, supplied by Bros. Sayers and Marks, whose catering gave every satisfaction. The chair was taken by the newly-elected W.M., Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, who was supported by Bros. Sir W. W. Burrell, J. H. Scott, and C. J. Smith.

The Chairman gave the usual loyal toasts, "The Queen and the Craft," and "M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which were enthusiastically drunk.

The Chairman next gave "The R.W. Pro G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past."

Bro. Thomas A.G.D.C., in responding, passed a well-deserved eulogy upon Lord Carnarvon for the intense interest he at all times showed in the cause of Masonry. Lord Skelmersdale was a general favourite among Freemasons, and worked hard, not only in his Province, but for the general welfare of the Craft. He was pleased to find that he intended taking the chair at the next meeting of the Boys' School Masonic Charity, and to learn that the worthy W.M., Lord Arthur Hill, would also be present as a Steward representing the new Lodge. He took the opportunity of complimenting Bro. J. H. Scott upon the splendid manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation.

The W.M. next proposed the R.W. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G. Master of Sussex, who had at all times shown great interest in the working of Masonry, and had visited nearly every Lodge in his Province. He trusted he would be long spared to hold his high position.

Sir Walter, who was received with great applause, expressed the pleasure he felt in being present at the opening. Masonry, he said, had indeed made rapid strides. Five years ago the Ockenden Lodge No. 1465 was opened. He had been its first W.M., and now he found the Burrell Lodge bore No. 1829. The great impetus given to Masonry he believed to be in a great measure owing to the active interest taken in the Craft by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Four new Lodges had been opened during the two years and a half he (Sir Walter) had been in his present office, and a fifth, he believed, would be shortly consecrated. (It was understood as St. Leonard's, Hastings.) The old Lodge founded at Shoreham had flourished, and he believed it had been honoured with a visit from the late Duke of Sussex. He trusted that the new Lodge would regain the prestige of the first and almost forgotten one, and that its business would be carried on in a truly Masonic manner. To the Secretary, who was a young Mason, he would tender a few words of advice. He begged he would take especial care to note every minute of the Lodge proceedings. They had an excellent Prov. Grand Secretary, whose duty it was to examine their books, and he was desirous that no complaints should be made to him of any laxity on the part of the newly appointed Secretary. In issuing notices of meetings he wished him to forward at least two copies to the Prov. Grand Secretary, that the Provincial Officers might know what was taking place. In conclusion, he fervently hoped that the new Lodge would not, like its predecessor, be allowed to collapse.

The W.M. next gave the D.G.M. of Sussex, Wor. Bro. J. H. Scott, and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge Present and Past. He regretted that Bro. Scott had been compelled to leave through indisposition. He (Bro. Scott) had performed the consecration ceremony in a masterly manner, and was at all times ready to assist in the furtherance of Masonry. Bros. Freeman and Dixon responded. The former expressed the pleasure he felt at being present, and was glad to say that the returns which had lately come in from the various Lodges had been of a satisfactory character.

Bro. C. J. Smith proposed the W.M., and success to Burrell Lodge 1829. After some considerable delay, the new Lodge had at last been fairly started, and he was proud to find so able an Officer as their newly-elected W.M. There was also a good first Lieutenant in Captain Raymond Burrell, son of their worthy Prov. G.M. Starting under such auspices, the success of the Burrell Lodge was a foregone conclusion. Their W.M., he was assured, would set them a good example, and take to heart the words that had fallen from their Prov. G.M. and the addenda supplied by the Prov. G. Secretary. For all he would say, "come and welcome," and the Officers would certainly not fear the visits of the "prying Secretary." (Laughter). Great care had been exercised in getting initiates, and not a fourth part of those anxious to join had as yet been considered. Lord Arthur Hill, in responding, feared that his election had been the result of their good feeling towards him, and not of his own merits. He declined at first taking the post, thinking that a local brother would be a more acceptable one. He thanked the brethren for the confidence reposed in him, and would do his utmost to further the interests of the Lodge. Sir W. W. Burrell apologised for the absence of his son, who had had an engagement of six weeks' standing which he found it impossible to put aside.

The W.M., in proposing the W.M.'s of Lodges in the Province, remarked that those present represented more than half the Lodges in the Province. Bros. Sandeman W.M. St. Cecilia 1636, and T. J. Sabine W.M. Atlingworth 1821 responded. Bro. Sabine remarked that Freemasonry in Sussex had received great and encouraging influence from Sir W. W. Burrell, who was a genuine specimen of the "fine old English gentleman." Sir Walter, replying to these observations, felt a great share of the praise was due to Bro. John H. Scott and his brother Officers.

The W.M. then gave "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. Binckes, in responding, stated that the Boys' School contained 217, and the Girls' 200 pupils, and that there were, in addition, aged of both sexes, numbering 360, dependent upon the Charities.

Bro. W. T. Clarke proposed "The Visitors," to which Bro. Cubitt responded.

Bro. Eberall proposed "The Officers of 1829," and Bros. Clarke and Braithwaite responded.

The remaining toasts were "The Ladies" and that of the Tyler.

The third part of Messrs. Groombridge's "Greenhouse Favourites" sustains the high opinion we expressed of the first two numbers. The latest instalment of this new work treats more particularly of the Fuchsia and Passion Flower, and several engravings are given explanatory of the remarks made by the editor. The two coloured plates this month are very chaste, and give promise of a handsome collection emanating from this source.

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By Quiz.

HAVE you, gentle reader—that is the sort of personal appeal, you know, employed by the ordinary story-writer—ever met with a man who was hag-ridden with an idea? I have; and this is how it comes about.

An old friend of mine, named—well that is of no consequence to you, and if you knew it would be of no moment to the story. But as I was going to say, this old friend of mine was eaten to death by a consuming idea of being thoroughly "up" in all matters concerning Freemasonry; and the pains he took to accomplish an impossible feat were certainly praiseworthy, but for the fact that the perpetual worry began to tell upon the little mental stamina the poor old fellow possessed.

Having been, it is whispered, jilted early in life, our hero had expended his time and a tolerable income upon pursuits which completely excluded the possibility of any of the old tender emotions being revived. His house was a perfect paradise to men of the "old curiosity" turn of thought, and his unique collection of old paintings, old china, old autographs and manuscripts, together with spacious rooms crammed with bijouterie, articles of *vertu* and sacred relics, was sufficient to make the mouth even of a Christie water most profusely. He was a Simon the Cellarer of a most extended type, and a mystery to his Margery of a housekeeper, who wondered, as did everybody else, what were the "secrets" locked up within the sacred casement of his embroidered waistcoat.

Bless you! he was sodden, saturated, with Freemasonry! He could talk of nothing else; and for that reason never associated with anybody but brethren of the mystic tie. He wore Masonic studs, sleeve-links, rings and pins; and every article of attire, down to his magnificent open vest of lavender satin, was figured with Masonic emblems. They were blended exquisitely on his meerschaum pipes, burnt into his billiard cues, embroidered on his smoking cap, engraved on his family plate, etched in pencil and various coloured inks on every spare leaf of every book in his big library! He had Masonry on the brain, poor fellow—the little he could boast of. He never accumulated any solid benefit from it, though he pored over every Masonic book, newspaper and periodical he could lay his hands upon. He attended a Lodge every night, and often on a Sunday when the opportunity presented. He had become so gorged with Masonry in every shape and form that, instead of being nourished by it, he had become bloated and flatulent with it—one eye; and that eye very obliquely cast indeed.

How to get my friend off this hobby which he was riding to death was a puzzle I had long endeavoured to solve; but finding him inexorable, and staving off every suggestion with a phrase of Masonic lore, it seemed almost a hopeless task. There was nothing for it but taking him quite away, out of the reach of everything Masonic; and I secretly planned a little trip by water, so that, being alone, and out of earshot of all fraternal acquaintance, I hoped to wean him, by a week's relaxation, away from that dreamy reverie into which he had been plunged.

How he ahem'd and ha'd, to be sure, when I made the suggestion that we should go—a quiet couple of us—for a week's quiet holiday! "He had been taught to be cautious," he said, and ever since the *Princess Alice* disaster his little yacht had been snugly moored, down at Erith, while he had resisted every invitation or temptation to resume his old cruising life, of which he had hitherto been so extremely fond. Besides, there was that Eccentric Lodge of Instruction, in which he was a shining light, and for whose "section" night he had been making extraordinary preparations. Every excuse was couched in symbolic language; but at last, "vowing he would never consent—consented!"

At the very moment we had ratified the compact with a grip and solemn obligation, a loud double-knock at the door was heard, and presently old Margery entered, bringing on a salver profusely adorned with Masonic devices, a letter for my friend; and this, on being opened, we discovered to be a tinted circular announcing a river trip from London-bridge to Gravesend.

"Zounds!" he exclaimed, "the very thing, Bob!" [I did not tell him that I had bribed my printer to "set" the circular for the purpose, and that I had posted it with my own hands, having timed its arrival for the very moment when I anticipated the old fossil's capitulation.]

But, having caught the interest of the idea, it was arranged off-hand, and the old fogey was as enthusiastic as a child for whose delectation mamma had arranged a pic-nic in the woods.

A most valuable colleague I found in the venerable housekeeper before alluded to, and who playfully sketched out a series of domestic arrangements—such as cleaning down, and a host of other household necessaries—that should be attended to during our absence. Of course, the process of packing up had already been surreptitiously far advanced.

As we smoked our evening pipes together, still the changes were rung upon the old pet theme; but I indulged the foible with the calm satisfaction of having an entire week before me in which to draw

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the red-herring across the line of scent, and so to divert the mania which had taken possession of my friend's whole mental energies.

The hurry and bustle at London-bridge the next morning convinced me that there are yet living a great many of the old "Tony Lumpkin" class—one of whose most remarkable traits of character is never to be done out of anything when once they have made up their minds to it. Had it not been so, I fancy the crowds of people who swarmed our saloon steamer in every part must have been slightly deranged, in the presence of such meteorological indications as confronted us. It looked, indeed, as though old Jupiter Pluvius—or, as he is vulgarly called, the clerk at the weather office—had gone off on the spree, leaving his key in the water-butt, and thus giving those two mischievous and facetious chaps, Mercury and Momus, the opportunity of treating us all to a shower-bath just at the time when we did not require one. Oh! had I but—no, not Aladdin's lamp, kind reader, but—the pen of a ready writer, I might describe such pictures by the way as would afford even a Mark Tapley the opportunity of coming out strong, and becoming creditably "jolly." Of the toiling hundreds who had emerged from the hives of industry in our big city to enjoy a day on that crowded steamer, packed as closely as herrings in a barrel, their garments soaked with rain, and with countenances as doleful as that of the man who had raffled for a dinner and lost it! Of the broad river on whose bosom hung the mist like a huge wet blanket, while the few flags carried by the excursion packets, that ought to have flattered gaily in the summer breeze, flagged angrily, like swabs around the smoky masts. And, as the "pleasure" seekers flocked in at the intermediate piers, moist and weary, one could almost picture the disgust and disappointment that thrilled those throbbing breasts. Was it for this they had filled their baskets and satchels overnight, and raked out their best bibs and tuckers, lured by the dazzling attractions of a grand gala day upon the Thames! How the gay feathers and ribbons which adorned those strange faces would have brightened up the decks and saloons of our trusty bark had the weather been at all as we have a right to expect it at the latter end of July.. But it wasn't, and one could only commiserate with our unfortunate fellow *voyageurs*, who had come out in full fig, and on pleasure bent, only to find it a delusion and a snare. In vain a bright-eyed 'Vitechapel lass warbled to a concertina accompaniment the soothing melody—

"The maids of merry Hingle-land, 'ow by-yontiful are they?"

for the company was by no means in a temper to appreciate or applaud the sentiment so pathetically conveyed in song. But whilst I was all this time making a mental note of passing events, where was my hero whom I had engaged to chaperon during the week? I searched high and low, but found him not! Repenting of my temerity in leaving him but for a moment to his resources, I sought him everywhere—in the saloons, on deck, 'tween deck, "all over the ship," *in fact*; but not a vestige of him could I discover. At length, after having given up my fruitless search, and praying that he might soon turn up. I ordered a tumbler of refreshing beverage, and was just surrendering myself to reproachful meditation, when in a remote corner of the cabin I espied my hero buried in serious conversation with the steward. I was relieved! Talking to him, no doubt, of yachting, of which he had once been so enchanted, before the Masonic mania set in; recalling incidents and adventures with old Father Neptune, in which they had jointly participated in days gone by. At all events, there was a crumb of comfort in this.

"Hullo, Bob! where on earth have you been all this time? Pacing the deck, and getting wet through, like the nincompoop you must be," shouted our hero. "Come here, and let me introduce you to Brother ——!" All my cherished hopes, like Bob Acres' courage, oozed out at my fingers' ends, as I saw at once that the steward's flashing Masonic studs had caught my friend's eye, and with an instinct as catching as a cough before a sermon he had bottled up the steward for a fraternal chat. It was of no use to break in upon it, for they both seemed impregnated by the idea, and the mutual confidences they exchanged, over bottles of "nourishing stout," were something marvellous.

Down past Greenwich and Woolwich, with their once bustling yards and factories filled with the hum and bustle of industry, but now mute and forlorn, in consequence of unfortunate labour disputes, we turned into the broader reaches of the Thames, until Erith was in sight, and here, as glorious Apollo had again asserted his supremacy, and shone forth once more like the genial old fellow that he is, the excursionists shook out their damp and soiled plumage, and basked gratefully in the returning sunshine. A change had come over the spirit of the dream. Our "band" was very liberal in its supply of music, first playing aft and then before the funnel, and giving each section of the company a share of its "inspiriting strains." A party of handbell ringers varied the entertainment, and all this tended to heighten the pleasures of the trip. The professionals, however, had it not all their own way, for a gentleman of decidedly Yankee cut, in the fore part of the vessel, regaled his admirers with a "tall" song, the burthen of which was very touching and pathetic:—

"A grasshopper sat on a sweet potatur vine,
On a sweet potatur vine,
On a sweet potatur vine;
And a big turkey gobbler came a-sneaking up behind,
And nipp'd him off from that sweet potatur vine!"

It was agreed that cousin Jonathan had whipped the British professionals into a cocked hat, and as he didn't carry round the hat after his song he was dubbed "a gen'leman" forthwith. So we continued to drive dull care away until Erith was reached, and as we pulled up at that exceedingly handsome structure called the pier, I suggested to my friend, out of whose head the singing and the music had once more banished his "hobby," that we should land, and look up his little disused yacht.

"Just the very thing," he chimed in, "only let us pay that tribute of brotherly love and esteem which is due to a distinguished member of our Order, to whom I ventured to introduce you just now. W.M. of some Lodge, don't you know? Down Poplar way, somewhere. Decent fellow! Must invite him to my place, and you shall form his closer acquaintanceship."

So saying, he dived off once more amongst the crowd, and the last thing I saw of the couple was the gesticulating of glasses and a profusion of nods as they confessed that happy had they met, happy had they been, and happy might they meet again!

At last, thought I, as we landed on the pier, I have snatched him once more from the vortex; and I'll take good care I don't let him out of my sight again.

He grumbled about paying the sixpence which the enlightened authorities at Erith considerately charge to strangers on holiday occasions for the five minutes travelling over their handsome pier, instead of the penny on ordinary days, and found my friend's little craft, though idle, had by no means been neglected. The "Captain," as the old sailor in charge delighted to be called, rubbed his eyes, stared, and gasped forth, "Well, darn my buttons—the Lord forgive me for swearing—but I never! Here's the guv'nor, come at last!"

"Bless my soul, my Lord High Admiral, who'd 'a thought o' seeing you, of everybody else in this born world? Here Jim—Bill—hurry up now, (in a whisper) see all's right for the Admiral."

It seemed quite unnecessary, however, for any hurrying up, for as the swarthy fellows touched their foreheads, their countenances wore a broad grin of satisfaction, as though they knew all was as trim and tant as the guv'nor could wish.

"We shall want the *Gadfly* for a short cruise," said the owner; "how long will you be getting her ready?"

"Ready now, Admiral," replied the captain, "and 'as been a great deal too long, sir, axin' yer parding," laughed the honest old tar; and by the time we had enjoyed our comfortable little luncheon at the Pier Hotel, the *Gadfly* was out amid stream, and the boat ready to take us to her.

In almost less time than it took to think about it, we were scudding merrily along over the dancing wavelets, between heavy barges and lighters, and a cloud of rowing boats, such as may be seen about here on any summer's afternoon; and very speedily we drew up off the Town Pier at Gravesend, where I again ran the risk of losing my friend. With his usual 'cuteness he espied the white ties, evening coats, black bags, and tin boxes which,—according to the worthy Prov. G. Master of Essex,—are among the distinguishing marks of Freemasons. On getting alongside we learned that the bearers had just come by train to attend the installation meeting of the Lodge of Freedom, and had it not been that we had telegraphed to Southend that we should anchor off there that evening, I should have had to attend the meeting of Freedom Lodge with him; as it was, we got away, after pledging our friendship and tendering our good wishes. Nothing of any moment occurred until we ran alongside the long pier which is the boast and delight of the denizens at Southend. Having made all fast for the night, I could see a twinkle in my old friend's eye, as he asked me to take a survey of the little craft, for as yet I had not been invited to view as much as the chief cabin. When at last we had descended the companion, and were fairly inside, I was overtaken with a mingled sense of bewilderment and surprise, in which regret surged up involuntarily. It was fitted up as a Masonic Lodge! Two or three old acquaintances of the owner, who had discerned the *Gadfly* approaching, were speedily on board, and the suggestion to hold a Lodge of Instruction was hailed with boisterous satisfaction by the "Admiral." There was no getting out of it, so to submit was the only alternative. We went through all the formalities and degrees, with the "Captain" as Senior Warden, the mate as Junior, and the ordinary seaman as Tyler, our other friends ably assisting in the working of the degrees. It was both unique and interesting, but totally opposed to the object of our trip,—so far at least as I was concerned.

The face of our sailor host glowed with marvellous glee at the success of his improvised Lodge which had thus lain in ambush; and as we exchanged congratulations after "labour," our hero grew prodigious over his "reminiscences" of Masonry, and his adoration of all things appertaining to the Craft.

Still resolute in my desire to carry out the object of our trip, I endeavoured to cut the conversation short by proposing that we should go ashore, when once again the cup of satisfaction was dashed rudely from my lips, by the invitation of our stranger friends to "reciprocate," by honouring the old Priory, or as it was jocosely dubbed, the "Round Thousand" Lodge, by accompanying its Master and members to take part in the consecration of its daughter Lodge at Shoeburyness the next day! Nemesis seemed indeed to be following in our wake, but there was no getting out of it, and, with calm resignation, I was obliged to assent.

The gathering was of the jolliest, it is true, for there are true and trusty fellows of the Craft in this corner of Essex, as doubtless you may know. We were feasted and fêted to our hearts' and bodies' content, and the brethren of the new Lodge seemed to devote their whole energies to ensure the enjoyment of their guests; they killed the fatted calf, brought out their best, and laid themselves especially out for our comfort and amusement. Thus our second edition of Masonry ashore eclipsed all that we had seen on board, and when the last hearty grip of the hand had been exchanged the big moon was shining placidly upon the wide expanse of sea on whose bosom our little *Gadfly* rose and fell with the peaceful waves, our Senior Warden Jack, Junior Warden Tom, and serving Brother Bill watching calmly our arrival, as they smoked their short doodheens in the stern sheets, no doubt weaving many a pleasant dream of the week's quiet cruise which had been cut out for them.

After having given orders to move round for Walton-on-the-Naze with the "earliest beams of the morning sun," we turned in, and I must confess that the snug little bunks of the *Gadfly* provided us with the *ne plus ultra* of luxurious repose. The sun was at its meridian ere our slumbers were disturbed by the arrival of glasses of effervescing S. and B., and soon we sighted the pleasant outlines of the Marine, which is the peculiar pride—and profit, let us hope—of that

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fine specimen of Masonic life and health, Bro. Dorling. Here, of all places, was the spot on which to spend a "happy day"—or week for that matter. And so, with hopes renewed, we made away for that populous seaside resort, to which so many visitors repair for health and relaxation.

But out of the frying-pan into the fire I very speedily found it. I remembered, during the cold and piercing weather which so disgusted everybody last May, attending the consecration meeting of the Arnold Lodge, when the snow drove in angry gusts along the sea, and the "white horses" played about in such fiendish glee far out upon the German Ocean. I recollected the immense number of propositions which had been made at that opening meeting, and wondered how on earth our Bro. Alfred Arnold had got through the mass of work which stared him in the face in the advent of his presidency. I was not long deceived. The work had *not* been got through, as I saw by a ponderous agenda of the Arnold Lodge, which worthy host Dorling placed in my hands at lunch.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings were specially laid out for overtaking the accumulation of business, and wiping off arrears; and in a twinkling we were booked for all the lot!

My friend the "Admiral" was in ecstacies. "Nothing could have been better," quoth he, as he eagerly scanned the summons, and bridled up in the expectation of having a considerable portion of the work allotted to himself. It is of no use mincing matters, so to cut my story short, the remainder of our "quiet" week was spent in alternate rambling over the pretty little beach, sauntering on the piers, varying with perpetual pleasant meetings in the refreshment rooms for which the Marine is deservedly noted, and — Masonic Lodges galore!

To the credit of the Walton brethren their hospitality was unbounded; and the stay proved by no means an unpleasant sojourn, though, of course, the exigencies of the case entirely upset my prearranged course of action, and the "Admiral" was necessarily more rabid than ever on his one idea.

'Tis a long lane that has no turning, and at last the peaceful Sabbath came, when initiations, passings and raisings, with their collateral congratulations at the banquet table, had passed away, to the great acquisition of the Arnold Lodge, and the vast edification of those who had taken part in the ceremonies.

The time of my holiday span had, however, been exhausted, and as my friend had enthusiastically intimated his intention of accepting invitations he had received to attend several approaching Lodge meetings, I packed my disappointment with the soiled linen in my portmanteau, and breathed freely as the Great Eastern railway train whisked me back to town.

Where the *Gadfly* is now I am at a loss to conceive, for calling at the "Admiral's" house yesterday I heard from Dame Margery that its master had not returned. For all I know, he is cruising about the coast locking up Lodge fixtures, just as Japhet went in search of a father; and I expect when he does return to be bored with incessant "reminiscences" of the glorious outing which so unfortunately sprang out of my proposal for a "Quiet Week's Holiday."

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

THE Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 6th instant, when the following M. E. Comps. were present:—Capt. William Platt H., Samuel Rawson J., Ernst Emil Wendt Scribe N., H. G. Buss P.S.B. Scribe E., Lieut.-Col. John Creaton Treasurer, Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke P. Soj., Rev. C. W. Arnold First Assistant Soj., E. S. Snell P. Sword Bearer as Second Assistant Soj., Capt. Philip, Thos. Fenn, Peter De Lande Long, Joshua Nunn P.D.C., Alex. J. Duff Filer P.S.B., Hickman, and Samuel Mullins D.C. The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation having been read and confirmed, Scribe E. announced that it was owing to illness that M. E. Comp. Hervey, the actual Scribe E., was unable to be present. Letters explaining their absence were read from George Mellor Second Assistant Soj., Col. Burdett, and the Rev. C. R. Davey. Charters were granted for the following Chapters:—

1st. A Chapter to be attached to the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602, London, to be called "The Sir Hugh Myddelton Chapter," and to meet at the Agricultural Hall, Upper Street, Islington.

2nd. A Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of United Good Fellowship, No. 809, Wisbech, to be called "The Etheldreda Chapter," and to meet at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Wisbech, in the County of Cambridge.

3rd. A Chapter to be attached to the Madoc Lodge, No. 1509, Portmadoc, to be called "The Eryri Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Portmadoc, in the County of Carnarvon.

4th. A Chapter to be attached to the Royal Naval College Lodge, No. 1593, Greenwich, to be called "The Trafalgar Chapter," and to meet at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, in the County of Kent.

5th. A Chapter to be attached to the Ley Spring Lodge, No. 1598, Leytonstone, to be called "The Ley Spring Chapter," and to meet at the Red Lion Tavern, Leytonstone, in the County of Essex.

6th. A Chapter to be attached to the St. Martin's-le-Grand Lodge, No. 1538 London, to be called "The St. Martin's-le-Grand Chapter," and to meet at The London, Fleet Street, in the City of London.

7th. A Chapter to be attached to the Abbey Lodge, No. 915, Abingdon, to be called "The Abbey Chapter," and to meet at the Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, in the County of Berks.

8th. A Chapter to be attached to the Perseverance Lodge, No. 1165, Hong Kong, to be called "The Cathay Chapter," and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, Victoria, Hong Kong, China.

9th. A Chapter, to be attached to the Loyalty Lodge, No. 897, St. Helen's, to be called "The Loyalty Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Hall Street, St. Helen's, in the County of Lancaster (W.D.)

10th. A Chapter to be attached to the Port Natal Lodge, No. 738, D'Urban, Port Natal, to be called "The Port Natal Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, D'Urban, Natal, South Africa.

The prayer of a memorial from the St. Anne's Chapter, No. 970, East Looe, that Comp. John Snell Tucker may be appointed to fill the office of the 3rd Principal J., in lieu of Comp. William Fenwick resigned, (it being shown that Comp. Fenwick had permanently left the neighbourhood, and consequently could not act in the above capacity) was granted.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE General Committee met on Saturday, in Great Queen-street, when there were present Bros. W. F. C. Moutrie (in the chair), Rev. Dr. Morris, Thos. Meggy, C. F. Matier, R. Tyrrell, E. C. Massey, F. Adlard, W. Maple, R. B. Webster, and Bro. Taylor for the Secretary. The last minutes of this Committee were read and confirmed, and the minutes of the General Court and of various Committees were also read for information. The Audit Committee's report was also received and adopted, and the usual vote passed authorising the chairman to sign the cheques for the quarterly accounts. Petitions on behalf of two candidates were received, and the names ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for election in April next. The usual outfit vote of £5 was granted to J. E. Batty, on the occasion of his leaving the School. An application on behalf of Woods, for the second half (£10) of a vote granted in April was ordered to stand over, the six months specified in the previous minutes not having yet expired. A sum of £20 was granted to assist in preparing W. S. Spark for his second examination for a commission in the army, he having passed his first examination with credit. Before the rising of the Committee, Bro. Webster asked the chairman whether it was true that the House Committee had refused to accept Sir Henry Arthur Hunt, C.B., as Arbitrator in the dispute between them and Bro. S. B. Wilson, and if it were true, what was the reason of such refusal? In reply, the chairman said that it did not appear upon the minutes which had been read that any such proposition had been refused.

DEGREE OF PAST MASTER.

Opinions differ as to the origin and worth of this degree. Not a few eminent authorities make assertion that the Past Master's degree is an innovation, that it has no rightful claim to be ranked as a degree, and that the general manner of working this degree is in no sense helpful to the interests of the Craft. Chase, in his Digest, says of this degree:—"It certainly is not older than the last part of the last century." It was at that period, probably about the year 1795, that it found its way into the American Capitular system, being designed to open the way for those not Masters of Lodges to be advanced to the degree of Royal Arch. Thomas Smith Webb is usually credited with the originating and placing of this degree as we now have it in the Chapter curriculum. It was under the inspiration of this distinguished Mason that a Convention was held at Hartford, Conn., on the fourth Wednesday of January, 1798, when and where this degree was accepted and made a part of the Capitular system. The work really done by Webb and his associates was to formulate a degree out of the ceremony connected with the installing of a brother as Master of a Lodge. The "secrets of the Chair" were developed into a degree which has since stood as a part of the American system of Royal Arch Masonry. In England the term Past Master has no other application except that of distinguishing a brother who has served at least one year as Worshipful Master of a regular Lodge. Then he takes the rank of Past Master. The ceremony connected with his installation into the office of Master is not considered as having anything to do with Past Master's rank; nor is there any such thing as a degree under this name—made a prerequisite to the Royal Arch. There was in former days a system of "passing the chair," as preparatory to gaining the secrets and advancement of this sublime degree, but nothing of this kind is now required. The establishment and working of this degree of Past Master is essentially an American idea. It is a part of the Capitular system which must be recognised, yet against which in its present form there is a growing feeling of disfavour among many intelligent Companions. As a degree it does not seem to be needed; or, if wanted, its place seems to be rather in the Blue Lodge than in the Chapter. As has been said: "The Past Master's degree seems apropos of nothing before it or that comes after. Where seriously conferred it has but little interest—generally it has been much abused and becomes a nuisance to an earnest Companion seeking in all ceremonies the high symbolism of the Craft." Masonry is intended for intelligent men—to stimulate the thought and affections—to instruct the mind by a symbolism and teaching which ought to be pruned of all excrescences. As the Institution is held to a high standard—as it eliminates from its work whatever anomalous or frivolous features may have crept in, it will all the more clearly reveal its true genius and fulfil its largest mission.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

One of the Subordinate Lodges of Ohio, needing assistance to meet obligations incurred in the building of a Masonic Hall, sent out circulars making a general appeal for help. Grand Master Cunningham caused a stop to be put to this action, which was unauthorised alike by the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

all be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges hout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 9th AUGUST.

eston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7.
ter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
-Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.
ohn and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent
y, Abercorn Hotel, Gt. Stanmore, Middlesex.

MONDAY, 11th AUGUST.

. Grand Lodge, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Ventnor, at lock.
rity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
mes's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
gton, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
en, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
in of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
ess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
gar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

nt, Castle Hotel, Hastings.
nd Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
in, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
lia, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
ty, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
n, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
er, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
s Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
gue, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
ndence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.
Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
', Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
n, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
on, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness.
gle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
te, Masonic Hall, Sandgate.
ilitary, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
m, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.
ple, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.

TUESDAY, 12th AUGUST.

itional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
ity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
ugh, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
io, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
rthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
dgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
an, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
ns's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-street, E.C.
Meddleton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
s, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)

reemasons' Hall, Norwich.
, Masonic Hall, Truro.
atham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
s, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
Star Hote', Maidstone.
toyal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
e of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
domew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury.
ire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford.
lack Horse Hotel, Sidcup.
olin Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
enhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
asonic Hall, Liverpool.
sonic Hall, Sevenoaks.
Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
escent Hotel, Ilkley.
asonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool.
Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
ty, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

VEDNESDAY, 13th AUGUST.

Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
vonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
ugth, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
e, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
avy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
d, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
ers, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
ic, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
naught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
ought, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
e, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)
Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.

d Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale.
Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
owsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire, at 7.30. (Instruction).
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
[852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1284—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R. A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
R. A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R. A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 14th AUGUST.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups]Hotel, Colchester.
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
K. T.—Salamanca, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

FRIDAY, 15th AUGUST.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
760—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)

152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme.
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction).
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30.

SATURDAY, 16th AUGUST.

1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
R. A. 308.—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

Providing for the Debt.—The Masons of Massachusetts are possessed of large resources and not the less of a liberal spirit. Although they have been carrying a heavy debt for some years—a debt occasioned by the erection of their Temple in Boston—they have not lost heart nor indulged in useless criticisms. Occasionally some croaker has predicted that the debt was too large to be met, and that sooner or later the Masonic Temple must pass out of the hands of the Fraternity, but this has not been the general feeling. Now, we are glad to state, all occasion for fear in this direction has been dissipated, for the Grand Lodge by a large and almost unanimous vote has taken such steps as will be quite

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Lodge of Amity, No. 171. — The last meeting for the season of this popular "summer Lodge," whose members so well and worthily exemplify the motto which is incribed on their banner, "*Esto Perpetua*," was held on Tuesday afternoon, at the famous old Ship Tavern, at Greenwich. About thirty of the brethren assembled soon after four o'clock, many having taken advantage of an agreeable trip by steamer from London, which, on so bright an afternoon, is always enjoyable. At half-past four Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, under the presidency of Bro. Joseph Clever, of Lewisham, who now fills the presidential chair for the second time. It will be recollected that in June last Bro. Clever was installed by his own son, who is now the respected I.P.M. and Sec. of the Lodge, and who at the preceding annual meeting was installed by his father, who was then retiring from his first occupancy of the chair. It is not often such an interesting occurrence is to be noted in connection with any Lodge, and shows the confidence and goodwill which are felt by the brethren generally towards Bros. Clever, who have done so much to carry on the affairs of the Lodge in a satisfactory manner. The Worshipful Master on this occasion was supported by Bros. Edward Phillips S.W., W. H. Marden J.W., C. Harcourt P.M. Treasurer, Joseph W. Clever I.P.M. and Secretary, G. G. Goodinge S.D., E. H. Buck J.D., F. C. W. Fenn I.G., S. P. Smith Tyler. There were also present Bros. Whittley P.M., T. Batty P.M., J. Browne, F. L. Toms, J. R. Tannahill, E. H. Maddick, G. W. Dodd, &c.; and amongst the visitors Bros. B. Hayter P.M. 231, J. Seeley 25, A. T. Treherne 1441, J. L. Whitmarsh 49, H. J. Amphlett 1511, &c. Lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was prepared for Mr. James Richard Tannahill, of 14 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., who had been proposed by Bro. Fenn, and seconded by the Worshipful Master. The votes were unanimously in favour of the candidate, who being present, was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the W.M., who worked the whole of the ceremony in creditable manner. Subsequently the Lodge was advanced, Bro. F. L. Toms, who was found to have made sufficient progress, was raised to the sublime degree, the traditional history being admirably rendered by the W.M. A few matters of business were transacted, the principal of which was that relating to country members, but the discussion ended in the matter being deferred till the next meeting, in May 1880. The customary congratulations having been exchanged, Lodge was closed in due form, when the brethren sat down to an elaborate banquet, served in a style for which the old "Ship" has long been celebrated. The dishes were interspersed with epergnes and vases of choice cut flowers, which emitted a delicious fragrance, whilst the dessert was of a *récherché* description. At the conclusion of an admirably served repast, the customary Loyal toasts were proposed by the Worshipful Master, and received with honours. The W.M. next rose, and said he was about to submit to them a toast which he felt convinced would be received with the heartiest satisfaction, as it was always a welcome one to the brethren of the Lodge of Amity—that was the health of the Initiate to-day. They were all pleased to welcome Bro. Tannahill into their midst, and they trusted his life might be long, happy, and prosperous amongst them. They all knew Bro. Tannahill as one with whom they were delighted to associate, and no doubt he would form an agreeable acquisition to the Lodge of Amity. The toast was most cordially received, and in responding, Bro. J. R. Tannahill thanked the brethren sincerely for the very hearty welcome which had been accorded to him on that occasion. He felt it a great honour to be admitted into the ancient and honourable institution of Freemasonry. It would be his pleasurable duty so to apply himself to a study of the art as should enable him to comprehend fully its value and advantages, and he trusted he might be apt in the acquirement of that progress which all true Masons must desire. The I.P.M. next proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, who had that evening given them another opportunity of seeing the manner in which he had performed the ceremonies in the Lodge, and the geniality with which he did the honours of the table. There was already an initiation and passing on the agenda paper for the opening meeting of next season, which took place next May, when they might hope again to meet a goodly assemblage of brethren in this neighbourhood, which was so full of historical associations. The toast having been most heartily accepted by the company, the Worshipful Master sincerely thanked the brethren for the repeated compliments which they had paid him. They had extended to him a very kind indulgence in what he felt had been shortcomings in his rendering of the ritual on this occasion; but he accounted for the want of his usual confidence by an unexpected and painful circumstance which had happened during the afternoon, just before he came to the Lodge. A friend of his, who had been staying with him, had been taken suddenly ill, and this had greatly alarmed him. He had barely time to rush off, and had been excessively unnerved in consequence of the painful occurrence. He hoped, however, in the future to perform the duties of his office as he he had hitherto done, and he thanked them most heartily for their having been to his faults on this occasion a little blind. In proposing the health of the Visitors, he said this was always a toast proverbially welcome to the brethren of the Lodge of Amity, and he alluded in felicitous terms to each of the Visitors, who had favoured them with their presence on that occasion. P.M. Bro. Hughes and Bro. J. Seeley severally responded, acknowledging the magnificent hospitality which had been extended to the Visitors that day, and expressing the pleasure which had been afforded them by the working of the Lodge and a visit to this grand historical locality, to which allusion had already been made. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge, Bros. Harcourt, Whittley, Batty, and Clever jun. The toast having been warmly received, Bro. Clever I.P.M. alluded to the fact that the attendance of Past Masters was not quite so numerous as usual; he regretted the absence of Bro. Cooper, who was no doubt with them in spirit, although he had been unavoidably prevented from attending. The Past Masters were always desirous of doing their duty, and of helping forward all measures that were calculated to promote the interests and welfare of the Lodge. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, the former of whom was the oldest member of the Lodge, and had rendered them great and valuable service. With regard to their Secretary, he was comparatively new to the duties of his office, though he was not new to him (the speaker). These officers deserved well of the brethren, and he asked them therefore to drink most cordially to the toast which he had proposed. P.M. Bro. Harcourt, in responding, observed that no Treasurer of a Lodge could perform his duties satisfactorily without a certain amount of trouble, though it must be admitted such trouble was always very largely seasoned with pleasure in meeting as he did a number of brethren whom he could regard as his friends. Still he had a duty, not always pleasant, of keeping them within bounds and within their income; so that the festivities with which they supplemented their labours did not form a too absorbing feature in these very agreeable meetings. He was pleased to know that the Lodge was in a most satisfactory position, and trusted that in the future it would continue to be so. The Secretary also returned thanks, in a few happily chosen sentences. In proposing the health of the Officers of the Lodge, the Worshipful Master acknowledged the valuable assistance he at all times received from the brethren who supported him in the various chairs, and who were all animated by a desire to do what they could to maintain the prestige of the Lodge. Bro. Phillips S.W., in reply, felt sure every Officer who held a position in the Lodge of Amity must feel pleased with the reception which had been accorded to the toast, and to the appreciation which the brethren always expressed of their efforts to do their duty faithfully. They all endeavoured to the utmost of their ability to support and assist the W.M. in carrying on the duties of the Lodge in a proper and efficient manner; and he trusted that the same good feeling and harmony which had characterised the Lodge in times past might long continue to subsist amongst them. Bro. Marden J.W. also responded, and the list of toasts was brought to a fitting termination by the Tyler, shortly before ten o'clock. In consequence of the rain, which had set in during the evening, the brethren were debarred the usual out-door pleasantries which accompany their meeting, though the river sides were illuminated brilliantly at intervals by other gay and festive assemblies, whilst the steamers returning from pleasure excursions down the river were now and again lit up with coloured fires, and reverberant with the sounds of music and merry voices. Some excellent songs were sung during the evening, and the meeting altogether was of a most agreeable and harmonious description.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27. — At Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall Street, E.C., on Thursday evening. Bros. Woodward W.M., Moss S.W., Da Silva J.W., Valentine S.D., J. Benjamin J.D., Paton I.G., L. Norden Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor; Bros. Grammer, Hogan, Gimingham, Ford, and Jones. After the usual formalities had been observed, the W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Norden as candidate. Bro. Moss worked the first, Da Silva the second, and Moss the third sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Ford 1707 was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. L. Norden was unanimously elected an honorary member, in consideration of his accepting the office of Hon. Secretary.

Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction.—On 30th July, this Lodge met for one of the most pleasing events of the year. This was to present to Bro. Clement Breden P.M., Secretary of the Lodge, a token of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren. The gift selected was a silver watch, upon the inner case of which was engraved the sentiments of the Lodge as to the way Bro. Breden had carried out his duties as Honorary Secretary for a period of six years. The presentation was made by Bro. J. J. Gavin W.M. of the mother Lodge, in terms suitable to the occasion. The presentation having been duly handed over, Bro. Breden replied, in a few well chosen words, thanking the brethren for their kind thought of him, and for appreciation of his services. Bro. Sherboom held the position of S.W., and Bro. Atkins that of J.W. The Lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren present adjourned to a banquet, well served by Bro. Gregory, the host. At its conclusion, Bro. Turquand (the Preceptor), in replying to the toast of his health, spoke in high praise of the manner in which Bro. Breden had conducted his duties, and speaking modestly of himself, hoped that this Lodge of Instruction would continue to be one of the best attended at the East end. Bro. H. E. T. Reid P.M. and present Secretary of the mother Lodge, in reply to the toast of the Officers, made an eloquent speech, not forgetting to urge the claims of the Charities, with which he has long been identified. Many were present, amongst whom we may mention Bros. Ould, Robinson, Pringle, Keeble, Kennett, Buchan, Rolfe, Hewitt, &c.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At the weekly meeting, on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Williams W.M., Christian S.W., Forss J.W., Polak S.D., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hand as candidate. Bro. Dallas worked several of the sections, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Christian was appointed W.M. for next Tuesday evening.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, E., on Tuesday, 5th August. Bros. E. T. Worsley W.M., Smith S.W., Barker J.W., Johnson S.D., Norman J.D., Spencer I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M.

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Musto Preceptor. There were also present Bros. Power, Andrews (W.M elect 1227), Butler, Pavitt, White, Sadler, Dixon, Ellis, &c. The Lodge opened in due form with prayer, when the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Butler acting as candidate. Bro. Smith worked the first section of the lecture, Andrews the second, Barker the third, and Worsley the fourth, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Smith was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Arrangements will be made for the summer outing of the members of this Lodge of Instruction on next Tuesday evening, when names of the brethren who desire to attend will be taken. The promoters will be glad if the brethren will make it convenient to meet them for that purpose.

Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541.—This youthful, but exceedingly prosperous Lodge held its usual monthly meeting on Saturday last, the W.M. Bro. John Lee, and the whole of his Officers being present at the opening of the Lodge. The W.M., after the preliminaries of the Lodge had been disposed of, initiated Mr. Emanuel into the mysteries of Freemasonry, in a most masterly manner. Bro. Lee afterwards passed Bro. Ormond to the second degree, but the climax of good working was attained in the raising of Bros. A. Clark and McCulloch, when the W.M. surpassed, if possible, his usual eloquent and impressive working, and in this good work he was well supported by his S.W. Bro. Daniel, and J.W. Bro. Larchin; Bros. Stacey as S.D., Denison J.D., and Gush I.G., while a painstaking P.M. was found in Bro. Haigh. The excellent working of this Lodge was much extolled by many P.M.'s, of various Lodges, who honoured the Master by their attendance. The W.M., in his deep anxiety to enhance not only the good work of Masonry, but to please the brethren, had invited the ladies of the members to banquet after the business of the Lodge had been gone through, and for the pleasures of the evening Bros. Bertram and Roberts had provided a most *recherché* banquet, which was in every way fully acknowledged. The W.M., amongst his many toasts, paid a tribute to the ladies for their honouring the banquet by their presence, which was felicitously responded to on behalf of the fair sex by Bros. Rubenstein and Brookman. Many songs were sung, with much expression and taste, and pieces performed on the pianoforte, by Misses Daniel, Stacey, Bennett, McCulloch, Ward, Stead and Stacey, as also by Bros. Ward and Stead. The musical arrangements were carefully carried out by Bro. Ward. The W.M., in replying to the good wishes expressed on his behalf, said that so gratified was he with the success of the day's proceedings that he should note it in his memory as one of the reddest of red letter days, and as he had been so ably assisted by his Officers in carrying on the Lodge work, as well as in his endeavours to carry out the programme of the evening, he most heartily thanked them. This was eloquently acknowledged by Bros. Daniel S.W., Dyte P.M. Treasurer, and J. R. Stacey P.M. Secretary.

PORTSMOUTH FREEMASONS' HALL AND CLUB.

A LARGE muster of the shareholders in "The Borough of Portsmouth Freemasons' Hall and Club Company," as well as of other members of the Masonic Craft, is anticipated on Saturday, when the foundation stone of the club building in the Commercial-road, Landport (near the offices of the Portsea Island Gas Company), is to be laid by the Mayor (W. D. King, Esq.), Chairman of the Company. The ceremony, which takes place at a quarter-past one, is to be preceded by an extraordinary meeting of the shareholders, at which the directors will present the following report:—"Gentlemen,—The directors congratulate you on the satisfactory disposal of the 600 shares forming the nominal capital of this company, thus proving that the confidence entertained by the promoters at its commencement is fully shared by a very large number of registered Freemasons in the borough of Portsmouth and its vicinity. On the 5th of last March the first meeting of gentlemen desiring to promote the interests of Freemasonry in Portsmouth, by establishing a commercial company to carry out the objects set forth in the memorandum of association, was held at the Sussex Hotel, Southsea, and on the 10th of March the schools and building in Commercial-road were purchased by Messrs. S. R. Ellis and E. S. Main, joint Secretaries, by the authority of the promoters, on behalf of the proposed company. On the 21st March a specially convened meeting of the promoters elected the following gentlemen as the directors of the company:—His Worship the Mayor (Mr. Alderman William David King, J.P.), Mr. George Thomas Cunningham, T.C., Mr. Thomas Good, T.C., Mr. George Wilkins, T.C., Mr. George Mason, Mr. Joseph Thomas Craven, Mr. Henry Cawte, Mr. Samuel Richard Ellis, and Mr. Cornelius George Adames, C.E. Since this time the directors have strenuously endeavoured to promote its best interests, and have appointed the Capital and Counties Bank, Landport Branch, to be the bankers; Messrs. Besant, Porter, and Wills to be the solicitors; Mr. Emanuel John Smith to be the architect; and Mr. E. S. Main to be the Secretary of the said company. The memorandum and the articles of association have been prepared by the directors, and the company was legally incorporated on the 17th of April, without having recourse to any paid professional assistance. The agreement entered into to purchase the schools and 79 Commercial-road, by the joint Secretaries to the promoters, from Mr. E. J. Pratt, the vendor, was legally stamped, and a sum of £50 paid on deposit. The property was to have been conveyed, and the balance of the purchase money, £1,600, paid on the 10th of June; but as some delay has occurred in the conveyance by the solicitors, the vendor (Mr. E. J. Pratt) formally handed the company full possession of the property on that date; the directors undertaking to pay the vendor five per cent. interest per annum on the balance of the purchase money unpaid; the company to receive £60 per annum rent from the Roman Catholic schools, in which the directors trust Lodges will meet in April next. This course was necessary as the directors were anxious to avail themselves of the summer months to proceed with the building in the Commercial-road, so as to form the club at an early date. The directors have confidence that this equitable arrangement will be endorsed by the shareholders, and they trust that the deeds will shortly be completed, signed, and the balance of the purchase money paid to the vendor.

"Tenders were called for by advertisement for the erection of the building in the Commercial-road, on plans supplied by the Company's architect, assisted by Mr. George Rake and the Borough Engineer. These tenders varied from £1,540 to £1,979, and the directors accepted the lowest tender, that of Mr. David William Lewis, for the sum of £1,540, he providing responsible sureties for the due performance of the contract, which is to be completed in four months from July the 8th. The directors congratulate the shareholders on the possession of a very valuable property, situated in the centre of the borough of Portsmouth, which must necessarily increase in value; and although it would be premature at the present time to discuss the probable income and expenditure of the company, the directors are sanguine that the property will become a first-class commercial investment. The club about to be formed will be conducted in an economical and efficient manner by the directors, thus relieving individual members from any financial responsibility beyond their annual subscription. Every attention will be paid to the comfort of the members, and the directors trust that every shareholder will not only forward his name for enrolment as a member, but will induce all brethren of the Craft to do likewise, thus bringing together at the social table Freemasons belonging to all Lodges who wish to still further cement the cosmopolitan and fraternal union which is characteristic of the Masonic Brotherhood. In consequence of the great success attending the sale of the shares and the popularity of the company amongst the shareholders, the directors feel that it will be most economical to call up the unpaid capital on the shares, by making the first call in September the second in October, and the third and final call in December of this year.

"Signed on behalf of the directors,

"William David King, Chairman.
"George T. Cunningham, Vice-Chairman.
"E. S. Mains, Secretary."

The R. W. Prov. G.M. (W. W. Beach, Esq. M.P.), with his officers, will be present at the laying of the foundation stone, prior to consecrating the Connaught Lodge, at Cawte's Hotel, Southsea Common, at 2.30 p.m. A dinner in celebration of the double event—the laying of the foundation stone of the Masonic Hall and Club and the consecration of the New Lodge—will take place at Cawte's Hotel at 4 p.m.—*Portsmouth Times and Naval Gazette.*

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AMONG the greatest events of the world's history there are few that can be disassociated with the memory of an individual, around whom the whole interest seems to concentrate, and who in himself appears to have performed the task, merely using outside means in order the more readily to give effect to his ideas. Whether it be an invention, a discovery, a stratagem, or any other important undertaking, there is always traceable the master mind, which, by the slightest exercise of its power, is able to impede or advance the work in hand. If we inquire into the character of the men who thus rule, we find they are possessed of a quiet, calm disposition, and of a resolute and persistent nature; they are of the class who never allow the prospect of failure to retard them, and if in the course of their proceedings they find themselves stopped by unforeseen difficulties, they are aroused to increased efforts which in most cases overcome the obstacle. It is to these men we owe the majority of the great institutions and improvements that have from time to time grown up in our midst, and to similar individuals we look for further development of the gifts of nature or the advancement of civilization. These remarks apply with equal force to the Masonic brotherhood in its various phases, the rise and development of which can be traced, as it were, to the efforts of a few prominent members—men who devote their minds and energies to the cause, and who are undismayed at any difficulty that may present itself. It may be the foundation of a Lodge, the concentration of a Province, the inauguration or the advancement of a new idea in the cause of charity that calls forth the exertion, but each scheme is entered upon with fixed determination, and most meet the success that is aimed at; indeed, the bulk of the failures that do occur are traceable to the death or withdrawal of the master mind before the work had taken root firmly enough to withstand the blasts of prejudice. On these occasions it frequently occurs that the ideas of the promoters prove so extensive that no one can be found with sufficient courage to continue the work; or the foundation laid may have been so slight that the first heavy pressure of adverse circumstances brings the structure to the ground. The danger of insufficient foundation is so frequently brought under our notice that it may seem somewhat out of place to mention it here, still, warnings cannot be repeated too often, nor can advice ever be too abundant.

Thus we realise that a new undertaking should never be entered upon until its promoters are in possession of a thoroughly firm and sound foundation to build upon, and have an ample supply of material at their command to continue the work when once it has been started. Even with these important accessories it must be borne in mind that it is unwise at any stage to discontinue active exertions; human institutions if left unaided must fall, with a little assistance they will maintain their position, while if any advancement is contemplated, strenuous and continued assistance will be needed. Our exertions, as well as the labours of those who in years to come may undertake the carrying on of the project, may be considerably lessened if precautions are taken at the outset to provide a firm basis for every advance that is made, which in case a misfortune does occur will be found to render material aid in remedying the mishap. Hence it is we devote so much time to the arrangement of what may be considered by some as mere trifles, but which afterwards prove to have been the most important features of the whole superstructure.

Glancing at the more recent advances that have taken place in Freemasonry there are several which stand prominently forward in support of this theory, and perhaps the most successful among the number are those which still enjoy the assistance and counsel of the brethren who played a prominent part in their establishment, and who exhibit with pleasure the pride they feel in the success of their undertaking. It would be invidious for us to award the palm of perfection to any one of these brethren in particular, as it is difficult for us to form any general opinion of the obstacles that had to be surmounted by each, or to learn what amount of outside aid or opposition they experienced. If, however, we confine our remarks to a class or to one section of the brotherhood, it is no very difficult task to point to a brother who, though he may not be the first in the order of merit, may yet prove what can be done by individual exertion, and serve as a pattern to any who may contemplate similar measures to those he has brought to a successful issue. The great addition to the roll of our Lodges during the past few years, and the consequent vast increase in the number of those initiated into Freemasonry is one of the greatest advances we can boast of, and we may therefore take this fact as the basis of our remarks, and inquire how such increases have been brought about? As regards the new Lodges in the home district, or other large centres which have possessed a Lodge for years past, the advance may simply be regarded as the natural effect of the increase of population, but when we hear of a new Lodge being planted in some far off corner of the world, outside the influence of its nearest neighbour, it is there we look for the effect of individual exertion, and there we expect to find that success is, in a great measure, due to the working of a master mind. The present condition of Freemasonry in North Africa will serve as an example. There, we think, the success that has resulted from a very short period of labour is mainly due to the skill of one man, and his ability to direct the exertions of his friends into one channel. The first English official notice of the dawn of Masonic light in the northern part of the Continent of Africa appears in the agenda paper of Grand Lodge for the September meeting of 1877, where it is recorded that a warrant had been granted for the Lodge of Ancient Carthage No. 1717, a number corresponding to that of the year which witnessed the revival of our present Masonic system, and peculiarly appropriate in its connection with this Lodge, which, if not exactly a revival, has certainly proved itself to have been the precursor of great Masonic activity. The warrant was granted in answer to the prayer of nine worthy brethren who were resident in Tunis, among the number being Bro. A. M. Broadley, who was chosen as the first Master, and in due course was installed in that position on the 3rd October 1877. Six months later we recorded the fact that the Lodge had secured a membership of fifty brethren, twenty-eight of whom looked to it as their Masonic mother. Various other particulars of a personal nature were supplied at this time, and we refer the reader to our issue of 25th May 1878 should he care to become better acquainted with the inner working of the Lodge. From its peculiar position, this Lodge may be regarded as a most perfect illustration of the universality of Freemasonry, embracing as it does almost every creed and sect amongst its members. Even at the early date of its history to which we have already referred, we are told that "Moor and Maltese, Frenchman and German, Italian,

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Spaniard and Greek, were here to be found working together in Masonic unity with the English brethren; whilst Hebrew and Mussulman, Roman Catholic, Protestant and Greek sank all differences of creed, and tried to square and regulate their every action by the implements of the Craft." On the 22nd of the June following an official visit was made by the D.G.M. of Malta, accompanied by several of the District Grand Officers. When it is remembered that this visit entailed a sea voyage of about 500 miles, it may be imagined with what pleasure the members of the new Lodge welcomed their guests. A meeting of the Lodge was held on the 24th June, at which several distinguished visitors were present, all of whom united with the D.G.M. in wishing "Prosperity to the Lodge of Ancient Carthage." The following day witnessed the inauguration of the Kingston Mark Lodge, No. 222, and the next the opening of the Ancient Carthage Royal Arch Chapter, a warrant for which was granted by the English governing body at the May meeting, although the Lodge to which it was attached had only then been in existence six months. We think the authorities have no cause to regret their departure from the usual course in recognising the Tunis Companions thus early. A fraternal visit to the Italian Lodge which had recently been established brought the round of Masonic duties to a close on the Thursday, and the Friday was occupied by the Tunis brethren in accompanying their visitors as far on the homeward journey as travelling arrangements would permit. Thus ended a week of Masonic work, the pleasurable memories of which must remain in the minds of all who took part in them, and there was laid a Masonic foundation which we hope will never be upset. At the September meeting of the Lodge Brother Broadley was re-elected to the post of Master, and thus he had an opportunity of continuing his exertions in the cause of Freemasonry. At his re-installation in October it was stated that the income of the Lodge for the first twelve months of its existence had been nearly £300, and when at the meeting in June of the present year, which was the last of the session, Bro. Broadley had an opportunity of addressing the brethren, he reviewed the work that had been accomplished during his two years of office. He had, he said, initiated 87 candidates, passed 72, and raised 65, while 26 foreign brethren had in the same space of time been enrolled on the list of members. He then proceeded to detail the financial position of the Lodge. It was in possession of a Hall, well furnished and replete with many comforts, they had published their bye-laws both in English and Italian, and had also issued in the latter language a translation of the bulk of the English Book of Constitutions. (This work has proved of great service to the Italian members of the Craft, and is at the present time being reproduced in the official Italian Masonic journal). Considerable progress had likewise been made by a committee appointed with a view to prepare an Arabic translation. But the point that strikes us as the most prominent is the way in which the funds of the Lodge have been dispensed. Relief has been afforded in many instances to needy brethren, and yet the members have been enabled to contribute liberally to the English Charities, while Bro. Broadley expresses a hope that a Masonic School and a Hospital will before long rise to prove that Freemasonry in Tunis is something more than a name. We shall be gratified to hear of such being established, and have no fear but that we shall be called upon to record the fact at no very distant date. For a Lodge to be able to announce, after fifteen months working, that only 15s of its funds had been spent in refreshment, is sufficient to justify a sanguine expectation that anything its members may contemplate will be carried out.

At the usual half-yearly meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Malta, held in April last, the labours of Bro. Broadley were recognised in a substantial manner; he was appointed to the position of Deputy District Grand Master. While on his visit to Malta our brother was installed as M.W.S. of the Rose of Sharon Rose Croix Chapter, and in acknowledging this compliment Bro. Broadley gave further evidence of his zeal in the cause by stating that he should endeavour to attend each of the meetings of the Chapter while it was under his rule, although—as we have before pointed out—a journey of 500 miles was entailed each time. Later on, we hear of Bro. Broadley receiving his appointment as Grand Mark Master of the Province of Tunis and Malta, and among his first acts in this new position is the warranting of the Broadley Lodge No. 248, which it is to be hoped will be the means of handing his name down to posterity. The last item that has to be chronicled in connection with this spread of Freemasonry is that recorded on another page—the consecration of the William Kingston Lodge, at Goletta, which has been formed as an adjunct to the Ancient Carthage Lodge.

Reviewing the position of the Ancient Carthage Lodge at the close of its second session, Bro. Broadley gives us particulars which prove that he had secured ample material before he undertook the work, and the present position of the various Masonic bodies which have followed the establishment of this Lodge point to the solidity of the foundation that was laid.

We trust that this outline of what may be accomplished by individual exertion will stimulate those who may lately have flagged in their labours in the cause of Freemasonry, and that they and others will bear in mind that the secret of the success that has attended the efforts of Brother Broadley and his coadjutors is traceable to the care and attention those brethren have bestowed on minor details. Few men may have such opportunities as has had Bro. Broadley, and fewer still the ability to carry out the work; but all may copy his zeal and emulate his love for what he undertakes.

"IL TEGAME," OR A MASON'S HOLIDAY.

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The Great Free Masonic Schism.

A.—Concerning the Free Masonic Faith.

"THE sun goes round the earth," said the Inquisition, so likewise said Galileo under the tutelage of that august Institution, which would otherwise have pronounced the cabalistic word "*Atheist*," and then have soothed his erring ears with the well known dirge—

"Sister, let thy sorrows cease;
Erring brother, part in peace."

Certain false things are true things, certain *formulæ* are the only true *formulæ*, say the English Freemasons under similar tuition; else in a similar kind and gentle manner against all recreants will this word "*Atheist*" be pronounced, and with a similar object, viz.: to enforce a dogma. Nay,—tell it not in Gath,—yes, by English Freemasons has the heretics' dirge been sung—

"Erring brother, part in peace."

Thus we see that whilst one Institution lifts up its hand to strike and destroy, the other, animated by the same spirit, lifts . . . but, no matter.

"Poor thing," said my uncle Toby, pityingly, "poor thing, it was all it could."

It also shows that extremes meet, and that English Freemasonry, like ultramontanism, has no conscience clause.

Whilst, however, we know the penalty of official unbelief in Masonic dogma, we are nowhere favoured with definitions of what Masonic belief is, although practically we feel that the greater the charlatan the better the Mason.

Victor Hugo says of his good Bishop, "Poor man, he believed all he could, and the best can do no more." I have full faith, however, and firm belief in the dictum of a well-known and distinguished brother, that "So far as I can observe, Freemasons generally take their Masonic belief as they do an invitation to a good dinner, and swallow all." A paraphrase of the words of Butler—

"That a wide conscience is all one,
And signifies the same as none."

Behold then a "tabula rasa," and let us write.

It may be a loose sylogism, yet the logical inference will hold water, viz.: that English Freemasonry is the door, the adytum, the facile descensus, the knock and it shall be opened, of UNBELIEF.

B.—Concerning the Honourable Historians, and also on the Charlatans of Freemasonry.

Firstly we have to consider the authentic History which our esteemed Bro. Hughan has recently published, giving an account of all the Lodges from their commencement, about the beginning of the last century, clear, true and authentic, undertaken with a definite aim—the research of truth. There is also the work of Bro. R. F. Gould, Barrister at Law, and every Mason should possess the two kindred works of Bros. Hughan and Gould. There are one or two other historical works of value, such as Bro. Findel's, but, as a rule, all such offer evidence that any judge would indignantly order out of court, and consign the witnesses to the perjurer's cell. I have passed my professional life in sifting evidence, and in association with others engaged in the research of truth; I have seen human nature in its higher and holier, as well as in its degraded forms, but never have I seen such charlatanism, such moral degradation both in the teacher and the taught, as Free Masonic teaching, countenanced by our Masonic authorities implies.

It is not, indeed, every Freemason who is responsible for the ill,

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not the highest and ornamental members, who in general have little sympathy with what the learned and noble translator of Agamemnon satirically calls "*old fashion Masonry*." It is to the Polyphemi of the Board that we chiefly owe this degradation.

"Monstr: horrend: inform: ingens, cui lumen ademptum."

Let me recommend them, should by chance as Ulysses fall under their clutches, to leave their "conscience murdered vomit," and dreading the impending gouge, gobble him at once.

The anatomy of the "Monstrum affords an interesting demonstration in physiology," said Il professore, as he called attention to the specimen exhibited on the dissecting table. "We will just give a few *touches* of the scalpel, and a few minims of *chloroformed* curare;" at the sound of a Latin word our clerical friend roused himself in the E . . . . l chair from his slumber and dreams of Araby the blest, and uttered his usual exclamation *et hoc genus omne*, but which he generally pronounced in a kind of sacro-comic manner, something between a "Benedicite" and an Invocation to Bacchus. "Yes," continued "Il professore," "it is most interesting to observe the action, of this 'heart' which beats in unison with 'untruth;' trace further the current of the fluid as the ventricle contracts, and the black lethean fluid is diffused over the entire system. Regard also the other blood-carrying tube, which in the higher orders of animal life carries the living fluid to the lungs, to be vitalized by the influence of day and the breezes of heaven. "Here," continued Il professore, "the tube expands into gills—the gills of the scorpion, which engender their poison in darkness and dust."

Some one is responsible for that present disgraceful condition of English Freemasonry, which revolts every right thinking man by its jargon of ghastly oaths, blasphemy, and lies. To put down the signs of revolt, the word is passed round, "silence,"* and to enlist for the future only those recruits from whose consciences they may fear no revolt. The public, however, is getting inquiet, the names of *many* have been misused in behalf of that with which they have shown but little sympathy, and the time may not be far distant when that inquietude may find a voice.

In the reckless historical insertions countenanced by our oath-loving Boards certain names are presented to us, such as King Solomon, St. James, and St. John, but these persons present no critical points of identification with the King Solomon of Holy Writ, nor with the Blessed Apostles St. John and St. James.

Some antiquarians indeed identify the Masonic Solomon with one of the Old King Cole dynasty, so much toasted formerly by our City companies, and

"That 'tis a name some valiant knight
To all his challenges did write."

This probability is also increased by his evident desire to attire all his followers and henchmen in City clothing, and from the fact of this Masonic Solomon having ordered "*white aprons and gloves all round.*"

"For that's the reason so they say
We aprons wear at the present day."

Of all other histories than those above mentioned, we can only say as the lightest sentence, "fancy dipt her pen in dew," and fancy not being the muse of history, what she wrote the muse of history on descending blotted indignantly from her records.

Some years since I myself traced out the history of the ancient Roman trade companies or crafts, (the origin, see Blackstone, of all Corporate Institutions or Lodges), and also of the initiating associations of which we may yet speak more fully. The work I speak of was entitled the "Footsteps of Masonry" (not Freemasonry), "or Masonry in relation to authentic history." It was published in the *Freemason*, and I believe myself correct in stating that it was translated into different languages, and reprinted in nearly all the States of the American Union. I do not hold to all the inferences I then drew, but it further pointed out the impossibility of any connection of modern Masonry with the ancient Hebrew nation.

But on arriving at the early ages of the Christian era, and seeking honestly for authentic traces which should connect the past with the present, I suddenly found myself in the condition described by the immortal Harvey, who, when he had completed his proofs of the "Circulation of the Blood," essayed to discover the mystery of generation. "Here," said he, "I found myself face to face with an impenetrable and impassable barrier." In his case there was a mystery he could not unfold, in mine there was nothing whatever to unfold.

In this difficulty I wrote a very careful letter, and placed a statement of the subject before the great French historian (and I here call the special attention of any "true" historical brethren to the fact) Guizot, a man whose intimate knowledge of the internal history of municipal and corporate institutions, together with his candid character, render him an arbitrator from whom there can be no appeal. His virtual reply was that, "History knew nothing of any such institution." The letter is at the disposition of my brethren.

C.—Concerning the History of Freemasons.

I will, therefore, now, for the information of my younger brethren, who have been so sadly deluded, give a rational sketch of the most probable history of modern Freemasonry; there is no difficulty, no mystery; it is clear, plain and trustworthy.

The name of Sir Christopher Wren has always been connected, and properly so, with Freemasonry, and if my young friends will turn to Knight's "History of London" they will find an authentic statement which has the appearance of simple truth. It is to the effect that modern Freemasonry had its origin in a prolonged joke of Sir C. Wren; that on the days when Wren visited St. Paul's professionally, himself and some of his professional friends and their associates dined together in a house near the church, and that according to the habit then coming into use they formed a club, into which by degrees they, as a sort of pleasantry, introduced formulæ of initiation, taking trade tools as symbols, such as the Masons of that time and now carried in their trade processions, and inscribe on their trade banners and blazons. From this dates the "Lodge of Antiquity."

The real author of modern Freemasonry, excellent in its principle, was he who first conceived the idea of the affiliation of the clubs or Lodges. Whether this is due to Wren, does not seem clear; Wren, however, was a man of taste and a gentleman; there certainly is no evidence that he ever countenanced degrading charlatanism.

The biographers of Wren mention the attendance of his Club of Freemasonry at the ceremony of placing the highest stone on the lantern, but no mention is made of any club or Lodge at the ceremony of the foundation, a reasonable proof that it did not then exist. Here then is all the history and mystery of Freemasonic origin in a nutshell. As to the Charlatanism it would be a different thing—

"'Twere long to tell, and sad to trace,
The steps from honour to disgrace."

In looking over the History of the Royal College of Physicians of London, I find mention of an association which gave them some trouble about the epoch of Sir C. Wren. "They brag," says the record, "the Hebrew tongue to contain the fundaments of all sciences, and the *grand secrets*." They often cite certain Rabbis, and quote the Little Key of King Solomon. Date 1684. It is singularly appropriate, and shows the current of belief in those days.

I do not, indeed, propose it as an authentic source; yet when erudite Cyclopædias are written to prove or disprove that Cagliostro and other rogues had, or had not a hand in making the "*secrets*" of Freemasonry,

"I can't help putting in my claim for praise,"

And suggesting as an addition to that illustrious list the name of *ikey* Solomon.

It is singular how general is the paltry Freemasonic desire to protect its antiquity, and to the disgrace of its authorities no argument has been too idle to support the claim. Assume a virtue though you have it not, is the motto, but when that false claim is supported by unlimited oaths, what are we to say of the morality? How dignified was the reply of the ennobled Napoleonic general to the herald when asked for his ancestry, "C'est moi même," replied he, "I am my own ancestor."

If we turn to old Stowe we shall find twelve old and recognised City companies, who as such had the right of electing the Lord Mayor. In reading their notices, nothing is said of any *impudent* claim to antiquity, for no one doubted it; their history, known to all, was stamped, signed, and sealed in their respective charters. Turn the page, and we come upon a series of unprivileged and half acknowledged companies, each claiming a coat of arms, whether registered in the Heralds' College or not, but each one *vaunting* its antiquity as half conscious of a bend sinister. Thus the *whit-bakers* claim *great antiquity*, as also do the *tallow-chandlers*; the *wax-chandlers* claim ancient standing, but the shoemakers only long continuance, thus making a more modest claim, as shoes, it is presumed, were not worn in the garden of Eden.

The *Masons, otherwise Freemasons*, with whom were associated the "marblers" claim "antiquity" like the rest, although limiting it modestly to the time of Henry IV., who chartered so many City companies.

The most ancient of all was the Farriers' Company, which claimed to have derived the name and heritage of Henri de Ferrers, the Conqueror's head farrier, and a Frenchman.

This clearly defines what was meant by "antiquity" in those days, and is moreover still so defined by the City companies; with Freemasons it has merged into the much-abused phrase, "Time immemorial," a term of gross deception.

All these lesser companies, emulating the twelve greater ones, had, or claimed to have, armorial bearings, generally taking the emblems of their crafts, such as hammers, compasses, &c. for their blazons. The *carpenters* had three compasses, the joiners two compasses and a terrestrial globe, a thing so much vaunted in Masonry, as if they envied their luckier brethren. The *marblers*, allies of the Freemasons, had a large *mallet* and two pedestals, whilst the *Freemasons* emblazoned on a *fesse* a pair of compasses extended, with three towers or pedestals. Practically the Freemasons retain the same armorial bearings in the Lodges, viz., the compasses and pedestals, or towers, whilst they have even converted the *fesse* itself into a "square." The fact of the Grand Lodge retaining the coat of arms of the old Freemason City company heraldically and practically proves its origin and identity.

All these City Companies claimed likewise to have their "*Secret Mysteries*," which it was forbidden to tell to others, meaning of course such secrets as mixing mortar for the masons, or the secrets of hard brazing, &c., for the founders, and so on with the rest. They paid fees or dues to the Tolsey, or Tolbooth, on being "*entered as apprentices*," and when made "fellow crafts" of their trade also, as it would seem, when, before setting up for themselves, they technically took up their freedom, and became masters. Whoever will look at a deed of apprenticeship of the last century will find it almost identical with, although less verbose than, our own entered apprentice form; in each there is a promise of secrecy.

When they had become *Masters*, or became further distinguished, they loved "*good fellowship*;" thus the *Joiners* are described as a "*loving society*;" the *Girdlers* had "*good correspondence with all the world*;" the *Innholders* "*often meeting and conversing together*;" the *Curryers* "*a good community among themselves*;" the "*Freemasons*" had "AFFABLE AND KIND MEETINGS;" the *Plasterers* "*were affable and loving brethren.*"

We have, then, here the origin and original signification of most of the terms still used in Freemasonry, such as—

Antiquity, defined to be the time of Henry IV.

Mysteries were trade receipts, &c.

Fellowship meant as now, wine and wassail, and little else.

* Even little "*Which is correct*," hides in his little hole.

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One thing further "*our ancient brethren*" did, viz., that in accordance with the bad, though general, habit of those days (but which modern legists and statesmen have striven so much to diminish) *they swore*. They swore as *Apprentices*, they swore as *Craftsmen*, they swore as *Masters*; and each time paid fees at the then "*Grand Lodge*" of the City—to which all City companies were affiliated—viz., the Tolsey.

"Our army swore terribly in Flanders," said my uncle Toby; so they did in the city in those basest of all days which our history records, viz., the early part of the last century, and unfortunately we have in *some degree* inherited our strange jargon of oaths from our city bodfellow sires, with this difference,—that they swore upon the gospels a Christian oath, we on the moral law the ghastly oaths of devils and of the Mafia.

What Deity, however, the G.A.O.T.U. represents it would puzzle philosophers and theologians to determine. It is most certainly a vital question, whether he can be considered in any way as the God of Revelation and of Providence.

Hence it is under this *Supreme doubt* that our oaths are valueless, as not being made to a god in whom any of us believe, but rather belonging to that category of gods of whom it is said there are gods many and lords many—that is gods spawned on the Darwinian principle, of which the race began with Saturn, and of which the Freemason God with his Thor club is the latest and most vigorous development.

As a believer in Revelation, I have, in common with our Israelitish brethren, no belief in any god unknown to Revelation, and as a Christian in none other than the Great Triune Deity as taught in the Christian Church, nor has in reality any other brother being a Christian. I repeat that I have no faith in the G.A.O.T.U. since if there be such a god he is unknown to Philosophy and Revelation; he may be a devil, he may be anti-Christ.

It is clear, then, that the obligation *as an oath* is nothing; it is like food offered to idols.

I speak not only of the Craft here, but I turn my memory to an institution claiming alliance with Freemasonry, of which I lately had question (which commenced this discussion), and to the idea of the false god, I add that of a lying priesthood, and of "THAT" in which "whatever maketh a lie shall have no part therein." *Yes, a lying priesthood is the surest diagnosis of a false God.*

Therefore, the god being of dubious reputation, there remains only the civil contract of our Italian and other brethren, who decline conscientiously to take oaths, as for them blasphemous and not binding on their consciences.

When last at my own Lodge I heard it remarked, but not during the time of business, "Oh, we don't think anything of these oaths, they are nothing." I dare say the speaker expressed the opinion of many others. Will my friends name any other institution, since the world began, were such principles have been confessed? Yet such is accepted English Masonry.

I know my younger brethren have not time to think out these things; their daily occupations absorb their energies and thought. It is only lately I have myself had time to think the subject through, and I offer them humbly my observations.

I know it will be said, "What of all this? we have the Bible and Testament in our Lodges."

The Mahomedan believes in the Old Testament much as we do, but that does not justify, in our eyes, his religion. The "Mormon" believes in both Old and New Testament, and even *exceeds* Freemasons in making his own additions to the sacred page.

"That plea, therefore, holds thee no remission."

A conscientious Israelitish brother told me, in moving terms, of the indignity shown him by causing him to swear on the New Testament, but of which he was not aware until long after.

Allow me now to offer the best practical solution. Let us resolve to get rid of these ghastly and blasphemous oaths; the rest will soon follow.

The feeling of brotherhood in the medical profession is perhaps as strong as it is in Freemasonry; yet we have no oaths, and the Royal College of Physicians would indignantly exclude the Fellow or Member who *guarded a secret*.

The total abolition of the ghastly oaths would be a first step to a higher, a happier—nay, a holier aim.

In my recent visit to Rome, being furnished with credentials from the Neapolitan Lodges, I had the honour of an interview with a distinguished Roman Freemason at the Via della Valle.

I had called the day previous, and finding him from home had written and left a letter explaining my object. On the following day I was so fortunate as to see him; he received me most courteously.

After the usual salutations we entered upon the subject of Masonry, the conversation may be fairly narrated as follows:—

Myself. It is with much pain, "*Mio caro fratello,*" that I see this unfortunate schism in the Craft Masonry of Europe, and I should be happy to be able to explain your views to the English brethren, who as a body are just and honourable.

Il mio caro fratello. I feel equal regret with yourself at this schism, but the fault is not with us.

Myself. Of course you are aware of the allegation in England that you have denied God, and are Atheists, and it is asked,—How are true believers to agree and co-operate with you?

Il mio caro fratello. How can you affirm, my good brother, that I am an *Atheist?* I was born a Catholic, and hope to be so still; although I do not agree with all papal doctrines, such as the papal infallibility, and certain other points. I can safely affirm this of myself, and so far as I know, of all my Christian brethren. The Israelitish brethren also are certainly not Atheists.

Myself. My dear brother, you quite mistake me; such a thought never entered my mind as to accuse *you* yourself of such a moral crime. It is only in your collective, your official capacity, that the term Atheist is applied.

Il mio caro fratello. I quite understand, my brother, the difference you establish, especially as it implies that in your own official and collective capacity, you yourself, in common with all English Masons are a Deist. I do not feel just now called upon, or even able to enter on a theological or philosophical discussion, but it seems to me that the Existence or Being you call G.A.O.T.U. is only another name for Nature. Philosophically speaking, he is not even the equivalent of the moral God of Plato. His organisation is not so high. It is rather the Saturn from whom all things are fabled to proceed by the laws of nature. To *him* (if a *him* it can be called) there are no human attributes, there is no Providence with *him*, we are simply as atoms in his sight, and when we die we are as dust.

Talk as you will, such is the Bon Dieu, the Iddio for whom is demanded our allegiance and worship, that we should pray to him and should praise him.

We have great respect in Italy for liberty of conscience, and strive to impress it upon our re-organised institutions, and will, therefore, leave you to define your Masonic Godhead as you please, but such an idea of God does not meet our views, either as religious men, philosophers, or Masons. Further, such an idea of God has no hold upon our consciences, and whilst we desire to respect your belief, leave to us the same privilege. We are earnest Freemasons, and true, and avoiding idle fable believe in truth, and in truth alone.

Thus virtually terminated the interview with *Il mio caro fratello.* I felt towards him as a friend and brother, and had the doctrine he thus professed doomed him as an Atheist to the stake would have taken my place beside him. As the sound of his voice faded from my ear, it seemed to me that I had listened to the language of earnestness and truth, in terms and echoes differing little from the *bella lingua antica*, and the reasoning and eloquence of Cicero. His remarks deeply impressed me—

"And I recorded what I heard,
A lesson for mankind."

W. VINER B. BEDOLFE, M.D., P.M. 1329.

New Athenæum Club, Suffolk-street, Pall Mall, W.

(To be continued.)

THE ORDER OF MALTA.

From the Canadian Craftsman, 15th March 1878.

BY COL. MACLEOD MOORE, GREAT PRIOR OF CANADA.

THE letters of an anonymous writer which lately appeared in the columns of the *Times* under the head "Pretenders," containing most unjustifiable remarks upon our late respected representative at the Great Priory of England, Bro. Richard Woolfe, in his position as Registrar of the Order of St. John in England, and the attack on the legitimacy of the Anglo-Catholic branch of the Order, having attracted the attention of members of the Great Priory of Canada, I have been requested to point out by what authority it exists, and the connection between it and the "United Orders."

I do so the more willingly, being in possession of numerous letters from our late talented Bro. Woolfe and other competent authorities on the subject; and having myself the honour to be an Honorary Associate Chevalier.

The gratuitous and vindictive attacks from time to time, of late years, by the Roman Council of the Order of Malta, upon the English Protestant section, are most unwarrantable. The English, or sixth Langue, was an original division of the Order, and had not been suppressed by English Law, since its revival on the 2nd of April 1567, but always treated as existent at Malta, and when the Government of the Order was finally removed from that Island after its conquest by the French Republic, it was deemed imperative to restore the sixth Langue to a state of activity in its own country, which was effected after the downfall of Napoleon, by the Chapter General of the French Knights assembling at Paris in 1814, under the presidency of the Prince Camille de Rohan, Grand Prior of Aquitaine, who elected a permanent commission to restore the position of the Order. This convention was confirmed by a Pontifical Bull on the 18th August 1814, and was recognised as representative by the whole Order. It is incorrect to suppose that members of the reformed religion were denied the privilege of joining the Order. History shows that such was not the case, and one of the latest acts at Malta was to admit Protestant into the Order as integral members. The Knights of the Convention at Paris were of the Roman faith, and were well aware that the revived Langue of England would be mostly composed of members of the Church of England, and they provided for it accordingly in the Articles of Convention. The present Order in England, of which the Duke of Manchester is Lord Prior, composed of members mostly belonging to the National Church, is a legitimate branch of the genuine Order, revived by the convention entered into with the *Three* French Langues, the Spanish and Portuguese also concurring, thus forming a majority of five out of the seven *then actual* divisions of the Order. The deeds of this convention, now in the Chancery of the Order, at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, London, are dated 11th June 1826, and 24th August 1827, and have been verified by the signature and seal of the Secretary General of the French Langues in 1841. During a period of 32 years not a syllable was said against the lawful revival of the English Order by the Roman Council, but when all hope of converting it into a Roman Catholic branch had failed, then the Roman Council which had corresponded for years with the French Langues as well as with the Order in England, having thus full opportunity to dispute the *legality* of the latter branch, if they had thought the action of the Order was not perfectly legal, turned round upon the English

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Protestant Brethren and have repudiated the Order on all possible occasions, denying its validity, and calumniating its founders, French and English; although a letter is extant and in possession of the Secretary of the English Langue, written on the 17th August 1843, by the Head of the Roman Knights, *offering an alliance* if the English Order *cease to admit Protestants*, the difference in religious faith being the only reason assigned by them for declining recognition. But such alliance is not necessary to the validity of the English Order, or any other lawful branch. The Roman Council derives its only title through the Emperor Paul of Russia, whose election (whilst the lawful Grand Master, "Hompesch," was in life) to preside over the whole Order, by refugee knights who went to Russia after the capitulation of Malta, is well known to have been illegal, not on the ground of his religious faith, but of the informality of his election, and the Roman, or Sacred Council as they call themselves, had no existence until after 1806. All the branches of the genuine Order since the fall of Malta are, and have been independent institutions, not requiring in any country to profess obedience to the Roman Council. The English Order being lawfully revived is in the same position as the Priories of Austria, Russia, Poland, &c., but is not in connection with any foreign body, excepting that of amity with Brandenburg. That the Roman Council have established a separate Roman Catholic branch for England, in London, will account for the jealousy and bitterness shown to the existing Anglican one. The plea set up by the Roman Council that schismatics and heretics (as they designate the members of the Protestant faith) are ineligible to become members of the true Order, is purely an objection of the ultramontane advocates, and it only requires explanation to disprove the assertions willfully made to ignore the true position of the Protestant Order in England, which is one of the two branches devoted to its real purposes. During the Franco-Prussian war, many of its members did most valuable service, both at home and abroad, and their services and the stores furnished were so highly approved of, that several of them were decorated by Prussia, Bohemia, and France; amongst the number our late Bro. Woolfe received from the French War Department the decoration of the *bronze cross*; and in his diploma, which accompanied the cross, he was recognised as an English Knight of St. John. I may here, I think, with propriety copy an extract from one of Bro. Woolfe's letters to me, of date 12th of October 1874, in which he says:—"I do not know if all the papers relating to the Langue were placed before Sir Bernard Burke, but in one of his Knightages (1842, I think) he refers to the Order as legitimate. The Queen and her Government are well aware of the existence of the Order. We annually have Royal Permission to hold our anniversary services in the Chapel Royal Savoy. The War Office gave us permission to use the illustration of the ambulance litters from the official publication of Surgeon-General Longmore, C.B. (one of our honorary associates). We are in occasional friendly official correspondence with the Prussian Johanniter, and have had their permission to reprint publications of theirs, and they have reprinted ours. When we addressed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on his recovery from illness, his courteous reply was given to the Prior and Brethren of the Hospitallers of St. John. Years since, when an address was laid before the Queen and Prince Albert, the Order received the same courteous recognition: this is, of course not an official public recognition, but it is a private concurrence in the existence of the Order and private admission of its claims, otherwise it would have been said that Her Majesty was not aware that an association of persons in her dominions made such claim, and that she could only reply to the address as that of a private body of gentlemen and ladies. The works we are endeavouring to carry out, are of high public importance, and in the end may have the effect of inducing a more public acknowledgment of our position. We have a very distinguished list of commoners as well as nobles." In concluding this extract, I may add, that the Order has been lately honoured and graced by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales becoming one of the Dames Chevaliers, and also the reigning Grand Duchess of Baden elected to the honorary rank.

With reference to the Masonic Order of Malta, it must be borne in mind that when the Order of the Temple was first publicly attached to the Masonic body in England, during the last century, it was combined with that of St. John,—for the purpose, it is presumed, of commemorating the amalgamation of the two chivalric orders (after the political suppression of the Templars) which continued in Scotland up to the period of the Reformation. This union of two distinct Orders led to the mistake of Masonic writers in disseminating through magazines and monitors the great historial error, that the two Orders were one and the same—hence arose the confusion of name and title —"Knights Templars *of* St. John of Jerusalem." For several years before the expulsion of the Sovereign Order of St. John from the Island of Malta, the Masonic combined order was in existence, and if there had been any connection between them, copies of correspondence with allusions to, or observance of statutes, would be forthcoming; but as nothing of the kind has ever been produced, and no reference at any time made to such connection in the Proceedings of Masonic bodies, it is quite evident that none existed, in fact the Order of St. John, whilst it occupied the Island of Malta, was totally unconnected with, and indeed opposed to Freemasonry. The Masonic Order of Malta being at its first introduction entirely combined with the Templar, there was no separate ritual or badge used,—Malta being only the name in latter times for the Order of St. John. This continued for some years, when a brief and simple ritual was added at the conclusion of the authorised Templar ceremony of reception, as an explanation and historical record, consequent on the establishment of the seat of government of the Order of St. John at the Island of Malta, A.D. 1530. The Cross of Malta as a separate badge was also adopted, and this continued until 1853, when both were discontinued and the Order called "Masonic Knights Templar" alone, but in 1862 the Grand Conclave of Knights Templars again revived the Malta degree, but separate and distinct from that of the Templar. the ritual was compiled principally from one, it is said, long used in Scotland, and which was introduced by me into Canada with the Templar Order in 1854. The ritual of 1862 being revised 1st December 1866, is the one now used, but it appears to me that the original simple Masonic Malta ritual is more in accordance with the origin of the degree than the present one, which has no connection or alliance with any of the branches of the old Order of St. John or Malta. In conclusion, I should say to all who seek for information about the Order,—Read the valuable and instructive history of the Knights of Malta, by Col. Whitworth Porter, Royal Engineers, who is himself a Chevalier of the English Order of St. John.

Laprarie, Q., 21st Feb. 1878.

CONSECRATION OF DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1834.

THE Consecration of this Lodge, for which a warrant has been granted under the signature of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, took place in the handsome Assembly Room at Cawte's Hotel, Southsea, on Saturday afternoon, in the presence of a large number of members of the Craft, including a strong muster of past and present Provincial Officers, W.M.'s and P.M.'s. The ceremony was impressively performed, and the P.G.M. expressed the great pleasure which he experienced in taking part in the constitution of the new Lodge, as it showed the extent to which Freemasonry was spreading in the province, and particularly in that locality. It was by no means satisfactory to found a new Lodge when there were grave doubts as to its success. In this instance, however, they need not entertain any such apprehension, but they might rest perfectly certain that under the auspices of the present Worshipful Master (Bro. Henry Cawte), who had had so much experience in Freemasonry, and others who would assist him, the Lodge would attain a very good position in the Craft. After referring to the impetus which a new Lodge often gave to Freemasonry, the P.G.M. said it was very gratifying to him to see the way in which Freemasonry was thriving. He reminded the W.M. and the brethren of the new Lodge that considerable responsibility rested upon them, and it was for them to show that they were worthy of the confidence which was placed in them, and that they were determined to make the Lodge worthy of the locality, of the province, and of the Craft. No doubt, actuated by these sentiments, they would achieve success, and that when he had the pleasure of attending the Lodge again he should find not only his anticipations realised, but exceeded. The musical portion of the ceremony was ably performed. Bro. F. Wilton presided at the harmonium, and the vocalists consisted of Bros. G. Pearman 487, G. Grant S.W. 1705, J. W. Stroud J.W. 1705, Batchelor 1705 Prov. G. Organist, and G. F. Lancaster Prov. G. Deacon and P.M. 903. An appropriate oration was delivered by the Prov. G. Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. S. Scott). The plate used in the consecration of the Lodge was lent by Bros. H. M. Emanuel and Sons. The W.M. Designate (Bro. H. Cawte) was installed by the P.G.M., who referred to the deep interest which he had for many years taken in Freemasonry. The W.M. appointed his Officers as follows:—Bros. Thomas Good S.W., George Mason J.W., S. R. Ellis Treas., W. D. Parkhouse Sec., G. F. Brown S.D., Geo. Banning J.D., J. W. Willmott Dir. of Cer., T. Larcom I.G., Trivess Steward.

A cold collation was afterwards served in the corridor adjoining the Assembly Room, the Mayor presiding, supported by the P.G.M. and the present and past Provincial Officers. On the conclusion of the repast, the Mayor gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In proposing "The R.W. the P.G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Constituting and Installing Officer), the V.W. the D.G.P.M. Bro. Hickman, and the Officers of the P.G. Lodge (Present and Past)," the Mayor thanked the P.G.M. for his presence at the laying of the foundation stone of the Hall and Club, thus showing his desire for the success of the undertaking. He spoke in eulogistic terms of the services rendered to Freemasonry by Bros. Hickman and Le Feuvre, and other Officers of the Grand Lodge. The P.G.M., in responding, referred to his devotion to Freemasonry, and to the gratification which he experienced in opening new Lodges, and mentioned that in the ensuing week he should be called upon to instal the Prov. G.M. Elect of Devonshire. He had been asked to attend the laying the foundation stone of a new hall and club. That was a work in which Freemasons must take a warm interest. They were in the present day speculative Freemasons, but they could not be insensible to the fact that their ancestors who laid the foundations of the Order were operative Freemasons, and as such won fame, and handed down that fame to future ages. He could not, therefore, but take the warmest interest in the work of operative Freemasonry, and he was pleased to stand by and see the Mayor perform the work he was called upon to do. It was not surprising that the directors of the new company, which would conduce to the prosperity of Portsmouth, inasmuch as it would afford accommodation for some of its inhabitants, should ask the chief magistrate to lay the foundation stone, and he had pleasure in being present to afford him the sanction which the head of the Freemasons of this Province could afford to the good work. He proposed "The Chairman of the Freemasons' Hall and Club Company (the Worshipful the Mayor of Portsmouth Bro. Alderman W. D. King, J.P.), the Directors, and Success to the Undertaking." The toast was received with great enthusiasm, and the Mayor, in reply, referred to the successful manner in which the preliminaries connected with the Company had been carried out, and predicted that the undertaking would prove remunerative to the shareholders and give an impetus to Freemasonry in the neighbourhood. The other toasts were "The W.M. Bro. Henry Cawte, P.P.G.W.), and Success to the Duke of Connaught Lodge," "The W.M.'s and Representatives of Neighbouring Lodges," "The Visitors," and "The Officers of the Lodge."—*Portsmouth Times.*

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WHICH IS CORRECT?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—Amongst the several "points" which, pending the preparation and publication of my work on "Uniformity of Masonic Ritual and Observance," I had reserved for future discussion is one relating especially to the article "Authority" which appears in your impression of last Saturday. That article has evident reference to a letter in the same number of the CHRONICLE headed, "The Unpleasant Affair at Kew Bridge," the insertion of which—forgive me for so saying—I regret that you have permitted. It is a departure from your usual carefulness to avoid giving offence, or continuing what might cause dissension, and I feel certain "A VISITOR" would better have shown his gratitude to his entertainers, and his appreciation of our Masonic teaching, by adopting "that excellent virtue" silence, than by intruding on your pages, and, as it were, making you a party to a probably only temporary difficulty in the Lodge referred to. It was his duty as a guest to have observed to its fullest extent the motto of our Order, "Audi, vide, tace," and not to have called attention to what after all had nothing to do with Lodge working.

That's it,—Lodge *working*, not Lodge banqueting! And this brings me to the "point" and the question, "What authority has the Master of a Lodge over his brethren after he has closed his Lodge?" In my opinion none whatever, beyond that which the courtesy and willingness of those present may extend to him in the capacity of chairman. No doubt there may be considerable diversity of opinion on this subject, and that many amongst us would not care to change the existing practice. It is worth while, therefore, to endeavour to ascertain what arguments can be adduced for and against the proposition.

"For aught that ever I could read, could ever hear by tale or history," the invariable practice of our brethren in former years was to "call off" for refreshment *in the Lodge*, and to "call on" for further labour, and to close the business of Freemasonry; and I know of many W.M.'s who have, as well as myself, on occasions, adopted that practice. The submission of the members of a Lodge to the authority of the Master is to my mind only required and demanded from the moment of opening the Lodge to that of closing. When the Lodge is closed and the members have dispersed, each individual member is "free to" and "free from," and can act perfectly independent of any obligation to the ruling or direction of the W.M. *qua* W.M. The elements which form the Lodge have resolved themselves into a private gathering of friends, equal, as Masons, the one with the other, and wherein no Masonic rank or title whatever gives precedence to individuals as a right, although it may be extended to them as a courtesy. It may be at once admitted that if this courtesy is extended, and the relative positions held in the Lodge are maintained at the subsequent entertainment, it should be continued by affording the utmost support and deference to the chairman, but that is not, I conceive, a Masonic obligation, although essentially that of a gentleman.

If therefore by the act of closing his Lodge the authority of the W.M. ceases until he shall have again re-opened it, he can have no Masonic power at the banquet table, and the gavel is no more an implement of power to the sound of which the assemblage are bound to give attention as Freemasons. But, as it is quite in the province of the W.M. to extend his period of rule during the entire day of meeting (but for that day only, unless under very exceptional circumstances), the difficulty in respect of presiding at refreshment can easily be obviated. Let him carry out in the Lodge-room all the business of the Lodge up to the final question, and then "call off" in the ordinary manner. Certain furniture, in charge of presiding officers, should be present during refreshment, and at a reasonable hour the "call on" should take place, and the Lodge be closed with the then still more appropriate response to the Tyler's appeal for "poor and distressed brethren."

By such means the authority of the W.M. would remain undisturbed and unchallenged throughout the meeting; whilst, as I have often experienced, the brethren's sense of Masonic propriety would be increased, and an elevated tone given to the proceedings, the beneficial effect of which it would be impossible to exaggerate.

Further argument as to the advisability of adopting this plan (it is no innovation) would perhaps only tend to weaken what it must be apparent to all is strong enough in itself, and I shall therefore refrain from enlarging on the subject for the present. Perhaps some of your readers may be disposed to express their opinion. But I must say that if such a mode of conducting the business (and pleasure) of his Lodge had been adopted by the W.M. of No. 780, with whom I deeply sympathise on the occasion referred to, there would have been no opportunity for the letter of "A VISITOR," which nevertheless I not only cannot excuse, but thoroughly condemn as a needless *expose*, and detrimental to the general good and welfare of our Order.

I shall have more to say on this subject when I again take up the thread of my correspondence, and repeat the oft-reiterated inquiry, "Which is Correct?"

Yours very truly and fraternally,

JAS. SIEVENS, P.M., P.Z.

112 High-street, Clapham,
11th August 1879.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you kindly allow me space for a few words in reference to "the Unpleasant Affair at Kew Bridge?"

I have read the letter from "A VISITOR," published in your issue of the 9th, and I must thank him for the compliment he has paid the Lily Lodge. Truly, as he says, our Lodge was suspended, in consequence of one of our P.M.'s calling the attention of the Board of General Purposes to an infringement of a "point of order," but of that the members generally have little to be ashamed. This matter, however, occurred some time ago. As the brother to whom the remark in question was made was a member of the Lily Lodge, I think it most unmasonic—not to say unbecoming—to bring this grievance forward, and cast the stone at him. I cannot but think that the brother who made the remark—doubtless in a moment of irritation—must deeply regret it. Moreover, I feel assured he has never visited our Lodge, or he would have seen that the members now work together in a manner not only creditable to themselves, but such as might be an example to many other Lodges. As W.M. of the Lily Lodge, I shall be proud to remember that I presided over a Lodge where the brethren did their utmost to assist me, and strove to promote the comfort and welfare of each other. I sincerely regret any unpleasantness should have occurred at the Royal Alfred Lodge, as I have frequently had much pleasure in meeting some of its members, and I trust this will not be the cause of preventing our meeting again.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES HUBBARD,
W.M. Lily Lodge of Richmond.

BRO. S. B. WILSON AND THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE R.M.I.B.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A more disingenuous answer could scarcely have been made to a plain and simple question than that given by Bro. Moutrie in answer to Bro. R. B. Webster, at the last General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. Webster asked, "Whether it was true that the House Committee had refused to accept Sir Henry Arthur Hunt, C.B., as Arbitrator in the dispute between them and Bro. S. B. Wilson? and if it was true, what was the reason of such refusal?" Bro. Moutrie replied: "That it did not appear upon the minutes which had been read that any such proposition as that referred to had been refused." Now, it can hardly be conceived that Bro. Moutrie, being a member of the House Committee, could be ignorant of the fact that my proposition to refer the matter to Sir H. A. Hunt had been declined, as the following letter, sent by Bro. Binckes to my Solicitors, clearly shows:—

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS,

Office: 5 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.
19th July 1879.

MESSRS. BAYLIS AND PEARCE.

DEAR SIRS, *re* Mr. S. B. WILSON,—Yours of the 26th June was submitted to, and considered by the House Committee, at their meeting yesterday.

The Committee decline to accept Sir H. A. Hunt as referee.

I am instructed to refer you further in this matter to Mr. J. Stanley, Solicitor, 22A Austin Friars, with whom I hope to communicate personally on Monday next.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

FREDK. BINCKES, Secretary.

I am very much mistaken if the great majority of the General Committee will allow the matter to be treated in this hole and corner fashion.

I am at a loss to imagine why the House Committee are acting to me in a spirit of hostility, as I can hardly suppose that my refusal to support the penny wise and pound foolish ideas that some of the members entertain for the sustentation of the buildings and grounds of the Institution can influence them, and it must be apparent to any unprejudiced person who looks over my account against the Institution that the charges I have made are fair and reasonable, in which opinion I am supported by two eminent architects of large practice, who gave me independent valuations of the proper charges for the work that I had done, and who will both give evidence to this effect should the House Committee drive the case to trial.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully,

S. B. WILSON.

26 Wallbrook, E.C.
9th August 1879.

"ASSISTANCE FUND."

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am pleased to see that the suggestions I have made are so warmly supported by you, and that you have undertaken to work with me. With such valuable assistance I have no doubt my efforts will be simplified. I am glad Bro. Jacobs and the Staffordshire brethren will join our ranks, which now increase daily, as you are aware. I should be glad if you could send "PATER" a circular. I admire his reticence, and cannot but admit he has ground for caution. I agree with him fully; it would be *disastrous* to allow boys and girls to grow up with the feeling they are sure to be

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provided for. If I thought this would be the result of my efforts I would relinquish them to-morrow. God forbid any such result. I propose assistance be given only to deserving applicants, and see no reason why scholars should not *earn* the privilege as a prize—the value of such prizes to be handed to them at the end of their school career. Any scholar applying for the benefits of the Assistance Fund to be *denied* if his conduct in the school has not been satisfactory. If such a feeling were to come from this fund, I feel sure it would emanate from bad management of the Committee. I do not think "PATER'S" fears will be verified. To save further inquiry will you please publish the enclosed prospectus.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

DICK RADCLYFFE.

P. S.—I hope next week to be able to publish a long list of names, I have already a goodly number, but prefer waiting till the list is more complete.

I should also be glad to publish the names of any brethren willing to join me in undertaking to collect £100 in two years. The names of those also willing to guarantee smaller sums in a given period will be thankfully received.

THE ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

The course of training followed by the Masonic Educational Charities, in common with many similar institutions in various parts of the country, is looked upon as more or less successful in proportion to the results that can be shown as emanating from the pupils themselves. It is not only necessary that a Girl or Boy should receive a good education, but it is likewise desirable that they should prove that such education has been of service to them in after life. Indeed, that it has been the means of their securing a position which without such education they could not have attained. With a view to assist in this object the committees of very many of the English Charities make it a part of their duty to interest themselves in the future of the pupils who have been educated under their care. This they do by obtaining for those whom they deem deserving situations in offices presided over or belonging to one of their number, who they are assured will act as parent or guardian to their charge, and by apprenticing or otherwise starting in life those who, being orphans or from other causes, may need more aid than is forthcoming from relatives generally. The practicability and success of such a scheme can be vouched for in numerous instances where it has been in work for years past; and were it necessary the records of some of our largest Charities would give ample evidence of the satisfaction derived from keeping an account of each scholar's proceedings in *after life*. It has frequently been found that a little advice, counsel or help has proved to be the starting point of success.

With regard to the Masonic Institutions, it has often been regretted that some further surveillance has not been exercised over those who have been so fortunate as to receive therein education and early training; and it is felt that without something be done to watch the future of those who leave the Schools, and, if need be, lend them a helping hand, the work of Masonic Charity is incomplete. This want may perhaps best be expressed in the words of the Right Hon. Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, K.T., Past Grand Master of Scotland, who, as President at the Eighty-first Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, brought the question particularly before the Craft. The Right Worshipful Brother, in proposing prosperity to the Institution, after detailing the advantages and benefits which were derived from the School, said:—

I will tell you a little fault, and I am sure I need only mention it to find it immediately corrected; and the fault that I am going to find is this—that it is not impossible that at the end of their schooling career some of these boys may leave the School homeless and in need. It may be that the good seed sown may bear fruit during their scholastic career, but it may also be that the fruit will perish for want of cultivation at a later period. It may be that having derived all the advantage that they could from their study, and from their religious training in your Institution, they may leave it to fall into evil courses and evil ways, or even to suffer penury and poverty. I would appeal to you once more, as that is the only blot I can find in your excellent Institution, to try and amend it, that the pupils may derive the full benefit of your bounty and your charity.

It is now proposed to raise a fund which shall act as an adjunct to the two Masonic Schools, and be the means of supplying the want set forth above; and for this purpose your support and aid are earnestly solicited.

It is proposed that an early date shall be fixed for a meeting of those who may express approval of the scheme, and thereat the various rules for the government and conduct of affairs shall be discussed, Committees appointed, and general arrangements made.

It is hoped that the fund when once established will grow from year to year, and that the dividends of the subscriptions—which will be invested in approved securities—may in themselves prove sufficient for the various objects aimed at.

Further particulars of the scheme will be announced as they are arranged; but in the meantime we ask you fraternally to lend your aid to the furtherance of the desired object, by making it known to your friends, offering suggestions, or in any other way you may deem desirable.

The main objects of the fund will be—

To provide situations for the pupils on their leaving the Masonic Schools.

To watch their progress and offer aid and advice where needful.

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MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR THE AGED.

A GENERAL Committee Meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday last, at three o'clock, when Col. Creaton was voted to the chair. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the death of four annuitants were reported by the Secretary. A statement of moneys payable at this date was read by Bro. Terry, and a vote authorising the chairman to sign the necessary cheques was passed. Two widows of deceased annuitants applied for the moiety of their late husband's annuities, which were granted. The petitions of four candidates (one male and three female) were examined and accepted, and the names placed on the list of candidates for next election. Present—Col. Creaton, C. G. Dilley, J. M. Case, W. Clarke, J. H. Leggatt, J. G. Stevens, J. Newton, W. Stephens, E. Bowyer, G. Penn, J. Brett, C. F. Hogard, T. Goode and Wm. Hilton.

Those who watch the progress made in after life by "our boys" will be pleased to hear that C. D. Green, who left the Masonic Boys' School in June 1878, last week passed a most successful Preliminary M.B. Examination, London University. This early success must be intensely gratifying to the friends of this young scholar.

You say a member of your Lodge has black-balled an applicant without sufficient cause for the act, and you ask me if there is not some way to remedy this great wrong done to a worthy man. I reply that you have entirely mistaken the position the applicant occupies. It is no wrong to a man, not a Mason, to refuse him admission into Masonry. No man has a *right* to become a Mason; the right is vested *in the lodge*. Were it not so, the whole theory of Freemasonry would be changed. Neither has any one member, or a majority of all the members any *right* in the premises. It is well known (you must know it yourself) that *every member* of the Lodge has unlimited power of rejection. Lay aside, then, all notion that the applicant has been unjustly dealt with. Again; your letter is written under the assumption that you *know* who cast the black ball, and you know the motives which prompted the act. But in fact, you do not, you can not (lawfully) designate the person. For if he acknowledges it, he does it in contravention of his pledge to observe all the lawful rules and regulations of Masonry, and these expressly forbid such declaration. While if he has not confessed it, you certainly do not know that he cast the black ball. In conclusion, accept the inevitable. Give every member of the Lodge the same right of private judgment that you claim for yourself, and whenever an application goes into the Lodge, take it as a matter of course that some brother may cast a black ball.—*Rob Morris.*

As to paying funeral honors to unworthy Masons, it is a hard thing to do, but often harder to refrain from doing. The trouble is that you let your unworthy brother go on and get hardened in sin, *without discipline*, and when he died, and was past hope of repentance, you had nothing for it but to extend the honors which were only intended for the worthy dead. It is not fair to the living to praise the dead more than he merited; and it cheapens Masonic honors to bestow them upon the drunkard, the licentious, and the law breaker of any class.—*Masonic Review.*

Tuesday, the 5th August, being the 100th Night of Mr. George R. Sims' Comedy, "Crutch and Toothpick" at the Royalty Theatre, Mr. Edgar Bruce invited a large number of friends to celebrate the occasion; after referring to the great success of the Comedy, and thanking all concerned for their co-operation, he made Mr. Augustus Harris a handsome presentation, which was followed by Mr. C. Groves presenting Mr. Bruce, on behalf of the Company, with a very handsome Silver Fitted Travelling Bag. Dancing was kept up until 7 a.m. and every thing passed off brilliantly.

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THE town of Goletta is situated to the south-west of the most central portions of the ruins of Carthage, and about a mile and a half from the Phœnician and Roman harbours of the once famous city. The town is built on the shores of the Mediterranean, and bears precisely the same relation to the Tunisian capital as the Piræus does to Athens. Commanding as it does the outlet of the canal which unites the open sea and the salt-lake, on the western extremity of which the "white-walled" city of Tunis is placed, it has always been strongly fortified by the rulers of the Regency, and during the middle ages many a stirring conflict has occurred under its walls. These bastions and ramparts are now slowly falling into decay, and the chief danger to them arises from the firing of salutes, which invariably contributes to the destruction of these curious and time-honoured memorials of corsairs and pirates, of barbaric splendour and Christian chivalry. Louis of France landed in the vicinity of Goletta. In 1535 the united forces of Charles V. and the Knights of Malta appeared before it. We know that the latter claimed the honour of leading the attack on the seaward beach. Headed by the Chevalier Copier, with the standard of the Order in hand, they leaped into the waves, and in an hour victory was theirs. Many brave knights perished in the attack, and scarcely one escaped without a wound. The Goletta became a Spanish fortress for half a century. Again in 1640, the Knights of Malta, under the command of the Prince d'Osia, made a second descent on Goletta, now once more in the hands of the Moslem, and succeeded in burning the Tunisian fleet under the shelter of its fortifications. For another century and a half Goletta was destined to protect the corsairs of its rulers; but on the 17th of April 1816, three salvos of its even then formidable artillery announced the moral victory of Lord Exmouth, who had that morning induced the Bey to sign a treaty abolishing slavery for ever throughout his dominions, and releasing several hundred European prisoners undergoing captivity in the Regency. The bristling guns of the Admiral's fleet echoed a response, and Goletta from that day forth has merged its military associations with those of one of the most beautiful and picturesque of watering-places. Its resident population consists of about four thousand souls, almost wholly Europeans. In summer it is the royal residence, and nearly half the upper class of Tunisian society migrates thither to enjoy the cool breezes and unrivalled bathing in the blue waves of the Mediterranean. All vessels load and unload at Goletta, and an English railroad, ten miles in length, places it in almost hourly communication with Tunis.

Several of the residents in Goletta belonged to the Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717 E.C., at Tunis, and when the number of its members exceeded one hundred, they determined to apply for a warrant of their own, and this with the full consent and approbation of the W.M., Officers and brethren of the former Lodge. An application was duly signed and transmitted to Bro. Kingston, the R.W. D.D.G.M. who issued a Provisional Warrant to the brethren, empowering them to work pending the receipt of the charter from Grand Lodge. The brethren received this document on the 1st June, and succeeded in obtaining the lease of the palace of one of the former governors of Goletta, which they expeditiously converted into a Masonic Hall, complete even in the most minute details, and appropriately furnished throughout. On the 21st June 1879, the first meeting of the William Kingston Lodge was held, under the presidency of W. Bro. A. M. Broadley D.D.G.M. Malta. The following P.M.'s assisted at the ceremony:—W. Bros. Funaro, Vais 33°, Sulema, Baron Castellnuovo and Morpurgo, together with the principal officers of No. 1717 E.C. and the founders of the new Lodge. The D.D.G.M. having read the warrant proceeded to instal Bro. John Edmund Lancaster Barker (Past J.W. 1717 E.C.) as W.M., according to ancient form. The W.M. then invested the following Officers:—Bros. W. Broadley (D.D.G.M) Hon. P.M. and Treasurer, Edward Thay S.W., Laurence Curletto J.W., O. Engerer Secretary, B. Padoa D. of C., A. Attard S.D., A. A. Romian J.D., and A. Ronzetti I.G. The other founders are Bros. S. Marana, A. Villareale, and L. Coppi. At the request of the W.M., the D.D.G.M. assumed the gavel, and initiated into Freemasonry Mr. Walter Vaux, Locomotive Superintendent of the Tunisian Railways Company Limited. This ceremony being concluded, W. Bro. Broadley delivered an address. He alluded to the fact that the Lodge was, by the unanimous desire of the brethren, named the William Kingston, as a slight mark of their recognition of the services rendered to English Masonry in Tunis by their deservedly popular D.G.M., Bro. Kingston. He read a letter from that brother, now in England, containing his kindly greetings to the brethren, and informing them he had already despatched the collars and jewels of the Officers as an offering to the new Lodge. The reading of Bro. Kingston's letter produced enthusiastic applause. The D.D.G.M. gave a short sketch of the classical and mediæval associations connected with the site of the Lodge, and after giving some practical advice to the members,

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returned the gavel to Bro. Barker, who thanked the D.D.M.G. for his remarks. He said it was useless for them to disguise the fact that they owed the existence of the William Kingston to the zeal and energy of Bro. Broadley, who was now residing amongst them, and in whom Bro. Kingston had so active and untiring a Deputy. He would try to do his duty, and he considered it as his best recommendation that he had served for a year under the D.D.G.M. as J.W. of 1717 E.C. He sincerely thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him. W. Bro. Funaro, W.M. of the Italian Lodge Risorgimento, addressed the brethren, and offered the congratulations of the Italian Masons over whom he presided. Bro. Professor Vais (33° Italy) made an elaborate speech on the duties of a Freemason, and ended by paying to the D.D.G.M. a very high compliment, in the name of Italian Masonry. Bro. Professor Souiller (1717 E.C.) having tendered the congratulations of his Lodge, and the charitable collection having been made, the Lodge was closed and adjourned. The work was followed by an elaborate banquet, at which the usual Masonic and Loyal toasts were enthusiastically honoured. Since this date the Lodge has held weekly meetings, both for current business and instruction. On the 3rd July the M.W.G.M. was pleased to grant a Warrant for the Constitution of the William Kingston Lodge, No. 1835, to meet at the Goletta, in the Regency of Tunis, and the Provisional Warrant was forthwith surrendered. The new Lodge now numbers twenty-two members, and the rulers of the Craft in Malta have reason to hope that this last interesting addition to the strength of the District Grand Lodge will prove a great and lasting success.

MARK MASONRY IN MALTA.

Broadley Lodge, No. 248.—This Lodge—which has been recently founded by a number of influential and well-known Mark Masters in this island—held its first meeting on Tuesday, 29th July, at the Masonic Hall, No. 27 Strada Stretta, La Valletta; Bro. C. E. Coffey W.M.—who had been previously installed at a meeting of the Keystone Mark Lodge, under a Provisional Warrant from Bro. A. M. Broadley, P.G.M.M. of the Province of Tunis and Malta—in the chair. After the Warrant of Constitution had been read by the Secretary, a ballot was taken for two joining members and six candidates for advancement, which proved unanimous. The joining members were then admitted, and five of the six candidates being present, were, after due preparation, advanced to the rank of Mark Masters. Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room. After the usual Masonic toasts had been given, "The Success and Prosperity of the new Lodge" was given, and received with enthusiasm. The health of the W.M. and Officers was afterwards proposed, and the joining members congratulated them warmly on the excellent manner in which the ceremony of advancement had been carried out.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF DEVONSHIRE.

THE annual meeting was held on Tuesday at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth. The proceedings commenced by the meeting of the Committee of General Purposes at two p.m. Col. J. Tanner Davy R.W. P.G. Master presided. The members present were:—The Hon. W. Hilton-Jolliffe P.G.S.W., Charles Godtschalk P.G.M.O., V. Bird P.G.M.O. England P.G.S., W. Vicary P.G.T., Samuel Jew P.P.G.M.O., J. B. Gover P.P.G.M.O., L. D. Westcott P.P.G.T. After auditing the accounts there was an available balance of £44, and it was resolved that the sum of forty guineas be recommended to be given to the Devon Educational Fund, and that this sum be given in the name of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for the time being, giving him fifty votes for twenty years. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at three p.m., when in addition to the Committee there were present:—V.W. and W. Bros. B. B. S. Richard W.M. 23, John Ingle J.O. 215, J. Allen W.M. 96 P.G.S., H. Miller W.M. 91, Lieut.-Col. Fitzgerald P.P.G.M.O., Admiral Glasse C.B. 66, Henry Bridgeman M.O. 91, James H. Toms P.P.G.S.B., John R. Lord 50, William James Hughan P.G.W. Eng. P.M. 78 P.P.G.S. Cornwall, G. H. E. Vans P.P.G.D.C. M.O. 35, Rev. W. Whittley P.P.G.C., Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., W.M. 35 P.P.G.C., R. C. Uglow 50, J. Rogers P.M. P.G.T., J. Gidley S.D., Nicholls I.P.M. 23, H. G. Beachy S.W. 215, W. Harris W.M. 215, Henry H. Arnold P.P.G.O., Charles Croydon J.W. 35 P.P.G.S.B., John W. Collins S.W. 16, E. Binding W.M. 16 P.G.O., J. M. Hiffley P.M. 76 P.P.G.J.D., J. H. Stephens W.M. 48 P.G.S.B., W. Collins J.W. 48 J.S., George R. Barrett J.S., L. D. Westcott P.M. 66 P.P.G.T., E. A. Davies P.P.G.J.D., John Horswell J.O. 15, Richard Lose P.M. 48 P.P.G.D.C., Edwin Roseveare P.M. P.P.G.S.B., I. Latimer P.M. P.P.G.S.O., T. C. Lewarn W.M. 76, I. Griffin S.O. 50, Henry Horton M.O. 35 P.G.J.W., J. W. Stanbury 50, R. B. Twose P.M. 50 P.G.T., R. G. Bird M.O. 50 P.P.G.O., E. Tout 50 J.O., J. Barons 16, John D. Barker O. 50, J. E. Curteis P.M. 35 P.G.D. England P.P.G.J.W., John Lynn P.M. 91 P.P.G.O., Thomas H. Bayley P.P.G.J.W., E. D. Parnell P.M. P.P.G.B.B., T. H. May 96, Samuel Martin W.M. 57, W. C. Ferriss 58, A. R. Lethbridge P.M. 48 P.P.G.M.O., J. R. H. Harris S.W. 91, George Mitchell I.G. 70, R. Pengelly I.P.M. 50, P.P.G.S.B., W. B. Elston 48, Dr. George Jackson S.W. 35, T. Glidon 76, John James J.W. 50.

The Secretary reported that all the Lodges in the Province, except one, had made the usual returns.

The Treasurer reported that all the Lodges, except one, had paid their contributions, and that all the fees of honour had been paid. He had a satisfactory balance—£44 11s 10d.

The report of the Board of General Purposes having then been read,—which contained the recommendation that forty guineas should be given to the Devon Education Fund,—Bro. Charles Godtschalk rose to ask if it was the intention of the P.G. Master to put that recommendation to the Prov. Grand Lodge and take their opinion upon it, as in that case he intended to move an amendment.

Bro. J. B. Gover hereupon formally moved forty guineas be voted to the Devon Educational Fund.

Bro. Charles Godtschalk, rising to move the amendment, said it was well known that he had taken a deep and sincere interest in founding the Devon Educational Fund, and having well thought out its best interests, had every wish to see it successful in the future. One of the great interests of this local fund was, that it should be self-supporting; in this sense self-supporting,—that the annual subscriptions of individual brethren of 5s, 10s and guineas throughout the Province would produce ample funds for the surplus orphans of the Province. By the word surplus was meant those orphans who could never hope to be elected into the great National Masonic Charities, the Boys' and Girls' Schools. Another interest of this local fund was, that it should never interfere or *clash* with the interests of those great Charities. Neither should this local fund compete for monies from the governing bodies of Masons in the province—by governing bodies in the province he meant Prov. Grand Lodge,—no matter whether Craft, Arch, or Mark. The monies from these bodies naturally belonged to the great Charities to which we, as a province, stand deeply indebted. He saw many brethren around him who were present when the Devon fund was established early this year; it was then clearly understood, and that by speaker after speaker, that the real element of success for this local fund would be its power of self-support by the individual subscriptions of brethren; also that Provincial Grand Lodge should not be appealed to for funds that should go in another direction. And what do we find? Why, the very first Provincial Grand Lodge held after this local fund is founded two or three brethren coming forward to ask—for what? *not a* few pounds, but every penny possessed by the Prov. Grand Lodge for this local fund, which are the earnings of two years of the Mark degree of the Province. The Prov. Grand Lodge having voted nothing in 1878, but keeping all in hand, now adds to it the income of 1879, and endeavours to vote all away to a local fund that at least in a great measure should be self-supporting, and to the detriment of the great Charities to which the Province is deeply indebted. He therefore said, if this custom was to be followed up, he, as their representative at the great Charities warned them that their power of electing candidates at the great Charities would be weakened, and if they decided to keep their money at home, so must they keep their poor with it. Trusting the brethren would see, not alone the justice of his remarks, but also the policy of them, he would move the following amendment:—

"That the forty guineas recommended by the Board of General Purposes to be voted to the Devon Educational Fund be reduced to twenty guineas, that sum giving the qualification of a Vice Patron, with 25 votes at each election. The same be presented as a mark of respect and esteem to the Provincial Grand Mark Master, Colonel Tanner Davy."

The amendment of Bro. Godtschalk being seconded by Bro. A. R. Lethbridge P.M. P.P.G.M.O. No. 48, it was put to the Provincial Grand Lodge and lost, the numbers being 21 for, and 27 against.

Bros. T. H. Bayley, C. Godtschalk, R. Loos, and S. Jew were elected the additional members of the Board of General Purposes. Bro. J. Ingle was unanimously elected the Treasurer.

The following brethren were then appointed and invested as the Officers for the ensuing year:—Rev. P. H. Newnham D.P.G.M., Admiral F. H. H. Glasse 66 S.G.W., Rickard 9 J.G.W., John James 50 M.O., George Jackson 35 S.O., Henry Cole 100 J.O., Rev. G. Warner 215 Chaplain, John Ingle 215 Treasurer, Henry G. Beachey 215 Registrar, Vincent Bird 66 Secretary, J. E. Gallifford 9 S.D., William Harris 215 J.D., Henry Miller 91 Sup. Works, John Horswill 15 D.C., F. Littleton 48 A.D.C., John Allen 91 S.B., Samuel D. Nicholls 23 S.B., John D. Barker 50 O., H. R. Langmead 16 P., J. C. Lewarne 76 S.B., Richards 23, George Mitchell 50 Stewards, James Gidley T. The dinner was held at Bro. Walters' Farley Hotel. About forty were present. The health of Bro. Colonel Tanner Davy was received with enthusiasm. In reply, the R.W. Master expressed the pleasure he had always experienced in presiding over the large and important province of Devon, and his gratification that the Order was in a flourishing condition. Bro. Admiral Glasse responded for the P.G. Officers in his usual happy manner.

To the toast of Prosperity to the Fortitude Mark Lodge, No. 66, under whose banner the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held, Br. Chas. Godtschalk P.M. P.G.M.O. responded. As Past Master of the Lodge, for his colleagues and himself, he tendered his sincere thanks, adding the honour was to the Lodge, in its being in a position to entertain the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge. Alluding to the business that had taken place that day—he was fully convinced that the amendment proposed by him was for the future welfare of the Devon Educational Fund. He now acquiesced in the result, and with all his heart trusted it would benefit those interested.

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THE MISSION OF FREEMASONRY.

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THE mission of Freemasonry is so slightly understood by so many members of the Craft, that we venture, even by appearing presumptuous, to give our views relative to the same. It appears to us that there are thousands of young men, who really ally themselves with the Fraternity, not probably from mercenary motives, but still with very crude ideas of the actual practical mission of Freemasonry. Numbers we repeat have passed our portals, and are daily doing so, who fancy that the social characteristics of the Order are its chief ornaments, and that a parrot-like knowledge of ritual is the *acme* of Masonic skill. We propose to show that it is not, and that although our Society has spread its branches into every quarter of the habitable globe, still it has not by any means accomplished its true mission.

We take it for granted that Freemasonry is the offspring of those ancient mysteries that were objects of interest in the days of Plato and Socrates; we are inclined to believe that it is more immediately connected with those gangs of workmen, who year after year, and decade after decade, and century after century, toiled at those mighty castles and gigantic edifices that are to be found, in some instances, still standing in all their antiqu grandeur, and in others, still frowning down upon the visitor in huge masses of ruin throughout England and Continental Europe. We repeat, we believe we are the direct descendants of these men, but after our society was transformed in 1717 from a purely operative into a purely speculative institution then the true mission of the Fraternity commenced dimly to dawn upon minds of its members. At first, doubtless its convivial features were its chief attraction amongst a class of men who gloried in strong port and stronger brandy; but with the march of civilization and the gradual development of a purer atmosphere a change took place, and from a convivial club the Lodge became the home of those who sought to do their duty to God and man. Then the true mission of Freemasonry *commenced*, although even now it is barely understood and will doubtless not be thoroughly developed for many years to come—we fear not within the present century.

Our theory is that although our code of moral ethics is excellent, and our teachings as explained by our mystic symbolism as nearly perfect as any thing human can be, that still *we fail in our mission*, since we do not render practical that which we so glibly theorize upon in the Lodge-room. It is very easy to *talk* charity, especially when the phraseology is the same, night after night; but it is a very different thing to go forth and practise it. What a mummery a Lodge teaching the neophyte that charity is one of the principal objects of the Institution yet spending its funds in banquets *et hoc omne genus!* What a screaming farce it becomes when Grand Lodges give away about ten cents per head, more likely five, to impoverished widows and orphans of their deceased brethren, and pay away thousands of dollars for *per diem* expenses and Grand Officials' salaries! Still such is the case, and we defy any brother to deny it. The plain unvarnished fact stands forth that the Masonic mind of the day is carried away with the pomp and glitter of Knights Templarism, the gorgeous and imposing ceremonials of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and a general love and eager desire for degreeism. This we take it, is *not* the true mission of Freemasonry.

We have recently read, we will not say with disgust, but with a feeling closely akin to it, many of the addresses of Grand Masters, Grand High Priests, and Grand Commanders, all after very properly giving due thanks to the Great I Am for the blessings of the past year, branch off into platitudes as to the greatness and beauty of our Institution. All true enough, but, in the name of Freemasonry, is that the mission of the Craft? Our brethren point with proper pride to the thousands they sent to the South, when grim death stalked through her sunny fields, and robbed us of some of the best and noblest of the Sons of Light; they allude also to the Fires of Chicago and St. John. True, in these cases, and in hundreds of others, Freemasonry has amply fulfilled her mission; but we think her mission lies nearer home; of what class of men should the Fraternity be composed? Is the scoffer at religion a fit man to become a participant in our ceremonies? Is the profane and obscene libertine a proper person to enter our portals? Is the habitual drunkard such an one as the Sons of Light should associate with? In answer to all these questions—"No." Yet what is the true state of the case? In our very midst, we have many revilers at religion; profane and obscene libertines, and habitual drunkards—*before the mission of Freemasonry can be accomplished, these rotten limbs of the Giant Oak must be lopped unsparingly off*, then the glorious old tree having been properly pruned, will have a fresh lease of life and shoot forth branches green with the freshness of spring and the sweet-smelling flowers of May. The mission of Freemasonry, then, can only be accomplished by first driving from our midst those who are untrue to those principles which we inculcate, and once having accomplished that, we must set to work to guard our portals with a tenfold zealous care. We must not permit our Lodge-rooms to become mere convivial gatherings, or places for ritualistic dramas, but rather let them be the home of the Craftsman, where, after the due observance of our ancient ceremonies, we would have our brethren discuss not only the scientific and philosophic features of our Institution, but also the *practical work to be accomplished*. Hundreds of Lodges on this Continent do not give anything away in charity for months at a time, and there are few Lodges that give anything worthy of the name. We number about six hundred thousand affiliated members on this Continent; surely we could afford six hundred thousand dollars per annum in aid of our widows, our orphans, our sick and our dying. We receive hundreds of thousands of dollars per annum for degrees, could we not devote one-tenth, yea, one-fourth to worthy objects of charity? The writer in a fund of *two hundred thousand dollars* as a *nucleus* for and orphans of Templars, then the Soldiers of the Cross example to their Masonic brethren, which would do much the mission of Freemasonry.

But the mission of Freemasonry is not all dollars though we tell you, brethren, we want to see your purse with a more liberal hand. There are men now in our no State knows it better than Ohio, who are in the sear leaf of old age, and who have fought our battles well, permitted to sink to the grave in poverty and distr masonry, to perform her mission properly, should preven to return to the point: we repeat the mission of Freema all dollars and cents; we want more kindly deeds, mor actions, more brotherly love. We desire to see bre greater confidence in each other. We wish to see a hi tone inculcated, a greater reverence for the Deity exhib accomplish such we must practise the cardinal virtues, course of life prove to the world that the mission of Fre a living, practical thing, humanised by the efforts of man a by the breath of God.

We maintain, therefore, that to fulfil the Mission of F is to practise that we teach; to make our lessons practi emplify by our lives, our belief in the wisdom of the or of the Creator, the beauty of His holiness, and the stre majesty and glory, and in order to do that, we must those in distress by our gold and our silver, but we must houses, we must read to them, we must talk to them cheer and aid them by kindly advice. We must snatch ones from "the path that leadeth to destruction." We the drunkard by the hand, and save him, at every cost, a price; we must waylay the erring sister, and restore home, we must go forth to comfort and to save. We must world that the mission of Freemasonry is a great, a glor noble one, worthy the attention of all good and philanth who believe in the honour of man, the purity of woma goodness of God.

Old Warrants.

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No. 126.

No. 259, "Ancients;" No. 327 (at the Union) A.D. 181 from A.D. 1832, and No. 193 from A.D. 1863.

To all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful Brethren.

We, His Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter,

GRAND MASTER

Of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Accepted Masons of England,

Send Greeting.

Whereas, It appears by the Records of the Athol Gran old Institutions, that on the 15th day of February 1790, of Constitution was granted to certain brethren there authorising them to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Masons, at the Dolphin, Red Lion Street, Holborn, L which Lodge was then registered in the books of the Lodge as No. 259, and whereas by the Union of the two Gr on the 27th December 1813 the said Lodge became No. closing up of the numbers in the year 1832 it became N by the general alteration of the numbers in the year 1863 and is now registered in the Grand Books as No. 193, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, in the City of London, title of and denomination of

No. 193 The Lodge of Confidence.

And whereas the brethren composing the said L by their memorial represented to us that their Warrant ha cidentally destroyed by fire, and they have prayed us to gr Warrant of Confirmation. Now know ye, that we, being sati reasonableness of the said request, and from the confiden in the brethren, do hereby grant this our Warrant of C unto our right Trusty and Well-beloved brethren Thoma Biddle, Robert Foottit, Walter James, Henry James Lea King, Barrough D. Kershaw, Joseph Shackell, and the othe composing the said Lodge, authorising and empowering their Successors to continue to assemble and hold a Lod and Accepted Masons at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street on the Second Monday in the months of January, Februa April, May, October, November and December, or at suc to the brethren thereof may appear necessary, and to b by their Bye-laws in conformity with the General Laws of and then and there when duly congregated, to make, pass Freemasons according to the ancient custom of the Craft and nations throughout the known world. And furth Petition of the said Brethren, we do appoint the said Tho ford Biddle to be the Master, the said Robert Foottit Senior Warden, and the said Walter James to be the Junio for continuing to hold the said Lodge, until such time Master shall be regularly elected and installed, strictly that every Member who shall be elected to preside ove

require you the said Thomas Bradford Biddle to take special care that all and every the said brethren are or have been regularly made Masons, and that you and they and all other the members of the said Lodge do observe, perform and keep the laws, rules and orders contained in the Book of Constitutions, and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge, or transmitted by us or our successors Grand Masters, or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being. And we do enjoin you to make such Bye-laws for the government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the Members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft, a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such Bye-laws and Regulations, and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge, to be entered in a Book to be kept for that purpose. And you are in nowise to omit to send to us or our successors Grand Masters, or to our Deputy Grand Master for the time being, at least once in every year, a list of the Members of your Lodge, and the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein, and Brethren who shall have joined the same, with the fees and monies payable thereon. It being our will and intention that this our Warrant of Confirmation shall continue in force so long only as you shall conform to the laws and regulations of our Grand Lodge. And you the said Thomas Bradford Biddle are further required as soon as conveniently may be to send us an account in writing of what shall be done by virtue of these presents.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of Grand Lodge at London, this 24th day of February A.L. 5879, A.D. 1879.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,

SKELMERSDALE, D.G.M.

JOHN HERVEY, G.S.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Lodge of Confidence, No. 193, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE LEWIS CHAPTER, No. 1185.

THE meeting for Installation of Principals of this successful Chapter was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green. Considering that the numerical strength of this Chapter is not large, there was a fair attendance of Companions. The Chapter was opened in due form by the M.E.Z. Comp. A. Durrant, and after observance of preliminaries, Comp. E. Garrod *P.Z. 507* proceeded to instal the Principals for the ensuing twelve months:—Comp. G. Newman M.E.Z., J. W. Berrie H., and E. B. Grabham J.; Comp. H. Thompson was appointed S.N., G. J. Row P.Z. S.E., A. Durrant I.P.Z. Treasurer, Crowther P.S., Wm. Sayer 1st Assistant, Bone (who was unavoidably absent) named as 2nd Assistant, and T. C. Speight Janitor. After routine business, Chapter was closed, and the Companions partook of a capital banquet. There were several Visitors, among whom we may notice Comps. H. G. Buss P.G.S.B., C. R. Cutmore 766, H. Garrod P.Z. 507, W. Worrell P.Z. 766, W. W. Morgan 141, Seymour Smith 1269, F. G. Barns 766. After ample justice had been done the good things supplied by Bro. Greenslade, grace was sung, by Madame Worrell, Miss Marion Burton, and Companion Seymour Smith. Comp. Newman is well known to most of our readers, and on this occasion he presided with his wonted geniality. The toasts were introduced with a brevity that all agreed was commendable, as a capital programme was before the guests, and the well-known ability of those engaged rendered the wish that it should be carried out without curtailment very desirable. With the toast of the Pro G.Z., the Grand H., the Grand J., and the Officers of Grand Chapter, the president coupled the name of Comp. Buss, of whom he spoke in highly eulogistic terms. All present regretted to hear of the illness of Comp. John Hervey. Comp. Buss, in reply, said he felt deeply sensible of the honour always conferred upon the Grand Officers at these assemblies. For himself, he especially desired to thank the M.E.Z. and Companions. He trusted the present happy feeling that existed in the Chapter would continue. He referred to the great increase that was being made in the number of Lodges and Chapters. He urged all, as far as possible, to steer clear of the acerbities that arose more or less in all societies, and was much pleased to bear witness to the happy feeling that pervaded the Chapter. Bro. Buss then referred to the illness of Comp. Hervey, and thanked all for the kind sympathy they had expressed. The next toast Comp. Newman offered for the acceptance of those present was the health of the I.P.Z. Comp. A. Durrant, who he stated was exalted in the William Preston Chapter. He spoke of the energy displayed by Comp. Durrant in all matters pertaining both to Craft and Royal Arch Masonry; he was assured he had the best wishes of all assembled round that board, and trusted he might continue to hold the post of Treasurer to the Chapter for many years. Comp. Durrant, in replying, remarked he scarcely knew what he had done to merit the kind things that had been said of him. It was a well recognised fact that all who were appointed to office in the Lewis Chapter must be able competently to fulfil their duties, consequently all who aspired to office felt this an incentive to exert themselves. He had received much advice and instruction from Comp. Newman, and he was much indebted for the consideration the Companions one and all had shown him. He thanked them sincerely for the jewel they had presented him, and trusted his successor might receive the same consideration. After a song by Miss Burton, Comp. Durrant proposed the health of the M.E.Z. All knew the great services he had rendered to the Chapter—services to which its success was mainly due. Comp. Newman was a competent instructor, and had admirably carried out the duties he had undertaken. Comp. Newman briefly replied, assuring all no effort on his part should be wanting to promote their welfare and comfort. To the toast of the Visitors, which was next given, each of those present briefly replied, and then the M.E.Z. proposed the health of the H. and J. Comp. Berrie remarked it was the hope of reward that sweetened labour, and from the time of his entrance to the Lewis Lodge he had been amply rewarded, inasmuch as he had been placed in such a position as warranted the belief that he might, in course of time, attain the summit of his ambition. Comp. Grabham also acknowledged the compliment. The remaining toasts comprised the health of the Scribe E. and the Officers, and replies were made by Comps. Rowe, Thompson, Crowther, Sayer, &c. The summons was then given for the Janitor, who closed the proceedings. The singing of Madame Worrell and Miss Burton was greatly applauded, while the versatile Seymour Smith was as amusing as ever. The musical arrangements of the evening were conducted by Comp. Worrell, and gave unqualified satisfaction. We append the programme:—

National Anthem—"God Save the Queen," *Dr. John Bull.*
Song—"The worker," *Gounod*—Madame Worrell.
Musical Sketch—"The Brown's Dinner Party"—Comp. Seymour Smith.
Song—"The Better Land," *Cowen*—Miss Marion Burton.
Trio—"The Troubadour," *G. A. Macfarren*—Madame Worrell, Miss Burton and Comp. S. Smith.
Song—"The maiden's rose," *Hatton*—Madame Worrell.
Humorous Song—"Bill Craven"—Comp. Seymour Smith.
Song—"The old, old story," *Blumenthal*—Miss Marion Burton.
Duet—"Old love," *Marriott*—Madame Worrell and Miss Burton.

ASHLARS.

IN the vast quarries of Jerusalem situated near the Damascus gate—where the Masons of King Solomon wrought, and extracted the massive stones, some of them cyclopean in size, which went into the composition of the Temple and its surrounding walls, there still exist Ashlars beyond number. So every mountain and vale in the world, where the freestone lies, is rich in material that yields in the Craftsman's hands, finished forms of architectural beauty. Embellished in the solid mass, and hidden under the earth, it is often long undiscovered. When taken in its rude and natural state from the quarry, it is the Rough Ashlar, not yet having received the impress of man's genius—hewn, but as yet unmarked, unsquared, and unnumbered. The visitor to the Holy City may, to-day, see just such stones in the great Solomonic quarries, stones half-quarried, with the clippings around them—Rough Ashlars, not yet ready for the builder's use. Three thousand years have elapsed since the Masons of Jerusalem laboured there, as we learn from both the teachings of Masonic tradition and the facts of history. The Temple was completed, and no further Ashlars were needed, but all that were, had been wrought and prepared in those vast quarries before being brought to the Temple, so that the sound of axe, hammer or any tool of iron, was not heard among the workmen. The stones were all perfect Ashlars, ready to be adjusted in their places by the skill of the Fellow-crafts.

A perfect Ashlar is a part of the furniture of every Lodge. This Ashlar is a stone that will bear the test of the plumb, the level and the square, a typical stone, full of meaning to the Craftsman. Well did Shakespeare say, there are

> "Tongues in trees, books in the rambling brooks,
> *Sermons in stones*, and good in everything."

Neither is such a sermon a dry discourse; but rather a pithy, earnest and eloquent appeal, ringing, as the stone itself does under the hammer, and emitting the voice of truth—the truth of Freemasonry.

The word Ashlar is itself an ancient one, as ancient in our historical records as the word Freemasonry itself. The earliest present mention of it, in an authentic instrument, is in an Indenture, dated 1389, cited by Poole, in his Ecclesiastical Architecture of England. Ever since then, we know positively, and long before that, we know traditionally, the Craft has been familiar with the use and symbolism of the Ashlar.

An able and brilliant Mason, Bro. Giles F. Yates, once said: "Like the Christians, Freemasons are stones of darkness, dug out of the quarry of mankind, wrought and polished, compact among themselves, fitly joined together, without jar or division, upon the foundation of the Temple, in which they are built up as lively stones, a spiritual house, members of an invisible association, an invisible Lodge." This is suggestive truth. Freemasons are like Christians in that they are all *professors*; but whether they practise what they profess, their lives must demonstrate. Every Freemason is, or should be a learner. When he joins the Lodge, and for long afterward, he is, in truth, *in statu pupillari*. He has very much to learn.

He is a student of the *mystery* of Freemasonry. By too many Masons this mystery is never understood. They, individually, are always, in fact, Rough Ashlars. They are shells without a kernel; ships sailing through the world in ballast; dummies in the library, lettered without, but unlettered within; decoy ducks floating on the sea of life, wooden all through! Such men require to be shaped for the Great Builder's use, to be hewn, marked, squared and numbered, without which they will never find a place in the great Temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

What a shame it is for any Freemason to remain for ever a Rough Ashlar! Think of what he in essence is—the masterpiece of Creation, the image of the Great Architect of the Universe, and animated with His breath! For such an one to remain unpolished, undressed by the gavel, and rejected by the unanimous verdict of the plumb, the level and the square, is to be degraded to the level of material things, to be as a part of a mountain of the earth—buried underground, unquarried, or at best a rough and ragged Ashlar.

Keystone.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 16th AUGUST.

1634—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
R. A. 308.—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

MONDAY, 18th AUGUST.

174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
925—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.

TUESDAY, 19th AUGUST.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Batrersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 1305—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.

WEDNESDAY, 20th AUGUST.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw.
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Inst.)
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks.
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1534—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom.
R. A. 181—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.

THURSDAY, 21st AUGUST.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 8. (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Bursiem.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn.
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge.
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool.
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath.
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town.
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.

FRIDAY, 22nd AUGUST.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 8.0. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1303—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R. A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

SATURDAY, 23rd AUGUST.

Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—A Lodge of Emergency was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bros. M. Spiegel W.M., Hymans S.W., Campion J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec.; P.M.'s L. Alexander and S. Hickman; and Bros. Davis, J. C. Walters, Ribold, Van Volen, Brown, &c. The meeting had been convened for the purpose of sending a vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late respected Bro. L. M. Auerbaan Treas., who had been a member over thirty years. This proposal was unanimously adopted. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated.

St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211.—The members met at the George Tavern, Australian-avenue, Barbican, on Thursday evening. Bro. Withers presided; he was supported by Bros. Brasted and Young as Wardens. Bro. P.M. King was in his place as Preceptor; W. W. Morgan Secretary. After several matters in connection with Freemasonry had been discussed, some sections were worked. Satisfactory progress is reported as following the efforts of those brethren who have established the Charities Augmentation Society in connection with this Lodge of Instruction, which offers some special advantages, of which the Hon. Secretary will furnish particulars to any member of the Craft who may desire it. The members of this Lodge of Instruction request the attendance of brethren. The proceedings commence every Thursday evening at eight o'clock. Bro. F. Brasted will preside at the next meeting.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 7th August, at the Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham. Present—Bros. A. G. Fidler W.M., Harris S.W., Taverner J.W., Bradstock S.D., Noyes J.D., Thompson Preceptor, Tegg I.G., Garrod Sec.; also Bros. Robinson, Thorne, Jones, Bryant, Mattock, &c. The Lodge being opened in ancient form, the minutes read, and other preliminaries duly observed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bryant acting as candidate. The questions leading to the second degree were answered, and the Lodge was opened in that degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Noyes acting as candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Thompson, who rehearsed the ceremony of the third degree in admirable style. Bro. Fidler resumed the chair, and the Lodge was closed to the first degree. Bros. J. Robinson, W. Bradstock and J. Noyes, all of the King Harold Lodge, No. 1327, were elected members. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously recorded on the minutes to Bro. Fidler for the able manner in which he had conducted the business of the evening, it being the first time he had presided in any Lodge. Bro. Harris was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

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Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At the weekly meeting on Tuesday, at Bro. Smyth's, the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, Bros. Christian W.M., Forss S.W., Polak J.W., Weige S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Greenwood I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Carr, Brasted, Moss, Williams, C. Lorkin, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Brasted answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was advanced, and ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and after resuming its Masonic duties Bro. Moss worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was opened in the third degree and regularly closed to the first, when the W.M. worked the third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Forss W.M. was elected W.M. for next Tuesday evening.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 13th August, at the Red Lion, Poppin's' court, Fleet-street, E.C. Present—Bros. Abell W.M., Brown S.W., Hallam J.W., Long Preceptor, Tate S.D., Kearney I.G., Hyde, Parlett, Gladwell, and others. The Lodge was opened, and after the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Parlett offered himself as a candidate for the second degree. The examination being satisfactory, he was entrusted; the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M. The lecture of the degree having been worked in sections, the Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Brown S.W. elected W.M. for next meeting. Lodge was then closed.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1340.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning-town, Tuesday 12th August. Bros. W. J. Smith W.M., Barker S.W., Andrews J.W., Johnson S.D., Pavitt J.D., Glaspool I.G., Worsley Sec.; also Bros. Ellis 124, Ellis 860, Richardson, Norman, Spencer, Sadler, White, &c. The warm weather has now unquestionably set in, we are realising what summer means, and those who can any way manage it are betaking themselves to cool retreats and shady nooks; however the attendance here on Tuesday was well up to the average. The Lodge opened in due form with prayer, when the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Richardson answered the necessary questions, and the Lodge opened in the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Barker worked the first section of the lecture, Worsley the second, Andrews the third and fourth, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge then resumed to the first degree. Bro. Richardson of 47 was elected a member. Bro. Barker was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. It was unanimously resolved that this Lodge of Instruction hold a summer banquet, and that the following brethren constitute the committee for carrying out the arrangements:—Bros. Smith, Andrews, Musto, Barker, and Pavitt; they will meet on Tuesday next, at six p.m., to determine when and where the banquet shall take place.

Sackville Lodge, No. 1619.—An emergency meeting was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Crown Hotel, East Grinstead. Present—Bros. John G. Horsey W.M., S. Davison S.W., E. A. Head J.W., W. Hale P.M. Treas., C. Sawyer I.P.M. Sec., W. Rudge S.D., Jas. E. Woodbridge Steward, F. Sargeant Tyler, Past Masters Bros. Jno. Noke and W. H. Hook; Bros. Jas. Cooper, John Woodbridge, C. T. Young, E. Dickman, Wm. Pile, J. H. Heckford. Visitors—Bros. W. C. Banks W.M. 1223, Babington, Hopkinson, and G. Trench of the Faversham Lodge. Business—After preliminaries the auditors' report was received and approved. Bro. Wm. Pile was raised to the third degree. Ballot was taken for the following candidates for initiation:—Messrs. C. Fairbank, Geo. W. Holmes and Mark Ovenden, who were initiated. The brethren afterwards adjourned to a substantial repast, when the usual loyal and other toasts were given. The excellent working of the first and third degrees by Bro. John G. Horsey W.M., who did them for the first time, was highly spoken of by several of the P.M.'s and Visitors. P.M. Hale said that during a long Masonic career he had never heard better working; it was most gratifying to him to be present.

PORTSMOUTH MASONIC HALL AND CLUB.

IN our last week's issue appeared the first report of the directors of "The Borough of Portsmouth Freemasons' Hall and Club Company," of which the Mayor (W. D. King Esq.) is chairman, Mr. Councillor G. T. Cunningham vice-chairman, and Mr. E. S. Main Secretary. The shareholders held an extraordinary meeting at the offices of the Portsea Island Gas Company, Commercial-road, Landport, on Saturday morning, and after the business had been transacted an adjournment was made to the eligible site between the Gas Offices and the Theatre Royal, on which the Freemasons' Hall and Club is to be erected. The directors and a number of shareholders and other Freemasons, with several ladies, were present, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was represented by the Right Worshipful the Prov. G.M. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the V.W. Deputy Prov. G.M. Bro. W. Hickman, the Prov. G. Secretary Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, &c. The building will be in the plain Italian style of architecture, and the front, which will have a gable, with terra cotta terminals on either side, is to be constructed of red bricks, with Bath and Portland stone dressings with ornamental tile panels. On the upper floor there will be a bay window projecting on an ornamental corbel, and, in a circular panel immediately over the centre plate will be engraved a Masonic emblem. The building will have a frontage of 20ft., with a depth of 63ft., and its height to the extreme point of the gable will be 54ft. The ground floor is to be let off as offices, and the room on the first floor, 30ft. 6in. long by 18 feet wide, will be appropriated to the Chamber of Commerce; while the upper story will have a Masonic club-room of equal dimensions, together with an ante-room 22ft. by 14ft. At the rear of the building are the Roman Catholic schools, which, having been included in the purchase, will be converted into a banqueting room and a Lodge room, with the requisite ante-rooms. The foundation stone was of Portland stone, and bore the following inscription:—"This foundation stone was laid by his Worship the Mayor of Portsmouth (Mr. Alderman W. D. King, J.P.), Chairman of the Company, August 9, 1879. E. J. Smith, architect; W. D. Lewis, contractor." The trowel used for the occasion was of silver, elaborately chased, with an ornamental ivory handle, and had inscribed upon it, "Borough of Portsmouth Freemasons' Hall and Club Company. Presented to his Worship the Mayor (Mr. Alderman W. D. King, J.P.), on his laying the foundation stone of the Club House, Commercial-road. W. D. Lewis, contractor; Emanuel J. Smith, architect. August 9th, 1879." The trowel was supplied by Bro. Abrahams, silversmith and jeweller, of High-street. The Mayor, in declaring the stone well and truly laid, alluded with satisfaction to the presence of the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, and described the negociations which had led to the purchase of the site. A few energetic Masons had recognised the necessity of establishing what had long been wanted in the borough, a central meeting place for the purpose of carrying out the principles of Masonry. They at once set to work, and the brethren generally cordially co-operated with them, with the result that they would shortly have a decent building, in which pleasure and instruction might be advantageously blended. If they were assembled that day merely as speculative Masons, his position could have been more fitly occupied by Mr. Beach; but they were there as operative Masons, and he could not, therefore, refuse to take part in the erection of a building which would be a credit to the borough, and reflect honour upon its designer and the contractor. (Hear, hear.) From his knowledge of the directors he had very little doubt that a few months hence they would again meet to celebrate the opening of the club, and they would then readily accord to one and all who had been associated with the erection of the building that meed of praise to which they were fairly entitled. (Hear, hear.) It was in contemplation to open another Masonic Lodge, and those outside the Craft would be glad to learn that Masonry was fast spreading in the borough, so that its principles were taking a firm hold upon those who came together to help each other not only while they were in health but, what was far more material, when they were in sickness. He was much obliged to the R.W. Prov. G.M. for his presence, and hoped to have the pleasure of again seeing him at no distant day to celebrate the opening of that building and the consecration of an appropriate Lodge room.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE Prov. Grand Lodge was held at the Undercliff Assembly Rooms on Monday. The Right Worshipful Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, presided, supported by the Worshipful Bro. W. Hickman D.P.G.M., and the Provincial Grand Officers; and there was a very large attendance of brethren, the various Lodges being well represented. The usual routine business was transacted. The statement of the Provincial Grand Treasurer Bro. M. E. Frost showed a very satisfactory balance, and having been adopted, Bro. Frost was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the year ensuing. The committees for managing the funds of the Charities Committee having been selected, the Provincial Grand Master appointed his Officers for the year as follow:—

Bro. W. Hickman Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130, Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

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Bro. H. Threadingham, Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487, P.G. Superintendent of Works.

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Bro. James Johns, United Service Lodge, No. 1428, Portsmouth, P.G. Sword Bearer.

Bro. J. Friedeberg, Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342, Portsea, P.G. Pursuivant.

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Bros. J. C. Holliday, Unity Lodge, No. 132, R. B. Chiverton, Albany, No. 151, J. W. Willmott, Royal Sussex, No. 342, Josiah Clay, Havant, No. 804, and C. B. Whitcomb, Prince of Wales' Lodge, 1705, Gosport, P.G. Stewards.

Bros. J. Biggs 130 and J. Exall P.G. Tylers.

The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Literary Institute High-street, the P.G.M. presiding.

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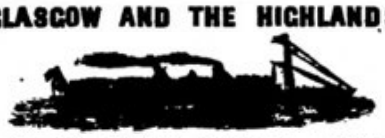

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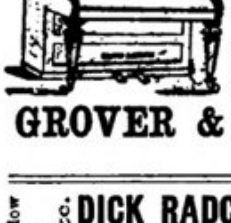

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GRAND LODGE OF IOWA.

THE Thirty-Sixth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Dubuque on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the 3rd, 4th, and 5th of June last, under the presidency of Bro. Jeremiah W. Wilson the M.W. Grand Master. Of the 394 Lodges working under this jurisdiction two hundred and eighty-two were represented during the session. The Grand Lodge was opened in the usual manner; Bro. Past G.M. Guibert extending on behalf of the Masons of Dubuque cordial greeting and welcome to the members of Grand Lodge. In doing so he reviewed *in extenso* the incidents of the sessions of 1841 and 1861, which were also held in Dubuque, and in an interesting and instructive historical sketch contrasted them with the present. He concluded by calling upon the brethren to reflect for a moment on what he deemed some momentous questions;—Whether the Masonic Craft is not governed too much by the supreme legislature; and whether it is not possible that Grand Lodges are slowly arrogating to themselves more power than the few ancient landmarks contemplated the subordinate Lodges should bestow on them. He also referred to the absence in their jurisdiction of an Orphans' Home, pointing out the remedy for this omission was a far higher and holier claim upon the Grand Lodge representatives than those involved in a scramble for Grand Lodge Offices, the prompt collection of mileage dues, or long-drawn out debates upon technicalities. The Grand Master having tendered thanks for the reception that had been accorded the members of Grand Lodge, proceeded to open Grand Lodge in ample form. After some routine business had been transacted, the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence on a question as to whether a Grand Lodge Officer forfeited his title if he ceased to be a member of any Lodge in the jurisdiction was presented. The Committee consider that if a brother remains non-affiliated, or places his membership in another jurisdiction, his title is forfeited. The Grand Master then read the address he had prepared on the general condition of Freemasonry in the district under his rule, and of such matters abroad as he deemed would be of interest to Iowa Masons. In the course of this address the Grand Master referred to various ceremonies which had been performed by the brethren during the past twelve months—among others, the dedication of a Masonic Hall for Antiquity Lodge at Moravia, and the laying of the foundation stone of a public school-house at Wapello. Numerous applications for dispensations to confer degrees at irregular times had reached the Grand Master, but adhering to the rule of his predecessors, he had granted the permission in very few instances, usually deeming the reasons given for such irregularities insufficient. One point of this subject, we think, might with great benefit be generally adopted by the English Craft. The G.M. stated that "in *no* case had he given permission for a candidate to be advanced until he was thoroughly posted in the lectures in the preceding degrees, and had passed an examination in open Lodge." This is a rule we are taught to believe applies equally in England as in America, but how often do we find this rule is disregarded in English Lodges?

The various accounts of the Grand Lodge for the year were then presented and referred to the Committee on Finance. From these accounts we learn that the sum of dols. 1,300 had been spent, and dols. 1,278·72 remained in hand in connection with the Yellow Fever Fund, the balance being the amount unappropriated at the time the Grand Master was informed that no further funds were necessary to alleviate the sufferings caused by this awful scourge. The "dues" received for the year 1877-8 amounted to dols. 10,056·25, which with a balance of dols. 3,942·45, and sundry receipts made a total of dols. 14,949·78. Of which sum all but dols. 4,147·78 had been disbursed in liquidating the necessary expenses of Grand Lodge. The Bond account showed in favour of Grand Lodge to the extent of dols. 20,286·86, and there is a balance of the Charity Fund of dols. 259·50.

The report of the Grand Secretary was the next item presented for the attention of the brethren. This report of our energetic Brother T. S. Parvin appears to contain a reference to every item of interest that has come officially under his notice during the year. It begins by a reference to the publication of the "Proceedings of 1878," which Bro. Parvin states has been universally commended, both as a literary work and a worthy exponent of printing skill. The fact of the cost being greater than was the case in other States he attributes to the much larger extent of the information that was given by the Iowa brethren, as compared with that of their neighbours. We regret that Brother Parvin should deem it necessary at the end of his report to say a few words in his own defence. We know of no Grand Secretary who more conscientiously and zealously carries out his work, and can quite agree with him in classing his detractors as prejudiced or misinformed. We feel assured that the majority of the brethren of the State of Iowa will show by their conduct to him that they are satisfied at the way in which he has performed his duties during the past thirty-four years, and we hope that in the future he will not have occasion to insert personal explanations, which however undesirable, at times are none the less necessary.

The report of Bro. Parvin, as Librarian, follows. In this the writer refers to his first report, issued one-third of a century since, and mentions the many warm encouragements and true friendships which have cheered him on his way since that time; he also states that many discouragements have beset his path, and remarks that he has sometimes felt as though love's labour would be lost. Still he has persevered, and we hope will continue to do so for many years to come. He details the various editions of the catalogue that have been issued under his rule, and considers that they ought to satisfy the most sceptical that the Grand Lodge of Iowa had not laboured in vain nor spent its money for nought.

The Grand Master having proceeded to the appointment of several standing Committees, as also Bro. C. E. Walker as Grand Marshal pro tem, the introductory report on Finance was submitted. The brethren appointed on this Committee report favourably of the various offices of Grand Lodge, which it was their duty to visit, expressing their satisfaction at the way the work connected with the position of Grand Secretary was carried out; they were pleased to bear testimony to the zeal and efficiency of one of the hardest worked and most faithful of the Grand Lodge officials. They suggested various measures which they hoped would tend to reduce the cost of the issuing of the "Proceedings of Grand Lodge," and referred to the amount paid as mileage allowance, an amount they considered in advance of what should be spent. They also drew attention to the amount voted each year to the Grand Master as recompense for his services. They considered that the honour of the position should be con-

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sidered full compensation for the labours performed, more especially as Iowa was the only Grand Lodge in America which spent its funds for this purpose.

At the afternoon session the Committees appointed to consider the reports of the Grand Officers already referred to brought forward their recommendations, which were in most cases agreed to.

The first part of the proceedings of the second day's meeting was principally routine, comprising among other matters the report of the Committee on chartered Lodges. It was decided by the vote of Grand Lodge that the next session should be held at Des Moines on the first Tuesday in June 1880. The thanks of Grand Lodge was voted to the entertaining brethen and also to the various railroad companies who had made reductions to members proceeding to the Grand Lodge meeting. The election of Officers was then proceeded with, and on the roll of Lodges being called it was announced that Bro. Albert Cutler Abbott, of Marshalltown, was elected as Grand Master. The ensuing day the elections were proceeded with, the following being the result:—Crom. Bowen Senior Grand Warden, Noah Gillett Brown Junior Grand Warden, Lucien Caleb Blanchard G. Treas., Theodore S. Parvin G. Sec. The report of the Jurisprudence Committee was then laid before Grand Lodge, after which P.G. Master H. W. Rothert was re-elected to the position of Custodian for a further term of six years. The Grand Master having appointed the remaining Officers of Grand Lodge, the brethren were called from labour. On the resumption of business, the installation of Grand Officers was proceeded with; the brethren then marched in procession to the Methodist Episcopal Church. The escort was provided by Siloam Commandery of Knights Templar. Various resolutions of thanks having been passed, the Grand Master proceeded to close the Lodge in ample form, thus bringing to a conclusion the Thirty-sixth Annual Communication, "long to be remembered as one of the most pleasant and happy gatherings of the fraternity."

OUR SCHOLARS IN AFTER LIFE.

THE preliminary prospectus of "The Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund," which we published in our last issue, will have given our readers some idea of the fund it is proposed shall be started to render assistance to those of the pupils of our Masonic Schools who may deserve it. As Brother Dick Radclyffe has pointed out, it would appear presumptuous on the part of the few who are taking an active part in its establishment if they laid down any hard and fast lines as to the course to be adopted in distributing the benefits that may accrue. It is necessary before any rules can be framed, that a meeting, or it may be several meetings, of brethren interested in the proposed scheme should be held, and matters of detail left to them to decide. Up to the present time we understand that material progress has been made, the brethren, wherever an opinion is asked, giving their approval and expressing their appreciation of the idea; but it must be borne in mind, that unless the question be taken up energetically, the Fund will stand but a poor chance of success; we therefore urge upon brethren who are willing to take an interest in the undertaking to send in their names, even if they do not contribute to the Fund. Before any attempt can be made to start active measures it is necessary a large body of workers should be secured; brethren must be willing to bring the matter before their Lodges, not only once or twice, but until some opinion has been expressed by the majority of the members; we have very little fear what that opinion will be; every one we have spoken with on the project expresses the greatest approval. In order to make the Fund an established fact, and a lasting success, we feel sure publicity is the only element required, and as each of our readers can assist in this respect we fraternally invite them to co-operate with us in completing another link in the chain of Masonic benevolence.

It has been proposed to hold a Bazaar next summer, in aid of the funds of this scheme, and already influential assistance has been promised; this is a matter in which we can all lend a hand, by making contributions of articles for sale thereat, and by inducing our "sisters" to work. We are sure the ladies will aid in so good a cause, and perhaps thereby they may earn the lasting thanks of one or other of the poor orphans the projectors may be enabled to take under their care.

We hope in the course of a month or so to be able to publish a satisfactory report of the real establishment of the fund, and that on many future occasions we may have opportunities of pointing to the good work accomplished. Any information may be obtained of either of the Secretaries, Bro. Dick Radclyffe, 129 High Holborn, London, W.C.; or W. W. Morgan jun., FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE Office, 67 Barbican, London, E.C.

As we go to press, we are gratified to receive intimation that the Deputy Grand Master of England, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, has expressed his approval of the scheme, and has promised his support to the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund.

THE DEGREE OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR PRIEST.

From the Canadian Craftsman, 15th March 1878.

BY COL. MACLEOD MOORE, GREAT PRIOR OF CANADA.

MY attention having been directed to extracts in the February number of the *Craftsman*, taken from Masonic publications in the United States, in which my name has been quoted as an authority for the legitimacy of the degree of Knights Templar Priest, I beg to offer a few remarks to correct some erroneous impressions which appear to exist about the degree. In the first place, it is a great mistake to suppose, as stated, that the Templar Priest candidate "is fully instructed in the method of induction into the Templar Order, and the peculiar method of examination," as practised in the British dominions. I much fear that applicants who seek to be admitted with this object, will be greatly disappointed.

The degree is obsolete in England and Ireland, but was at one time well known in both countries, particularly in Lancashire, where it was long worked by Templar Conclaves in conjunction with the "Rose Croix," until the surrender of the latter to the A. & A. S. Rite, and the re-organisation of the Templar Order; but although not now recognised it is still practised in some of the older bodies, and continues to be attached to that of the Scottish Order of the Temple.

The degree is of a highly religious and Christian character, and the ritual most serious and impressive, having several points in common with that of the Knights of the East and West, which precedes the Rose Croix, or 18° of the A. & A. S. Rite, and also with the Priestly Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, as revised a few years back in England.

It usually followed the Templar ceremony without any intermediate degree, and was formerly considered the *ne plus ultra* of Masonry in the Templar Order. The object of the degree is, however, not obvious, nor by whom or when it was invented, but old certificates date its origin from what is called the year of revival, A.D. 1686, when it is said to have been instituted as a Protestant degree of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, to be used as a *test* among the knights who had embraced the reformed faith, as, at that period, James II. of England having contemplated the revival of the English Langue of St. John, in his dominions, had procured (A.D. 1687) the nomination of his natural son, Henry Fitz-James, by Bull of the Grand Master of Malta, to be Grand Prior of the English section of the Order. But this account of the degree is evidently but a surmise of the Masonic writers of the last century, who, confusing the Order of St. John with that of the Templars, invented and gave circulation to the most fanciful and erroneous theories in connection with the old Orders of Knighthood. Some supposed it was a degree given to Commanders, or to the Priests or Chaplains of the Order only, the Templar reception being usually considered as a military ceremony, and this degree the religious portion of it; but if the chaplains only received it they must have gone through the military part first, as it is a mere appendix to it. Other writers say that the knights of the old Order, being first admitted as soldiers, were, when they had served with honour, *consecrated*, and hence this portion of the ceremony, in modern times, has been presided over by a High Priest or Prelate of the Masonic Templar Order. This, perhaps, was the original view taken when forming this degree, known as the Most Holy Order of Knights Templar Priest, Holy Wisdon, or Knights of the Tabernacle.

The place of meeting was called a Tabernacle, and the members a Band, recipients of the degree in the absence of the Knight Templar Commander [Preceptor] filled the chair in preference to any other knight. The office-bearers are called Pillars, and a name is given to each of the seven principal officers, the certificates bore the names of these Pillars in a gradation in the form of seven steps, to which the seal was attached on green and white ribbon (Psalm lii. 9). The jewel of the Order is a silver star of seven points; in the centre, a cross and serpent twined round it, and pendant from the star, a silver Latin cross with serpent, the latter being considered a symbol of priesthood in the ancient mysteries.

Some little difference existed in the working of the degree in Scotland and Ireland from that of England, but of no particular moment. The presiding officer of a Scottish Tabernacle wears, suspended from his collar, a triangular jewel of silver, about three inches on each side, on which is engraved certain letters, their import every companion is required to know, as they may be said to form the *test* word.

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I can speak thus confidently of the degree, being in possession of the Scottish ritual for many years, as also that of the one used in the oldest Tabernacle in England, attached to the Jerusalem Conclave, No. 9, of Knights Templar, Manchester, one of the very few now remaining, and whose bye-laws were drawn up at its revival in 1813, with the names of all admitted from time to time appended to them, these rules, which are termed secret, are very stringent, and were only to be read in *full* to Templars seeking admission. The duties inculcated being most solemn and binding on the members, are not to be lightly undertaken. An instructive little work on the Orders of the Temple and St. John, &c., published by Bro. John Yarker, of Manchester, in 1869, gives an interesting account of this degree in connection with the Templar Order, and can be read with advantage.

It only remains to say that the high moral and religious teachings of the ritual recommend its not being allowed to drop altogether into oblivion, but as an appendage to the ceremonies and history of the Templar Order, it has but little value, and was wisely discontinued. Rituals stamp the character of degrees; therefore, the more simple they are, and more direct the reference to the history of the degree, the more likely they are to impress the candidate.

ANNUAL DUES.

From the Masonic Newspaper.

THE system of annual dues is, we believe, one of the most pernicious that was ever introduced into the Fraternity. Annual dues are the recruiting sergeants of the army of the Unaffiliated. It is very fine to say that every brother can afford to pay his annual dues, and that if not all he has to do is to state his circumstances to the Lodge and the members will at once remit them? Now, practice is better than theory. We once knew *a brother suspended for non payment of dues the very evening he applied for assistance, being at the time very ill and unable to work*, and some brethren who read this article will remember the incident. But it is not the annual dues of the Lodge *alone* that are so troublesome to meet; there are other Masonic bodies besides the Lodge, and the poor man has an equal right with the rich to seek more light in the so-called higher bodies, if his inclinations lead him in that direction.

Are the poorer brethren to be excluded from a knowledge of the work of the Chapter, Council, Asylum, and Consistory, because they cannot afford to pay ten or twenty dollars per annum? The system is wrong. If there is anything beneficial, useful or beautiful in these *Hautes Grades*, why not give them to every brother that desires to obtain more light from them. Freemasonry was never intended for the rich man alone, and yet by this system of annual dues the poorer brother is literally excluded from his rights. The Dives, who cares naught for the Craft except the regalia and title, can flaunt "Sir Knight" before his name, and place that wondrous number, that seems the *acme* of ambition to many, 32°, after his name, while the earnest, eager, plodding Lazarus, who delves deep and long in the quarries, finds he must remain there, because, although he might scrape together money enough to pay his fees for the degrees, he cannot afford an annual tax of some fifteen or twenty dollars in order to keep up his position in the Craft.

We don't care how high in reason the fees *for degrees* may be placed, but once having paid them, let that be an end of it; then a brother can feel free, but so long as he dreads an annual tax, it is a dread and a drawback. Times may become hard, he may lose his situation, there may be sickness and death in his family, and the annual dues that at the time of joining were a mere *bagatelle*, are now an important item of expenditure. He cannot meet them, and then he is summoned to show cause why he should not be suspended *for non-payment of dues*. Perchance he has been a regular attendant for years, an officer high in the esteem of the Craft, yet *because he is financially embarrassed* his brethren (?) disgrace him, and bring obloquy upon his family by suspending him for non-payment of dues, and his Grand Lodge blackens its banners by publishing his name to the profane as a suspended Mason. *This is not the Masonry of our forefathers, when the youngest Entered Apprentice had a voice and voted in the annual assemblages of the Craft.*

Fancy suspending a brother from his rights and titles, and privileges of the Craft, *because he is poor*, and this is really the reason. But to add iniquity to the injustice of the proceeding, his Lodge dues go on and accumulate during the period of said suspension the same as if he were still participating in all the pleasures and privileges of the Fraternity. Is this honourable, just, or right? Is it the Freemasonry that our fathers practised in those good old days when works and deeds formed the daily labour of the Order instead of ritual and regalia?

Our theory is that the fees for joining any Masonic body should be large enough to permit that body to put on one side a certain amount for the legitimate expenses of the Lodge, and a larger proportion for a fund to be permanently invested for the benefit of those in distressed circumstances, the sick, the dying, the widow and the orphan. There is no reason why this cannot be done. A man then knows the cost before joining, and he would know that once having received the degrees of any particular Masonic body, he would not be deprived of the privileges pertaining to them should he at any future period find his circumstances in life unfortunately changed for the worse.

We are amongst those, therefore, who believe that the interests of Freemasonry would be advanced by raising the fees of initiation into the Lodge and Membership of the higher bodies, and do away *in toto* with annual dues. Many a brother cannot afford to pay *annually* six dollars for his Lodge, four for his Chapter, three for his Council, five for his Commandery, and perhaps ten for other Masonic bodies. Such an amount becomes a heavy tax upon the purse-strings of many an earnest worker, and at last, finding himself unable to keep them up, he is forced, when perhaps his presence is most required in the Craft, to withdraw entirely or rob the home and children of the actual necessaries of life. This is not as it should be, and can only be remedied by the total abolition of the system of annual dues.

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at the Freemasons' Hall, when there were present—Bros. J. M. Clabon President, Joshua Nunn Senior Vice-President, James Brett Junior Vice-President, H. G. Buss Assistant G. Secretary, W. Dodd, Neville Green, J. M. Case P.G.D., Erasmus Wilson P.G.D., C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., J. B. Shackleton, W. Stephens, G. P. Britten, Charles Daisy, H. Garrod, H. Massey, Charles Atkins, Herbert Dicketts, W. Hilton, W. Hill Evans, M.D., A. Lamarque, R. E. K. Wilkinson, T. F. Knight Smith, J. H. Matthew, Alfred Withers, Joshua Holden, W. Brody Date, John Lee, George B. Brodie, J. G. Robinson, W. Foulsham, Henry Speedy, Wm. Hope, M.D., Deputy Master No. 2, E. Farwig, J. I. Cantle, Thomas W. Bond, George S. Elliott, A. Timothy, G. F. Siege, E. Squirrell, W. W. Gray, Robert Harmon, D. W. Belfrage, and S. G. Coope. The brethren first confirmed grants of £410 recommended by last Lodge, and afterwards granted £425 to new cases. There were eighteen of these on the list. Five were dismissed, and two were deferred. Two grants were made of £100 each, three of £40 each, and two of £5 each. There were also granted one of £30, one £20, one £15, and one £10.

The annual gatherings of the various Provincial Grand Lodges frequently tend to produce great Masonic activity in the towns where such take place, and undoubtedly serve to create an interest in the Craft which would not otherwise be aroused. The townsmen who are thus honoured naturally strive to make their hospitality worthy of their guests, and in no few instances to shew by their after actions that what they undertook when they engaged to entertain their rulers was but a fair index of their general zeal. The City of Canterbury bids fair to illustrate this. Freemasonry in that ancient city has progressed most favourably of late; since the visit of P.G. Lodge in 1878 the members of the various Lodges and other Masonic bodies held there have striven to show they are really in earnest. A special building has been secured for the meetings, and other improvements are either in contemplation or in course of completion. We learn that one of its Lodges at its next meeting, has it in contemplation to vote a considerable amount in charity. Besides the Institutions connected with our Order,—which will come in for a large share of the amount,—the claims of local institutions will not be forgotten. We trust our Canterbury brethren will be enabled on this, and future occasions, to prove the reputation of Freemasonry in their city is left in the charge of good and worthy brethren.

There is an anthem of fraternal feeling whose grand and heavenly notes have been pealing since the day King Solomon arranged its matchless harmony. Thousands and tens of thousands, who are making their solemn march toward the boundary of time, *know the music*, and unite in accord with it. They seize the echo as it rolls back to them from the millions who have gone beyond our straining sight into the shadows of the unknown world. They teach the key-note and the pitch to those who are to follow them, and thus friendship's music is never silent, its secrets never lost; the air will never cease to vibrate with it, until time shall be no longer. Many of those who claim to be Masons may have never learned the *pitch* of Masons' music. They may get skill to handle the instruments, they may give utterance to some kind of a tune, but the true "Key-note of King Solomon," they receive not. And why? Because there never was a taste for such harmony in their souls. There never was a capacity to appreciate such refined ideas. Their ears had become blunted to the sounds of such celestial notes, and were only delighted by the rude imitations which men without Wisdom, Strength and Beauty, have given forth to the world as fraternal music.

The Master of the Lodge is under more peculiar obligations to show respect and reverence to the Holy Scriptures than a private member. You will discover the reason for this by reading the solemn injunction made you at your Installation. It is with this as with the Junior Warden's Charge concerning temperance: *he* must practise temperance even more sedulously than private members, because he has accepted the office under those pledges. You (the Master) accepted Installation under all the declarations of the Monitor, and one of these is extremely forcible concerning faith in the Holy Scriptures.—*Rob Morris.*

The Perfect Ashlar is a symbol of perfection—the quest of the ages—that perfection which man through all time; and in eternity too, will doubtless seek, and at last attain. Here nothing is perfect. Every year there is, in nature, a killing frost. Man himself at last succumbs to the frost of age, if he has not previously fallen before the frost of disease. In Summer there is sickening heat, in Winter there is hail; in youth there is disappointment, in age death. All things return to the quarry of earth—"earth to earth, dust to dust, ashes to ashes." The truly Perfect Ashlar will only be found in the great hereafter, in the Temple above. But here we may find Ashlars at least *quasi*-perfect. There may be upon them the marks of the Craftsman's tools. They may be found *numbered* among the brethren, *squaring* their actions by the Square of virtue, walking uprightly before the All seeing Eye, and their Brother Masons, as admonished by the *Plumb*, and ever bearing in memory the lesson of the *Level*, as they hasten over the rugged road of time toward the undiscovered realm of eternity.—*Keystone.*

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A PEEP AT A LOCAL "CURIOSITY SHOP."

By a Peripatetic Brother.

THE devotion of a whole lifetime to the collection and arrangement of objects of art and historical curiosities may be regarded as a dry and aimless pastime by those who have failed to acquire æsthetic tastes; but to the cultured few such efforts are suggestive of the highest possible admiration. For my part, I must own to the possession of but few of the attributes of the *connoisseur*, and have always regarded collectors of every variety as a species of Dryasdust, with no generous blood in their veins, and therefore a set of old fogies to be avoided. As a rule collectors are a bore. Rate-collectors are seldom received with a grin of welcome satisfaction. There are butterfly collectors, coin collectors, picture collectors, and no end of these "snappers-up of ill-considered trifles," each having a peculiar sphere, and each redolent of a peculiar and distinct odour of mustiness. The poor old naturalist famed in the Ingoldsby Legends was of little practical use or ornament until he fell to (or rather fell in) catching eels, and that occupation did not last him long. The geologist who starts off with his bag and hammer is a morose and reticent fellow, except when you get him astride his favourite theme; and so is the amateur astronomer, who spends his nights star-gazing. Every man, I suppose, has a hobby; and provided that hobby is not ridden to death, or is made irksome to others, very often an advantage arises not merely to the individual immediately interested, but to a wide circle around him of those who are imbued with kindred tastes and ideas.

Now, having given it as my experience that collectors, as a rule, are as crusty and capricious as possible upon all questions not bearing directly on the subject upon which they have grown insane, let me introduce you to one of a totally different stamp—a rare old specimen of English geniality, good humour, and intelligence. How I came across him was in this wise. During the recent barge sailing match from Erith to the Nore, I noticed upon the bridge of our committee steamer, a ruddy-faced, bustling little man, who appeared to me to be doing the work of commodore, secretary, and treasurer, all rolled into one; he was here, there, and everywhere, giving directions, and seeing that everybody was jolly and comfortable, and everybody seemed to appeal to him on every conceivable matter connected with the trip. I dubbed him at once an old Navy man, or a sea-captain who had "weathered many a storm;" and a hearty old soul I thought him, who at the age of seventy-four could trip up and down the saloon stairs as lightly as a boarding-school miss, or laugh as lustily as any of his "fellow seamen" upon the bridge. A chat with this, to my mind, Harry Bluff certainly did not prepossess me with any idea that he was a member of the Dryasdust Order, in the category of which I had been accustomed to enumerate "collectors" of every species before mentioned. My surprise, therefore, was great, when on accepting the invitation of Mr. W. W. Massingham, to smoke a quiet cigar with him at Caroline Villa, Granville Park, Lewisham, I found my sailor friend, who had been as handy at a coil of rope as at the binnacle, surrounded by a perfect museum of exquisite *morceaux*, in the accumulation of which he had spent more than half a century of his life. Where the dickens my friend *lived* is a puzzle, now I come to think of it, for the entire house, from basement to roof, was literally crammed with pictures, *bijouterie*, old china, historical and theatrical curiosities, articles of *vertu*, and a thousand and one other objects of interest, all of which he had industriously collected and ingeniously displayed in the various apartments into which Caroline Villa is divided.

It would occupy more space than you could afford to allude in detail to the many objects, possessing such a history of its own, which are stored away in Mr. Massingham's *bijou* museum. But in sauntering through the different departments, I may mention a few, for the information and interest of *connoisseurs* in such matters. In a cabinet filled with rare and curious old china, was the identical ring presented by Lord Nelson to Lady Hamilton, the miniature portrait on which is in a fine state of preservation, and is set round with pearls. This souvenir of the hero of Trafalgar is highly prized by its owner, as it should be. In this cabinet also were four quaint old butter boats, in the shape of ducks, together with a host of curious little knick-knacks; whilst a similar cabinet on the opposite side contained a complete tea and coffee set in real Chinese porcelain, together with other specimens of china which might well excite the envy of any collector in that particular line. This room is hung around with engravings of great antiquity, and possessing many quaint features of which I have not time to speak in this letter. Passing into an adjoining room, my host, whom I may call Curator, in order to avoid repetition, pointed out a valuable interior by Jan Steen, companion to one sold by Christie in 1872 for the almost fabulous sum of £1071. This picture measures 11½ inches by 10½ inches, and the subject is an old woman picking a man's pocket whilst he is helplessly intoxicated. The other, it will be recollected, which fetched so high a price, is of the same size, and represented a party of courtesans stealing a watch from a youth whilst asleep. It would appear to me that if these two rare works could be brought together, they would be an inseparable pair. Close by this was a splendid painting of Mrs. Siddons, in the character of *Calista*, in the tragedy of the "Fair Penitent," and above this is a grand profile of the poet Pope. I also saw a fine sketch by Reubens for his grand painting of the "Brazen Serpent"—this was purchased at Lord Osborne's sale at Antigua House, St. John's Wood, some time ago, and is vouched for as genuine. Near this is a perfect little gem, by Newton, representing a "Maid of Damascus being taught Christianity," faced by the famous picture of "The Smoker," by Teniers. In this group also I noticed a fine old painting of Borgia, Pope Alexander VI., painted by Raffaelle, about 1492; near which was a good painting on copper, by Rottenhammer, representing a monk at his devotions. Drummond's effective painting of "Don Juan and Haïdee, surprised by her father," forms a companion object in this collection, as also does a large picture by Guido, "The Suicide of Lucretia," "Tempting Moments," representing a cluster of schoolboys pilfering from the sleepy old appleswoman's stall, is one of Collins's well-known efforts; and here, too, are Albano's "Four Elements," painted in masterly style. A couple of G. Hendrick's river scenes, with the fishing-smacks lying lazily at their moorings, and bathed in all the rich hues of a summer sunset, are hung over Mulready's celebrated painting of "The last in," the authenticity of which, though vaguely doubted, is nevertheless unhesitatingly challenged by its owner. Then there is a very old view of Dover, by Powell, the noted marine painter, showing the old jetty, the castle, and the East Cliff, splendidly executed on panel; a beautiful umbrageous landscape by J. McIntyre; a fine head by Pombo, a disciple of Georgione, whose style of colouring he carefully studied, and imitated with the greatest success. No master of his time (about 1500) displayed greater excellence in this style of the art. Here also is a choice painting, representing the old Dutch schoolmaster dealing with a refractory pupil, the painter of which is unknown; a *récherché* little piece pourtraying Cattermole in the Fleet Prison, painted by himself; several paintings by Armfield; a large one by old Brueghalt, representing a Village Festival, on panel; and several landscapes and river scenes in water-colours by John Varley. Disposed about the room in every niche and corner are valuable specimens of antique china, including massive Dresden pieces, representing Neptune drawn by his sea-horses, and attended by a tribe of mermaids and his queen, drawn by dolphins, and surrounded by her attendants. Knicknacks of every species of curiosity are crammed into the apartment, making up, as I have said, a museum, the study of which would occupy more time than is at the disposal of a casual visitor. Amongst the many other paintings, however, I should not omit to call attention to a portrait of the late "Iron Duke," painted by Count D'Orsay; the "Miser and his Daughter," by Miéris; a portrait of Titian, in water colour; a moonlit river scene by P. Pether; and a grand painting of St. Peters, at Rome, showing the castle of St. Angelo and the bridge spanning the Tiber, which many visitors to the Crystal Palace would detect as having seen in the picture gallery there a little time ago.

Following my friend to the "upper regions" of his domain, I was shown a fine old river scene, by C. Moreland, which is hung near to "The Farrier," by the same celebrated artist,—a very grand pair of large paintings, which were formerly hung in Greenwich Hospital; a grand landscape, by Hobbema, setting forth the dense labyrinths of a forest, with the river meandering through it. A couple of well-executed paintings, by Course, representing Falstaff bragging of his fight with the men in buckram, and Sir John vindicating Bardolf's nose. Near this is one of Nieman's winter scenes—Colliers off Northfleet; some exquisite enamels, by Tideman; old views of Greenwich and Chelsea Hospitals, by Samuel Scott,—the antiquity of which is indicated by the character of the shipping on the river; together with a host of smaller paintings, all of which possess features of great interest and attraction to the *connoisseur*. In an adjoining room, also literally packed with works of art, is a large painting, by Quintin Matsys, more than three hundred years old, which, though rather painful in its subject, is treated in masterly style, and the picture is reputed to be of great value. A choice painting, by Renbens, "Susannah and the Elders," also finds a place here; as also does a magnificent painting of Our Saviour in the Agony of the Cross. Amongst the gems of this department I was shown a unique painting on ivory of Jupiter and Antispa; and another recumbent figure, by David; some curious old paintings on slate; a horse-racing sketch in the early reign of George III.; a beautiful allegorical painting of "Tragedy and Comedy," by Loutherbourg, dated 1805; a portrait, by Drummond, of Mr. Moody in the character of Jobson, in the farce of "The Devil to Pay," played at the King's Theatre, Haymarket, 1793; a large painting of "The Storm in Harvest," by Westall; landscape by C. Morland; "Relieving the Poor," by Wheatley; a rough sea scene, by Musin; and a large sketch of the offing outside Ostend harbour, with shipping making for the haven before a portending squall. There is also an original painting, by Snyder, "The Fish Market," engravings from which may be familiar to your readers; a sea scene, by Taylor; a moonlight sketch, painted in the last century, by J. W. Smith; one or two suggestive paintings, by W. Etty; "King Solomon's Judgment," by Reubens; and very many others.

I have only time to glance cursorily at the many objects of interest which, if described in detail, would occupy a huge volume, but may incidentally mention that among the curiosities may be found several boxes made from the timbers of the Old Victory and the Royal George; the infant's cap, shoes, and shirt worn by the Prince of Wales; a slice of the Princess Royal's wedding cake; bread and potato taken from the Queen's table; the stage jewels worn by Mrs. Siddons, the actress; several nuggets of Australian gold; a profuse variety of shells, classified; George III.'s Prayer-book, presented to Mr. Massingham's father, in 1789; almanacs, dated 1750-1, from George III.'s library; a lock of Edmund Kean's hair; model of the old Lyceum Theatre, burnt in Feb. 1830; curious old antique jewels; Indian silks and filagree; medallions of the English and French kings; Garrick's sword, used by the celebrated actor in his last performance in the character of *Don Felix* in "The Wonder," at Drury Lane, and presented by him to Tom King, who played the part of *Lissardo* on that occasion; autograph letters from kings, statesmen, and authors of celebrity; and a host of models, relics, and curiosities, as the auctioneers would say, "too numerous to mention."

I hesitate to speak of Mr. Massingham's collection of theatrical relics and mementos, farther than to say it is the most extensive and marvellous in the world. He has a whole library of scrap books and albums containing information, "complimentary orders," playbills, and autographs, portraits &c., of all the eminent actors and actresses, from the time of Garrick, and even of an earlier date; and these are so

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preserved as to afford the most ready reference required for any information respecting the English stage. In the collection of these Mr. Massingham has displayed most astounding patience, vigilance and research, taking into his *omnium gatherum* every shred and scrap of interest which should go to make his collection complete. With an ingenuity most enviable Mr. Massingham has contrived to fit up his museum in a style which cannot fail to be of interest to any one who may be as fortunate as I was to be invited to a "private view;" and I must say that I came away after a three hour's inspection highly delighted at having discovered a fertile source of amusement and instruction that I little dreamt had been quietly and industriously got together so near at home. Added to this—

"A merrier man,
Within the limit of becoming mirth,
I never spent an hour's talk withal;"

and, if not trespassing upon your space, which I know is valuable, I may at some future time present, in similar bird's-eye fashion, some other few entertaining features presented by Mr. Massingham's truly wonderful and "home-made" repository of art and curiosity at Granville-Park.

STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT LODGE, No. 726.

From the Staffordshire Advertiser.

THE Earl of Shrewsbury was initiated a member of this Lodge on Tuesday, the 12th instant. The event was regarded as one of great significance by the Masons of the Province, of whom there was a large gathering on the occasion. Every preparation had been made for their accommodation by the brethren of the Staffordshire Knot Lodge, and the business of the day was transacted in the Borough Hall, Stafford. Lodge was opened in due form at three o'clock in the afternoon by Bro. T. E. Fowke W.M., in the presence of about 120 brethren. The following signed the attendance book:—G. S. Tudor R.W. D.P.G.M., J. Bodenham 726 P.G. Treasurer, W. Randall 468 P.G.C., J. Ingamells 460 P.G.J.D., W. Needham 966 P.G. Supt. of Works, W. Vernon 456 P.G.S.B., J. L. Kennedy 1031 P.P.G.D.C., J. Pearsall P.P.G.S.W. Warwickshire, J. Steen 526 P.P.G.R., J. D. Hewson 726 P.P.G.S.W., C. Fendelow 419 and 526 P.P.G.S.D., A. G. Prince 546 P.P.G. Junior Deacon, J. P. Hall 456 1587 P. Prov. G.A.D.C., J. Storer 726 P.P.G.S.B., G. Spilsbury 726 P. Prov. G.W., H. Woodhouse 726 P. Prov. G.S.D., T. Moore 726 P.P.G.S.D., E. Faulkner 779 P.P.G.J.D. Leicester and Rutland, — Hassall 779 Leicestershire, James Salmon P.P.G.J.W. North Wales and Salop, W. Jones 460 P.P.G. Supt. of Works, J. L. Gibbons 353 P.P.G.S.W., W. H. Spaull P.G. Sec. North Wales and Salop, the Rev. C. Bullivant S.W. 1520, R. Tooth P.M. 637, F. W. Parton J.D. 482, J. F. Pepper W.M. Elect 482, W. Ormson I.G. 1520, Thomas Barton 1520, R. W. Barton 1520, W. Tempest P.M. 1060, J. Williamson W.M. 1587, S. Collis P.M. 1587, D. Taylor 1520, H. G. Wrighton 1520, G. Dance 662, T. Turner P.M. 460, C. Bunting P.M. 456, W. Fletcher P.M. 456, R. Plant 456 and 1587, E. Hodgkinson W.M. 456, G. Greenslade S.W. 456, G. Chell 966, T. Bunting Organist 456, J. Bryan W.M. 696, H. Langman P.M. 419, A. E. Allen 419, C. H. Dudley 395, C. Blackshaw P.M. 533, J. T. Eayrs Secretary 460, F. Skerrett 460, W. T. Aggutter 460, J. T. Snape 460, S. Evans 662, T. Parton 662, T. A. Jones 662, R. Thomas I.G. 456, Henry Gough 662, F. Arkinstall 662, T. H. Rabone J.W., 456, F. J. Milner S.W. 966, T. B. Bull 1587, S. Downing 662, T. Spencer 662, T. J. Barnett W.M. 526, E. E. Almond 1587, J. Senior 526, R. Tolson W.M. 1060, W. G. M'Laughlin 1060, A. G. Collin J.D. 1375, W. Brown I.G. 347, T. H. Cope W.M. 1520, J. B. Burns 1520, W. B. Tatlow W.M. 662, S. Clapp S.W. 662, G. Baker 526, W. F. Cooper 1739, J. Astle J.W. 779, W. F. Smallman 662, T. Hunt 1009, H. Baggaley 460 P.G. Tyler, H. Thorn 526, and J. S. Brown; and the following members of the Staffordshire Knot Lodge:—T. W. Chalmers I.P.M., T. Wood S.W., S. Scott J.W., J. Mottram Sec., R. Sudbury S.D., John Baker J.D., J. L. White D.C., E. W. Taylor Org., G. Griffith and S. Plant Stewards, A. Ward I.G., R. Tomlinson Tyler, E. C. Perry P.M., G. F. Talbot, T. Harding, F. Greatrex, W. Shaw, T. Masters, H. B. Livingston, T. Hyatt, A. F. Whittome, J. Nutt, R. Podmore, I. Berven, E. J. Monsley, T. Rigby, W. Southall, J. B. M'Callum, A. Joyes, D. Batkin, and A. C. Podmore.

The ceremony of initiation was performed in an impressive manner by Bro. Fowke W.M., who was ably assisted by his Officers. The musical arrangements were also well carried out. Letters of apology were received from Mr. A. Staveley Hill, Q.C., M.P., the Rev. Brooke Lambert, and many other brethren of the Province. After Lodge had been closed, the brethren took luncheon together in the hall, Bro. Nutt, of the North-Western Hotel, being an excellent caterer on the occasion. After the repast the loyal toasts were proposed by the W.M., who expressed his belief that Masonry would prosper as long as they had such a man as his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as the Grand Master of England. The Rev. E. C. Perry proposed the toast of the Pro Grand Master (the Earl of Carnarvon), the D.G.M. (the Earl of Skelmersdale), and other officers of Grand Lodge. He said local and provincial Lodges often received a great deal of help from those experienced brethren who were officers of the Grand Lodge, and they knew that a short time ago they were much indebted to them for the assertion of the principles lying at the foundation of Freemasonry which they had all at heart. The W.M. next proposed the R.W. P.G.M. pro tem, Bro. Æneas Macintyre, the R.W. D.P.G.M. and other officers of the P.G. Lodge past and present. He observed that nothing could conduce more to the good working of any large body of men than to have in the chief offices those who took an interest in the institution. He especially complimented the D.P.G.M., from whom he said he and his Lodge had experienced the greatest courtesy, and had received much valuable aid and information with regard to the present meeting. Bro. Tudor briefly acknowledged the toast. Bro. Randall, P.G. Chaplain, also responded. He said in connection with the P.G. Lodge he had learned to esteem Masonry more than ever he did before, and it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to be present on such an auspicious occasion as the initiation into the Craft of a noble son of a noble father. He, who had felt for years that the power of Freemasonry was a great good amongst men, ventured to tell their young brother who had joined them that day that he had now entered within the threshold of that great temple whose every recess as it opened to him would unfold to him more and more the high principles of that glorious institution of which he had become a member. That institution would not interfere in any way with his religious convictions. While it was totally independent, it ran along a parallel line with it, for religion and true Masonry could never be opposed. He had been a Freemason thirty-five years, and the more he knew of Masonry the more did he encourage every man to attach himself to the Craft. They were taught to live respected so that they might die regretted, and if they only looked to the foundation of Freemasonry they would find that it was based on the volume of the sacred law. If they only advanced in the knowledge which they were taught in the different degrees, and acted up to the principles inculcated therein, they would be better men in their hopes for this world and the next. The R.W. D.P.G.M. proposed the health of the W.M., speaking of the satisfactory manner in which he had performed his duties, and congratulating him upon having initiated the son of their late esteemed P.G.M. He was sure it would be a satisfaction to the whole of the brethren of the Province to know that the Earl of Shrewsbury had become a Freemason, and it would be gratifying to them if the P.G.M. should think fit to appoint him to Office in the P.G. Lodge. The W.M. acknowledged the toast, and proposed the health of the Earl of Shrewsbury, expressing a hope that his Lordship would follow in the steps of his revered father, and receive the respect and admiration of the whole of the Craft, and never regret entering the Masonic fraternity. The toast was very heartily drunk. The Earl of Shrewsbury, in responding, thanked them for the kind manner in which his name had been mentioned by several brethren, and received by them all. It was with the greatest pleasure that he had that day been initiated into Freemasonry, and especially that he had become a member of the Lodge at Stafford, because he lived close by, and for very many years his family had been connected in various ways with that town. He looked upon the Staffordshire Knot Lodge as his mother Lodge, and he hoped to look upon it in the same way that a child should look upon its mother. His father took a great interest in Freemasonry, and he trusted that time would show that his son would endeavour to follow in his steps. Bro. S. Scott proposed the Past Masters of the Staffordshire Knot Lodge, on whose behalf Bro. Storer responded. Bro. Chalmers, in proposing "The Masonic Charities," said they were magnificent institutions, which Masons looked upon with pride. While most other charities were dependent partly or wholly on bequests which had descended from past generations, the Masonic Charities depended upon the subscriptions of the present generation of free and accepted Masons. Bro. T. Wood responded. Bro. Capt. Talbot, in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," referred to the initiation of his relative, and said he could endorse the statements which had been made that the father of the initiate was a thoroughly good Mason. He had had a little to do with introducing his cousin to the Staffordshire Knot Lodge, and thought it was the right Lodge for him to join, as it was near the home of himself and his ancestors. He trusted that his cousin would look upon his connection with that Lodge as another affectionate link between himself and the borough of Stafford, as well as the province of Staffordshire. He hoped also that the visitors would feel that the brethren of the Staffordshire Knot Lodge had done their best to make them comfortable that day. The toast was acknowledged by Bros. Vernon, Blackshaw, and Ingamells. Bro. F. Greatrex proposed the toast of "The Officers of the Staffordshire Knot Lodge," which was appropriately acknowledged by Bro. John Baker. The interesting proceedings were shortly afterwards brought to a close. During the evening a glee party contributed some excellent vocal music, Bro. Taylor presiding at the pianoforte.

The 18th half-yearly meeting of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association was held at the Trentham Hotel on Wednesday, under the presidency of the Very Worshipful Bro. Frank James, P.D.P.G.M. Staffordshire. This association was established in 1871, for the purpose of disseminating pure Masonic Charity in aid of orphan boys and girls, and the children of deceased Staffordshire Masons. Since the formation of the association the Masons of the Province have nobly supported the Charities, no candidate for such benefits having failed to obtain the necessary support. The majority of the brethren in Staffordshire are now enrolled as members of the association, and are consistent supporters of what may truly be termed the characteristic objects of Masonry, charity, brotherly love, &c. The meeting at Trentham was of the usual encouraging nature, many Lodges of the Province being represented. A ballot was taken for ten life subscriberships, resulting as follows:—Bros. A. Barlow, 546, T. Wood 726, J. Turner 1039, H. Quinton 1039, W. Vernon 456, R. H. Auty 624, J. Ingamells 460, Dr. Parkes 482, W. T. Beetenson 637, F. Derry 482. The annual report showed a balance in hand of £139 5s; sums since received increasing the available funds to £191. The President strongly urged that those Lodges which had hitherto not come forward in assisting the meritorious efforts of the County Association should be requested to do so. The report was adopted. The next meeting was fixed to be held at Burton, in January, when it is expected that over 60 life subscriberships will be allotted, owing to the alteration in closing the yearly lists of subscriptions. A dinner followed, which was presided over by Bro. F. James. After the Loyal Toast, the President, in appropiate terms, proposed

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The Masonic Charities, calling especial attention to the Staffordshire Association, which had been instrumental in securing for eight children the advantages of a superior education at one or other of the great Masonic Institutions. In addition to this, he heartily recommended to the notice of the Lodges the B. Fund for educating those children of Masons in the Province who had not been eligible for the greater Institutions of the Order. Bro. Thomas 637, who had been Steward for the year, and Bros Bodenham and Marsh, the Treasurer and Secretary, severally responded. A few other toasts followed.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The Grand Lodge meeting of this Province took place at Ventnor, on Monday, the 11th instant, under the presidency of the R.W. P.G.M. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, assisted by the D.P.G.M. Bro. Hickman. The usual routine business having been disposed of, the P.G.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers for the ensuing year, and it is this part of the proceedings that requires some notice.

The P.G.M. made his usual introductory speech, about the difficulty of distributing ten collars among thirty Lodges, and that the six Stewards' collars which he intended giving to W.M.'s and P.M.'s of Lodges must not be considered as a bar to their future advancement, but, on the contrary, should be regarded as a recommendation for honours in years to come.

Now, a Steward's collar, we all know, is never received as an honour by the Master or Past Master of a Lodge, and but for the dread of creating a scene in P.G. Lodge, they would almost invariably refuse to accept it, as its possession subjects them to continual annoyance from the jests of their brethren.

We all freely acknowledge the difficulty of dividing the honours equally, but fail to see how this desideratum can be obtained by nearly always giving the honours that are worth having to the same set of Lodges, the others getting only Stewardships, or nothing.

I will not presume to say that the fact, of what may be called the permanent officers of P.G. Lodge being members of these Lodges has anything to do with this, but many brethren have this belief, and reference to the accompanying table, showing the distribution of honours since 1868, will show that they have some excuse for their opinion.

There being some twenty-nine working Lodges in the Province, it follows that each Lodge can only expect one Wardenship in about fifteen years, but these fortunate Lodges average about one in three years.

It is abundantly evident that some alteration is necessary, and if the Province is so large that justice cannot be done to the Lodges composing it, let it be divided into two, say the five Isle of Wight Lodges, the nine Lodges of Portsmouth and Gosport, together with Farcham and Havant—in all sixteen—under the title of East Hants, and the remaining fifteen Lodges as West Hants. This, or some similar division, would clear the way for Provincial honours and give satisfaction to all parties.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

AN OLD P.M.

List of Officers appointed since 1868, *with the date of appointment, not including the D.P.G.M., P.G. Treasurer, P.G. Secretary, P.G. Chaplain, P.G. Organist, and P.G. Stewards.*

Name of Lodge.	No.	S.G. Warden.	Date.	J.G. Warden.	Date.	G. Registrar.	Date	S.G. Deacon.	Date.	J.G. Deacon.	Date.	G.S. of Works.	Date.	G.D. of C.	Date	A.G. D. of C.	Date.	G.S. Bearer.	Date.	G. Pursuivant	Date.	Total.	
1 Medina, Cowes	35									1	1870	1	1875					1	1869			3	
2 Economy, Winchester ...	76	1	1877			3	1869 1874 1879			1	1873	1	1871			1	1872					7	
3 Royal Gloucester, South'ton	130	2	1869 1876	2	1871 1872			2	1875 1879			1	1868	1	1877							8	D
4 Unity, Ringwood ...	132															1	1878			1	1877	2	
5 Albany, Newport, I.W. ...	151							1	1877									1	1875			2	
6 E. Medina, Ryde, I.W. ...	175	2	1873 1879	2	1875 1878																	4	
7 Hengist, Bournemouth ...	195	1	1878			1	1877			1	1876	1	1876	1	1874					1	1869	6	
8 Phœnix, Portsmouth ...	275			2	1868 1876	1	1875	1	1873													4	
9 Harmony, Fareham ...	309	1	1875			2	1876	1	1869	1	1879			1	1868	1	1870					7	
10 New Forest, Lymington ...	319							2	1872 1876	1	1868	1	1876			1	1873	1	1871			6	
11 Royal Sussex, Portsea ...	342					1	1871					1	1870			2	1875 1877	1	1874	2	1868 1879	7	
12 Peace & Harmony, South'ton	359							2	1868 1870	1	1869			4	1871 1872 1873 1878							7	
13 Southampton, Southampton	394					2	1872 1878					2	1869 1873					2	1870 1876			6	
14 Portsmouth, Portsmouth ...	487			3	1869 1874 1877							1	1879	1	1870	2	1871 1876	2	1872 1878	1	1870	10	B
15 Yarborough, Ventnor, I.W.	551															1	1879	1	1877			2	
16 Oakley, Basingstoke ...	694	2	1868 1872	1	1879			1	1878	1	1878	1	1876									6	A
17 Ryde, Ryde, I.W. ...	698	1	1870			1	1873			2	1875 1877											4	
18 Panmure, Aldershot ...	723	1	1871							2	1872 1874							1	1868	1	1878	5	
19 Twelve Brothers, South'ton	785																						Not working
20 Carnarvon, Havant ...	804					1	1870					3	1874 1877 1878			1	1869			1	1873	6	
21 Gosport, Gosport ...	903			1	1870			1	1871	1	1878			1	1869	1	1868	1	1873	1	1872	7	
22 Friendship, Petersfield ...	928																						Not in active working
23 United Brothers, Southsea	1069			1	1873											1	1874					2	C
24 Vale of Avon, Fordingbridge	1112													1	1875							1	
25 Aldershot Camp, Aldershot	1331							1	1874											3	1871 1874 1875	4	
26 St. Hubert, Andover ...	1373	1	1874											1	1879							2	
27 United Service, Portsmouth	1128																	1	1879	1	1876	2	
28 Clausentum, Woolston ...	1461																						Constituted 1877
29 Prince of Wales, Gosport ...	1705																						Constituted 1878
30 Landport, Landport ...	1776																						Constituted 1879
31 Connaught, Portsea ...	1831																						

A. The P.G. Master is a member of this Lodge.
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D. The D.P.G. Master and the P.G. Secretary are members of this Lodge.

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PAST-MASTERS' PRIVILEGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Referring to the Book of Constitutions, "Grand Lodges," section 1, page 18, and "Provincial Grand Lodges," section 2, page 52, I shall be glad to learn whether, in the opinion of our Masonic jurists, the conditions in the former paragraph limiting the right of a Past Master to a seat in *Grand* Lodge equally apply to his right to a seat in *Provincial* Grand Lodge. In the former case it is clear enough that a P.M. must have executed the office of Master for a full year, and must not since have ceased to subscribe to a Lodge for the space of twelve months, to secure a right to a seat in Grand Lodge, but in the latter case no such restriction is specially imposed, it merely stating that, amongst others, "Past Masters of all Lodges within the Province are members of Provincial Grand Lodge." Reasoning, I suppose by analogy, it is held by some in this Province, that though no condition, beyond subscription to a Lodge within the Province, is specially laid down affecting a P.M.'s right to a seat in Provincial Grand Lodge, yet the conditions of his membership are precisely the same as those governing his right to a seat in Grand Lodge. That, for instance, should a Master not have executed his office for a full year, through his election and installation not having taken place at the usual time, or through any other circumstance, on leaving the chair he ceases to be a member of his Provincial Grand Lodge. I shall be glad to learn how far this opinion is supported by authority.

Yours faithfully,

W. S. L.

Cradock, South Africa,
15th July 1879.

KNOTS AND MILES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The period of the year having arrived in which excursions and journeys by water are frequently made, it may perhaps be interesting to some of your readers to be made acquainted with the relative proportions of knots and miles. A mile contains 1760 yards, and a knot 2000, the difference between the two often times creating a stumbling block in the minds of the uninstructed.

As an elucidation, I append a table, which, if cut out and retained, may serve to lighten the tedium of a voyage. It might also be utilised as a reference to settle many questions as to distances, which, *experientia docet*, are continually arising on board vessels, whether bound to the Nore, to Margate, Boulogne, Scotland, Hull, or more remote ports.

Knots	Miles	Knots	Miles
1 =	1¼ and 20 yards.	13 =	14⅝ and 40 yards.
2 =	2¼ „ 40 „	14 =	15⅞ „ 60 „
3 =	3⅜ „ 60 „	15 =	17 „ 80 „
4 =	4½ „ 80 „	16 =	18⅛ „ 100 „
5 =	5⅝ „ 100 „	17 =	19¼ „ 120 „
6 =	6⅞ „ 120 „	18 =	20⅜ „ 140 „
7 =	7⅞ „ 140 „	19 =	21⅝ „ 160 „
8 =	9 „ 160 „	20 =	22⅝ „ 180 „
9 =	10⅛ „ 180 „	30 =	34 „ 160 „
10 =	11¼ „ 200 „	40 =	45⅜ „ 140 „
11 =	12½ „ „	50 =	56⅞ „ 120 „
12 =	13⅜ „ 20 „	100 =	113⅜ „ 20 „

Yours truly and fraternally,

VIATOR.

WHICH IS CORRECT?

"IL TEGAME, OR A MASON'S HOLIDAY."

To the Editor of THE FREMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In perusing the article contained in the pages of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of this date, under the heading of "Il Tegame," I was greatly surprised to find a foot-note in the following words:—"Even little 'Which is Correct?' hides in his little hole." As, for the very life of me, I cannot make out the writer's meaning, or imagine for one moment to what he alludes, perhaps you will be good enough to allow me to ask Bro. W. Viner B. Bedolfe, M.D., P.M. 1329, what he really means? Generally, I am not a bad hand at abstruse subjects, but I fear that in this instance the *sesquipedalia verba* of the Doctor's lucubrations have quite overpowered my reasoning faculties, and rendered me incompetent to search out the mystery. I am bound to take his note as a personal allusion, and therefore have a right to challenge the writer as I now do.

During my life I have carefully avoided personal attacks in my correspondence, and I cannot understand why other writers should not be equally considerate. Never until now have I felt disposed to resent any criticism or remarks, but as I suppose I must consider Bro. Bedolfe a foeman worthy of my steel, and he takes such an initiative, if he wishes to try conclusions, "my soul's in arms, and eager for the fray!"

But no running away! I have a vivid recollection of a retreat by Bro. Bedolfe on a former occasion, and, by-the-bye, that occurred over a letter of his which I shall do myself the honour to insert in my "Uniformity of Masonic Ritual and Observance." Let me refer!—aye, here it is!—FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, 4th November 1876:—"After due consideration, I have decided not to continue this controversy." Some one, he says, had "accused him of being 'unimaginative.'" How any one could have so designated his "goody twaddle," as another writer terms it, I am at a loss to conceive. However, he certainly did "throw up the sponge" then. I hope he will have more courage in the fair stand up fight I now offer to engage him in.

Respect for his high character, generally genial disposition, and undoubted, though somewhat misapplied, literary qualifications, will always secure for him from me the utmost personal consideration; but in the tournament in respect of which I now throw him the gauntlet, I shall seek every joint in his armour to inflict mortal discomfiture.

I have no patience with *mio caro fratello* when perusing such charges as he makes against our Order, of which, whilst virulently attacking it, he nevertheless condescends to remain a subscribing member, and to quote his Masonic rank. One need not go further than the very paragraph which contains the reference I so greatly resent, to prove his inconsistency. There is one word in that paragraph descriptive of its entirety, which terminates its first sentence, and which ordinary courtesy prevents my present use of, but as Jack Bunsby says, "The bearing of this observation lays in the application on it."

A somewhat vulgar saying fitly describes the feathered creature that neglects the cleanliness of its abiding place, and Jack Bunsby may be again quoted hereon. It would therefore be, I think, more generous and manly in *mio caro fratello* if he would graciously retire, and then show himself as an open and avowed enemy, rather than remain in the camp. Although, doubtless we should be prepared to say, "Erring brother, part in peace," he might much more consistently reject the overture, and do battle against us, than act as he is now doing.

Whatever "little hole" W. Viner B. Bedolfe, M.D., P.M. 1329 may allude to in his very enigmatical footnote, I have certainly come out of it now, and *mio caro fratello* will find it as much as he can do to get me back again if he ventures to break another lance with me. Goliath in learning as he may be, I can sling my stone. Let him watch its flight, it may hurt him.

Doctor, my littleness is at your service! Garde à vous! Fight fair, and let our friends judge—"Which is correct?"

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z.

Clapham, 16th August 1879.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

VISCOUNT EBRINGTON INSTALLED AS P.G.M.

THE Annual Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of the Freemasons of Devonshire was held on 14th August at Exeter, and the unusual occurrence of the installation of a Provincial Grand Master—a circumstance which had occurred only thrice in a century—drew a very large gathering of the brethren. It also added largely to the business of the day, and prevented there being any time to devote to the usual procession and attendance at church.

Business commenced with the assembly of the Committee of Petitions at ten a.m., in the Knight Templar's Preceptory at the Masonic Hall in Gandy-street. The following members of the Committee were present:—R. W. Bro. L. P. Metham, Past G.D. of England P.D.P.G.M. chairman, W. Bros. Chas. Godtschalk, P.P.G.D. Representative of the Committee in London, J. B. Gover P.P.G.A.D.C. Sec., R. P. Twose P.G.Tr., John Way P.P.G.Tr., V. Bird P.P.G.Tr. Auditors, L. D. Westcott P.P.G.S. Works 70, J. T. Browning W.M. 105, W. T. Maynard P.P.G.Tr. 106, S. Jones P.G.J.W. 112, the Rev. W. Whittley P.P.G. Chap. 156, R. Lose P.P.G. Purs. 159, J. E. Curteis P.P.G.S.W. 189, H. Welch P.P.G. Purs. 202, W. Browning P.P.G.D.C. 223, R. Cawsey W.M. 230, John Brewer P.M. 251, F. R. Tomes P.P.G.D.C. 282, C. J. Workman W.M. 303, G. W. Mudge W.M. 372, Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner Davy P.P.G.S.W. 421, J. Heath P.P.G.D. 710, E. Aitken-Davies P.P.G.S. Works 1009, H. Melhuish W.M. 1125, Charles Stevens W.M. 1138, Geo. Evans P.P.G.S.D. 1181, the Hon. W. Hylton-Joliffe P.G.S.W. 1205, W. Powell W.M. 1205, J. R. Lord P.M. and Treas. 1247, W. Pidsley W.M. 1254, S. B. Harvey P.M. 1255, F. Pollard P.M. 1284, James Chapple S.W. 1396, T. Perry P.P.G.T. 1402, Samuel Loram P.G.D.C. 1443, R. G. Bird P.M. 1550, and B. Barber P.G.St. 1753.

The Secretary's report was read, and with the result of the petitions submitted afterwards, adopted in the report presented by the Committee to the P.G. Lodge.

The next business on the agenda was the motion of Bro. Chas. Godtschalk that the sum of one hundred guineas be recommended to be voted by the Prov. Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Masons and Widows of Freemasons.

Bro. Gotschalk, in bringing this motion before the Prov. Grand Lodge, said that it would be a mere act of justice for him to state, in as few words as possible, what the Royal Benevolent Masonic Institution had for the past few years been doing for the annuitants of Devon. And, on the other hand, what they as a Province had been doing for the Institution during the same period. He showed very clearly, by the figures and amounts quoted, that the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution had been paying to the annuitants of Devon sums largely in excess of the amount subscribed by the Province from all sources during the same time; he vouched for the accuracy of the figures he was using, having taken them from the books of the R.M. Benevolent Institution, with the sanction and assistance of the Secretary, Bro. James Terry. With these undeniable facts before them, he confidently, and as an act of justice, asked for the hundred guineas; and

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when he told the brethren that at the present moment they were receiving from this Institution through their annuitants no less than £456 per annum,—and even that large sum was much less than what had been received by their annuitants the two preceding years, caused by the deaths of annuitants recently,—that one aged Mason of Devon had already received £453, and still was in receipt of the annuity of £40;—might this ancient brother long enjoy the same;—he was a living example of the good the Institution was doing. Another brother had had £315; another £273. One widow had had over £300, and all were still in receipt of their respective annuities. This result had been brought about by the excellent working of the Committee of Petitions—by an intelligent system of organization of the voting power, and this voting power being judiciously manipulated by their representative in London at the various elections. He was bound candidly to admit, whilst bringing these facts and figures before the Committee, that the Prov. Grand Lodge and the majority of the Lodges throughout the Province had at all times supported the great Charities generously and liberally from the funds at their disposal, and from his experience, whilst acting as Steward, and in that capacity making appeals for the great national charities, had ever found the brethren ready to listen and vote monies when brought to their notice in a proper and legitimate manner, and with the exception of a few Lodges who religiously abstain from giving, acting as though charity or benevolence could not co-exist with Masonry. Happily these Lodges are but few out of our roll of 47. It would be perhaps invidious for him to name or number them, but they were conspicuous by their absence from all charity lists. He would ask them to bear in mind that every pound voted brings votes into the Province, thereby increasing their power. That if to-day we give this hundred guineas, long before the year is out not only will our poor and distressed brethren or their widows have received it back, but the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (on whose behalf he made this appeal), would have paid to their annuitants the amount fivefold. He therefore formally moved the resolution on agenda, adding he felt confident that an unanimous vote would be the result.

Bro. J. E. Curteis P.G.S.W. cordially seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

It was then proposed and agreed to place the amount on the list of Bro. Charles Godtschalk, who thereupon agreed to divide the amount with Bro. Solomon Jones, who had already announced his intention to act as Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. J. E. Curteis' recommendation of a vote of fifty guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was also seconded and adopted; of the money thus voted will be placed on the Steward's lists of Bros. Godtschalk, Jones, and Curteis respectively. Bro. J. B. Gover proposed that twenty guineas be recommended to be given to the Masonic Girls' School. Bro. E. Aitken-Davies seconded this proposition. Bro. T. Perry proposed, and Bro. Lieut.-Colonel J. Tanner Davy seconded an amendment that the twenty guineas be given to the Devon Educational Fund.

The V.W. Bro. L. P. Metham, chairman of the Committee, P.P.D.G.M. reminded the brethren that one of the real interests of this local fund was that it should receive support from individual brethren, and also from private Lodges in the Province; that this was clearly laid down on its establishment a few months since, and although funds had come in fairly well, the particular class mentioned had not come forward to the extent they ought. He also deprecated now, as he had at first, asking Prov. Grand Lodge for monies for this local fund, while, as might be observed from the business already transacted, the funds of Prov. Grand Lodge really were required for the National Charities, to whom we, as a Province, were indebted. He trusted, therefore, the amendment would be withdrawn.

Bro. Chas. Godtschalk added that he had taken as earnest a part in the founding the Devon Educational Fund as any one in the Province; that he, having its future welfare still at heart, and having well studied the course for the future welfare of the Devon Educational Fund, he did not hesitate for one moment in saying,—If this local Fund was to be a success in the future it must be self-supporting, in this sense, that the Funds must come from individual brethren; thus annual subscriptions of 5s and 10s would be amply sufficient to provide for the orphans placed on the Devon Fund. That to ask Prov. Grand Lodge for monies for this small local Fund, was to tell the individual brethren there was no occasion for them to give individually. He was utterly opposed to taking the funds, not alone from Prov. Grand Lodge, but from any governing body of Masons in the Province for a local Fund; that to be a success it must be supported by individual subscriptions of very small amounts, so as not in any way to clash with the National Charities.

The amendment of Bro. Perry was then withdrawn.

A vote of thanks was moved to V.W. Bro. Metham for his valuable services on the committee, and a hope expressed that he would be induced to continue his aid. Bro. Metham, while acknowledging the compliment paid him, said that he could not gratify the hope of his remaining with the Committee. He had spent many pleasant meetings with them in carrying out their work, and he should always remember them with pleasure, but circumstances now rendered it positive that he must take his leave as chairman. A vote of thanks was also awarded Bro. Gover for his zealous services as Secretary. The following report was drawn up and approved for submission to the P.G.L. as the result of the Committee's business:—

The Committee of Petitions, in presenting their annual Report, record the continued success of the system adopted by the Province ten years since. During the past year they had succeeded in electing William E. Furze to the Boys' School, and Mrs. Ann Harfoot as an annuitant of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Widows. Mrs. Julia Thompson, another Devon candidate, was also elected on this fund, but principally by votes obtained outside the Province, and by special subscribers. For the Royal British Female Orphan Asylum at Stoke, the votes of this and the sister Province of Cornwall have materially assisted the election of Mercy Truscott, the orphan of a deceased brother, thus reducing the number on our list of candidates. The number of votes received by the committee for the great Charities since August 1878 had been only 828 boys and girls, and 804 men and widows, consequently at least 500 additional votes, known to exist in Devon, had been diverted or lost. Eight Lodges and five chapters had failed to send their votes. It could not be too earnestly impressed upon those brethren whose duty it was to transmit these votes, how much labour, correspondence, and anxiety would be spared, both to the London representative and secretary, if they would forward their votes at the earliest possible time. A more pleasing duty remained,—to sincerely and fraternally thank those Provinces and brethren, who by the loan of votes (without consideration) had enabled the representative to elect candidates, when the Province, unassisted, would have surely left them unsuccessful. The Provinces of Cornwall, Cheshire, East Lancashire, and North and South Wales had lent material aid, and the committee also acknowledge the good services rendered by worthy brethren, coupling with that acknowledgment the names of the V.W. Bro. W. J. Hughan P.S.G.D. England, P.S.G.W. Egypt, and V.W. Bro. J. P. Platt P.P.G.W. Lancashire, the representatives respectively of Cornwall and Cheshire. The thanks of the committee were also due to Bro. C. Godtschalk P.P.G.D., for his zeal, his indefatigable exertions, and his successful management of the various elections for the benefit of the distressed in the Province. At a meeting held at Plymouth, 21st January, the Committee granted the sum of £5 to the widow of a late member of Lodge 39 Exeter; the sum of £5 to the widow of a late member of Lodge 491 Axminster; and the sum of £5 to the widow of a late member of Lodge 156 Plymouth. At a meeting held that day the Committee resolved to recommend the P.G. Lodge to grant a sum of £10 to a widow of a late brother of Lodge 39 Exeter. They granted the sum of £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 70 Plymouth, and they recommended a further grant to her of £10 by the P.G. Lodge, a sum of £5 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 39 Exeter, and the further sum of £5 by the P.G. Lodge, and the sum of £5 to the widow of a member of Lodge 223 Plymouth. The Committee recommended that the remaining available balances should be appropriated thus: To the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and Widows of Freemasons, 100 guineas. To the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the sum of 50 guineas; and to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the sum of 20 guineas, to be placed on the list of Bro. C. Godtschalk as Steward. Bro. Godtschalk had guaranteed to raise that sum to £50.

While the Committee of Petitions was proceeding with its business a Lodge meeting was held in the Craft Lodge-room of the Masonic Hall, where Viscount Ebrington was installed W.M. of the Lodge.

At noon the Provincial Grand Lodge assembled in the large room of the Victoria Hall, Queen-street. That spacious and handsome apartment was appropriately embellished for the occasion with Masonic emblems erected in good taste, under the superintendence of Messrs. Goff and Gulley, of Exeter. The shields and insignia of the Knights Templars occupied prominent positions, as did also some handsome Masonic banners. An excellent choral party of brethren was provided to render the musical parts of the Ritual, under the superintendence of Bro. E. M. Vinnicombe. Over 800 brethren were present in full insignia. In addition to the officers already mentioned were the following:—R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach P.G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, R.W. Bro. John Huyshe, M.A., P.P.G.M., R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe P.G.M. of Cornwall, R.W. Bro. Colonel J. W. Peard D.P.G.M. of Cornwall, W. Bros. A. Elford P.G.J.W. of Cornwall, W. Elphinstone Stone P.P.G.W., I. Latimer, P.P.G.J.W., Dr. Bushfield P.P.G.W. of Surrey, W. R. Woodman P.G.S.B. of England, John Harris P.P.G.T., T. S. Bayly P.P.G.T., the Rev. Robt. Swansborough W.M. 1181, Joseph Harper P.P.G.J.W., the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., Dr. W. Langley Pope P.P.G. Chap., the Rev. P. Williams P.P.G. Chap., W. W. Hooper P.P.G.R., T. W. Gray P.P.G.R., J. T. Goodridge P.P.G. Reg., F. Dey P.P.G. Reg., Bartholomew C. Gidley P.P.G. Reg., J. S. Kertsman P.P.G. Reg., S. Jew P.P.G.Tr.; B. T. Hodge P.P.G.S.D., W. H. Reed P.P.G.T., James Greenfield P.P.G.J.D., John Cock P.P.J.D., W. Hine-Haycock P.P.G.S.D., S. P. Colston P.P.G.S. Works, R. Brewin P.P.G.S. Works, W. Easton P.P.G.S. Works, H. Bale, P.P.G. Superintendent Works, F. Pratt P.P.G.S. Works, Charles Willshire P.P.G.D.C., John Hilley P.P.G.D.C., S. Loram P.P.G.D.C., H. Bartlett P.P.G.A.D.C., Jas. P. Phillips P.P.G.D.C., John Killingley P.P.G.D.C., F. R. Tomes P.P.G.D.C., J. F. Long P.G.A.D.C., S. R. Force P.P.G.D.C., J. B. Witheridge P.P.G. Purs., W. Cole P.P.G. Purs., Thomas Russell P.P.G. Chaplain, W. E. Warren P.P.G.O., James Mills P.P.G.O., T. B. Paterson P.G. St., W. Haymes P.P.G. Purs., H. D. Thomas P.G. St., B. Barber P.G. St., E. March P.P.G.O., C. Parker P.G.O. Cambridge, J. Stroud Short P.P.G.O., P. B. Clemens P.P.G.O., H. J. Brewster P.P.G.R., W. H. Carwithen P.P.G. Chaplain, W. S. Passmore P.P.G.T., E. Tozer P.P.G.S. Works, T. M. Webber P.M., A. F. Carter P.M., Bros. Admiral Glasse, C.B., J. Page P.M. 39, A. E. Lean W.M., S. Roach and R. Pengelly P.M.'s, W. Odam S.W., and E. Trout J.W. 70, C. Cooper P.M. 105, W. Creasy W.M., T. Freeman, W. Blake, G. W. Legge, and G. C. Maynard P.M.'s, S. G. Blackmore S.W., and E. Bishop J.W. 106, A. F. Luke P.M. 112, D. Box and W. Marsh P.M.'s, J. J. Marshall S.W., and D. Banks J.W. 156, F. Littleton W.M., and O. Knowles J.W. 159, F. H. H. Orchard W.M., John Northcott P.M., and W. T. Orchard S.W. 164, G. Jackson W.M., Colonel Fitzgerald S.W., and W. Croydon J.W. 189, E. Binding P.M., and R. Grills S.W. 202, R. Blight S.W., and R. Lavers J. W. 223, W. I. McLean and J. Hammick P.M.'s, and G. C. Searle S.W. 248, T. Ebsworthy, John Brewer, and T. Hancock P.M.'s, and R. P. Morrison J.W. 251, B. B. S. Richards P.M., and H. Down J.W. 282, J. W. Valentine J.W. 303, W. D. Webber W.M., J. Pigott P.M., and J. Toby J.W. 328, J. Russell, W. Knott, J. Towning, and A. Pidsley P.M.'s, and J. C. Palmer S.W. 372, J. Kingdon W.M., J. T. Widgery, J. Woods, J. A. Kingdon, and J. C. Furse P.M.'s 421, J. Woodman, J. Chadwick, C. H. Edmonds and A. Baily P.M.'s 444, H. M. Burrow W.M., G. Pollard S.W., and H. Ascott J.W. 489, W. G. Moore P.M. 666, A. D. Sutherland

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W.M., R. H. Watson, G. Heath, and W. B. Mayo P.M.'s 710, T. G. Sutton P.M., J. T. Ackland S.W., and W. Ward J.W. 847, J. R. Dugdale W.M., C. Watson, and J. R. W. Quinn P.M.'s, J. Osborne, S.W., and J. Crossley J.W. 954, J. P. Sawyer W.M., W. H. Ley and J. H. Dobbs P.M.'s, and W. H. Mackay S.W. 1091, J. E. Nicholls W.M., H. Conquer S.W., and S. Panter J.W. 1099, J. P. Crabb P.M. 115, H. Melhuish W.M., T. Parkhouse P.M. 1125, W. Harris, J. Foot, J. S. Saunders, G. Stockman, and J. Olver P.M.'s, H. Martin S.W., and Elliott J.W. 1138, H. Ford S.W. 1181, T. Gibbons W.M., S. Hyne P.M., and T. E. Peek J.W. 1205, T. S. Jackson W.M., J. Bassett S.W., and G. T. Davy J.W. 1212, G. J. Firks W.M., J. R. Lord P.M., B. Elliott S.W., and P. G. L. Pearse J.W. 1247, F. Horspool and J. H. Warren P.M.'s, E. T. Fulford S.W., and C. C. Kendrick J.W. 1254, H. Willey W.M., T. Lascelles and H. J. Yelland P.M.'s, H. Eland S.W., and F. Sanders J.W. 1284, J. Thorn W.M., J. Templeton P.M., J. Rowe J.W. 1332, A. W. Palk J.W. 1358, W. T. Bracewell W.M., W. Lumble P.M., J. Chapple S.W., and G. L. Pollard J.W. 1396, J. Dodge W.M., W. Bradnee and J. Murray P.M.'s, and W. A. Goss S.W. 1402, H. L. Friend W.M., and J. S. Whidborne P.M. 1443, J. H. Square W.M., and H. E. Lamble P.M. 1483, R. G. Tippett W.M., R. J. Bird P.M., L. J. Webber S.W., and M. C. Lakeman J.W. 1550, C. D. H. Holley, and G. W. Gould 1753.

R.W. Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe was the first of the Prov. G. Masters to enter the room, and was very warmly received. R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach was entrusted with the duty of installing the new Prov. G.M., and he opened the Lodge with the assistance of W. Bros. the Hon. W. Hylton-Jolliffe P.G.S.W., and S. Jones P.G.J.W. The patent was read by which Viscount Ebrington was appointed the P.G.M., and the W. Master's of the seven oldest Lodges (39, 70, 105, 106, 112, 156, 159) were then sent out to fetch and to introduce the P.G.M. designate. On his lordship reaching the dais Bro. Beach delivered the usual address, coupled with some additional remarks of his own. He congratulated the new P.G.M. on his appointment to rule over the large and important Province of Devon, and pointed out the responsibilties of his office, and the important line of conduct he was expected to follow. He would have the valuable assistance of many old Masons, whose opinions and suggestions would be met with the respect due to them; but at same time he was to be careful to exert his own judgment, and to take care that he governed with the utmost impartiality In reprehension of what he might disapprove, he was also to be guided by mercy. He had something like an hereditary claim to the office, and it was hoped that he would add to the lustre that had been acquired by a previous member of his family, his respected grandfather. The installing D.G.M. concluded with passing a high eulogium upon the official career of the last P.G.M.

His lordship was then installed in ancient form. On arriving at the robing, W. Bro. Rogers stated that the Past P.G.M. had asked him to read the following paper, being himself too feeble to address them, and his sight too imperfect to read it himself. It was as follows:—"I am most anxious that the beautiful and costly chain which was affectionately presented to me on my installation as P.G.M. of Devon, on 24th May 1868, by the Masonic brethren, should become an heirloom in the Province to descend from each retiring P.G.M. to his successor. I have great satisfaction in knowing that the first of these is the grandson of my old and venerable chief and predecessor Earl Fortescue. To Viscount Ebrington's charge I commit this splendid Badge of Office, to be by him worn as P.G.M. of the Freemasons of Devon when and wherever he thinks fit. May the Great Architect of the Universe give him grace, health, and strength to preside over this large Province with benefit to the Craft and satisfaction to himself, winning the esteem and affection of every worthy brother through a long series of years. This is the earnest and heartfelt prayer of, my dear brethren, your aged and affectionate Past P.G.M.,

"JOHN HUYSHE."

At the completion of the installation the new P.G.M. was saluted and assumed the jurisdiction of the Lodge. An anthem, Psalm cxxxiii., by Dr. Clarke Whitfield, was sung by the choir.

The P.G. Reg. read a patent appointing R.W. Bro. W. G. Rogers the D.P.G.M.

R.W. Bro. Metham then read the following address:—

"To the Right Worshipful Hugh Fortescue, Lord Viscount Ebrington, Provincial Grand Master of Freemasons for Devonshire.

"We, the Freemasons of the Province of Devon of every rank and degree, desire to convey to you our most sincere congratulations on your elevation to the august office of Provincial Grand Master. Under any circumstances an address presented to the eminent brother who has been selected to preside over the Province would faithfully reflect the spirit of loyalty and affection which always characterises the tone of Freemasons towards their chief; but in your case these feelings are greatly enhanced for the Province preserves a grateful recollection of the kind and honourable rule of your noble grandfather. We entertain the hope that the Masonic virtues which so distinguished him are inherited by you, and that you may be enabled to maintain for the Province of Devon that prominent position which has been achieved by our two last excellent and beloved Provincial Grand Masters. We shall at all times deem it our duty to co-operate loyally and cheerfully in furthering your efforts to maintain and extend the grand principles of the Craft, and we sincerely trust that the Great Architect of the Universe will be pleased in His infinite wisdom and goodness to grant you a long and prosperous Masonic career to rule and guide with pleasure and profit the brethren of this Province."

The address was signed on behalf of the forty-seven Lodges by the W. Masters of the year in nearly every case. Where the W.M. was not at hand P. Masters of the Lodges signed on behalf of the brethren. At the close of the reading of the address R.W. Bro. Metham said:—"There is not, I am confident, a Freemason present who will not re-echo with acclamation the good wishes this address expresses—that health, happiness, and a prosperous reign may wait upon our newly appointed Grand Master. There is not, I trust, a brother in this room who will not agree that he ought, and that he will, as far as his own conduct goes, and as far as his influence extends among his fellow Masons, resolve that our Grand Master shall never have cause to regret that he has taken on himself the important and onerous office. With the moral and well-regulated efforts of the Craft to sustain him, his onward progress will be smooth and successful. The road he will have to travel has already been distinctly marked out by his illustrious predecessors, and he will have but to tread in their footsteps, keeping his eye steadily fixed on the landmarks of the Order, which they, by their lives and conduct, have so fully and brightly illustrated, to render his rule light and pleasant to himself and advantageous to those over whom he is placed. For myself, Right Worshipful Sir, I am grateful to the Great Architect of the Universe that I, who, more than a generation ago, received my first Provincial honours from your noble grandfather, am permitted to stand here to-day to take part in this ceremony, and to be the mouthpiece of my brethren of this large Province in welcoming as the successor of my beloved and revered friend a scion of the house of Fortescue. The young, who live for what the years to come may bring, and who find their greatest delight in devising ambitious schemes, which they sanguinely believe will crown their future with success, think that the old have no pleasures that can equal theirs. But that is a great mistake, as to-day can testify, for if the past carries in its bosom no sting born of an illspent or useless life, but if on the contrary there are abiding green spots in by-gone memories on which the mind can dwell with satisfaction when life's busy scenes have been well played, and the shades of evening are tranquilly but surely closing round, advanced life must possess many pleasures unknown to those who have as yet realised no expectations, and who are still straggling toward the goal which the old have reached and passed. You will all understand to what and to whom these remarks apply. We have to-day prayed the Great Architect of the Universe to speed on his noble mission our newly-installed Master, and with one mind and one voice cordially welcomed him to that chair to which he has so strong an ancestral claim. But we have one other duty to perform, without which I am quite sure you, Right Worshipful Sir, would be the first to declare that the ceremony of to-day was incomplete. We have to bid farewell to him—happily only in his official capacity—who, for so many years, has not only been our genial Master, but the steadfast counsellor, sincere friend, and affectionate brother of us all. At his installation, now many years ago, it was my pleasing privilege to present to him an address of welcome such as I have been honoured in presenting to you, his successor, to-day. Then I dwelt, as I truthfully could, without flattery or exaggeration, upon his private virtues and excellent public qualities, as well as upon the services he had rendered, not only to the Craft in particular, but to humanity at large, all welded together into one harmonious whole, by the daily practice of "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth," in their best and widest sense. I prophesied then that when the day came which should close his rule over us, the Freemasons who should live to see that day would be able to say, as we said so long ago, with fervent, sincere, and grateful feelings for all he has done for us and the Craft—"He fed us with a true and faithful heart, and ruled us prudently with all his power." Said I not well then, brethren? Say I not well now? Dear Brother Huyshe, as sincerely as we have to-day welcomed our coming ruler with loyal acclamation, do we, in the face of this great gathering, and in the face of the Masonic world, pray the Great Architect of the Universe to speed you, our parting Ruler, and bless you with mental and bodily health to look back, as I know you will, with kindly feeling and affectionate regard to us, your brethren, who, on our part, shall continue to love and respect, as we have always loved and respected, you.

R.W. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe expressed his gratification at being present at the ceremony that had just taken place. From intimate relationship that existed between the Provinces of Devon and Cornwall, the mutual interest they took in each other's welfare, combined with the circumstance of his having taken his earlier offices in the Province of Devon, he should have felt regret at being absent on such an important occasion. He hoped that their new P.G.M. would be privileged to enjoy a long, happy, and useful career, and might be able to look back at its close with the same satisfaction, and enjoy the same respect as his predecessor.

The P.G.M. thanked the brethren for the address presented to them, and the congratulations that had been expressed. It was unusual for so young a man to receive the important appointment he had just entered upon. He could not expect to equal his predesessors, but he should be guided by the standard that they had set before him, and should do his best to walk in their footsteps. The P.G.M. confirmed the existing bye-laws of the Province.

The Secretary's report shewed a satisfactory condition of the Province. The Treasurer's report stated the receipts of the year to have been £543 14s 2d; balance left in hand £228 3s. The report of the Fortescue Annuity Fund shewed a satisfactory progress. The whole of these, together with the report of the Committee of Petitions, were unanimously received and adopted. A Committee, to consist of R.W. Bro. Rogers D.P.G.M., Bro. Pope the Secretary of the Fund; the Provincial G. Secretary and two Auditors, and W. Bro. Twose, with power to add to their number, was appointed to examine the securities of the Fortescue Fund, and consider what new arrangements were desirable. W. Bro. H. G. Beachy was elected Treasurer of the Province; and W. Bros. J. E. Curtois 189 and W. S. Pasmore 444, were appointed the Auditors.

The following brethren were then invested as the Officers:—H. Walrond G.S.W. 303, W. Hine Haycock G.J.W. 104, Rev. R. Swansborough G. Chap. 1181, Rev. C. W. H. Holly G. Chap. 1753, H. G. Beachey G. Treas. 1138, George Hartzel G. Sec. 251, John Brewer G. Reg. 112, H. D. Thomas G.S.D. 444, A. Latimer G.J.D. 189, T. B. Patterson G.S. Works 1125, A. Bodley G.D.C. 39, B. Barber A.D.C. 1254, Major Swan S.B. 847, E. M. Vinnecombe G.O. 39, D. Box G. Purs. 156, W. Pollard 1284, J. German 39, W. Padley

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1254, E. Furze 421, J. Harris Square 1496, and E. J. Knight 202 G. Stewards, Peter Blanchard P.G. Tyler, and John Rogers P.G.A. Tyler.

Bro. J. E. Curteis withdrew his motion for the founding of a Provincial Educational scheme. The testimonial to W. Bro. Gover (£50 subscribed among the brethren for his services and zeal as the Secretary of the Committee of Petitions) was presented, and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Gover. The D.P.G.M. proposed that R.W. Bro. Metham should continue to be a member of the Committee of Petitions; but Bro. Metham said he must decline the compliment.

In the evening a large party of the brethren dined together at the Royal Public Rooms.

THE BEAR AND THE BEES.

A Baleful Ballad.

"Bears, it is well known, have a great fondness for honey. Brain, on one occasion, found a hive in the hollow of an old tree. In his eagerness to rifle the contents he overturned it, when the insects, exceedingly irritated, stung him about the muzzle and paws so fiercely, that, snorting with the pain of physical inflammation, and the chagrin of mental disappointment, he had, with shame and anguish, woefully to confess that his greed and curiosity had perhaps cost him too dear."—*Æsop's Fables.*

"But, snug in her hive, the Queen Bee was alive,
And 'buz' was the word in the Island."

Allusion to the defeat of the Spanish Armada in the old ballad of "The tight little Island."

I led a very happy life,
I never wanted cash,
For joint stock schemes were always rife,
And capitalists rash;
"A far cry to Lochiel" when they thought they'd "struck ile,"
A long day 'ere impending smash.

I had a very merry time,
I knew no sense of care,
For the chink of gold was my matin chime,
And cheques formed my vesper fare;
And I found it my lines to live up to the nines
Whether as bull or bear.

One day I spied a vein of gold,
I saw *oi polloi* derided
The pabulum of news, that old
Respected sheets provided,
So each week to purvey a full flavoured relay
Of "Society" talk I decided.

But in the dreary season, Oh!
Material to obtain
For hebdomadal copy, where to go,
Ah! how I racked my brain!
Lo! So-ci-e-ty had gone off on the spree,
And its small talk—it didn't remain.

A bull, one day, I thought of the bear,
Who, with no need of money,
Desiderated, of course you're aware
A good tuck out of honey;
The Freemason's hive, I reflected 's alive,
And the secrets, some tell me, are funny.

But how to find the hive, and get
At all its hidden store,
Why, book-stalls are extant as yet,
Tomes to be had galore,
And a shilling would buy all I craved to supply
Ample "copy" for Freemasons' lore.

So the hive I found, and planted my paw
(I thought I was cutting a figure)
On what I conceived were the secrets, their law
Guarded with vigilant rigour;
But, "buz," was the shout, and the "varmint" swarmed out,
And they stung me with valour and vigour.

And now I wander by day and by night,
And my pen I'm compelled to shackle,
For my eyes are—both—bunged, and my nose is a sight,
While my tongue is scarce able to cackle;
And that is the plight I'm reduced to—poor wight—
Through Freemasonry trying to tackle!

Holloway's Pills.—The hour of danger.—Disease commonly comes on with slight symptoms, which, when neglected, increase in extent, and gradually grow dangerous—a condition which betrays the grossest remissness—when these Pills, taken in accordance with their accompanying directions, would not only have checked, but conquered the incipient disorder. Patients daily forward details of the most remarkable and instructive cases in which timely attention to Holloway's advice has undoubtedly saved them from severe illness. These Pills act primarily on the digestive organs, which they stimulate when slow and imperfect; and, secondly, upon the blood, which is thoroughly purified by them, whence is derived the general tone they impart, and their power of subjugating hypochondriasism, dyspepsia, and nervous complaints.

Our advertising columns contain an announcement of an intended tour to Paris and Switzerland by a private Masonic party under the personal conductorship of Bro. Oscar Dietrich, for many years conductor for Messrs. Cook and Son, and now acting in that capacity for Mr. O. H. Caygill. From the programme submitted for the consideration of intending tourists, in this instance accompanied by ladies, and the moderate inclusive terms during the period of travel, extending over a fortnight from the 15th September next, we can scarcely imagine a more delightfu' and inexpensive opportunity of making acquaintance with the beautiful scenery of Switzerland and the gaiety of the French metropolis. A personal knowledge of Bro. Dietrich, and of his excellent qualifications for the conductorship of such a genial party as this is certain to be, causes mixed emotions of pleasure and regret. Pleasure to know that those who comprise the limited number of tourists must of necessity experience the most thorough enjoyment under his guiding influence, and regret that the exigencies of our "desk and office" preclude the possibility of our sharing in the gratification which will be their portion. May health and the best of spirits accompany the party during their travel, and may they return with minds and bodies invigorated by the contemplation of exquisite scenery and the inhalation of the purest atmosphere. So mote it be!

The next meeting of the Hilda Rose Croix Chapter (Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett M.W.S.) will be held in the Eboracum Lodge Rooms, Queen's Hotel, York, on Friday evening next.

On Saturday, the 16th inst., a meeting of the Yorkshire College of Rosicrucians was held, by kind permission of the W.M. of the St. Oswald's Lodge, in the Masonic Rooms, Pontefract. Papers were read by Frater T. B. Whytehead, on "Pontefract and its Castle," and by Frater Dr. Thomas, on "Some of the Wonderful Organs and Mechanisms to be found in the Human and other Bodies," and the Fraters were afterwards most hospitably entertained at tea by W. Bro. T. W. Tew D.P.G.M. for West Yorkshire.

In Memoriam.

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We record with deep regret the death, at the early age of thirty-two years, of Bro. William George Wingrove, which event occurred at Isleworth on the 20th ult. By many of the brethren Bro. Wingrove will be remembered as the cheery proprietor of the Pier Hotel at Greenhithe, and those who had the good fortune to attend any of the numerous pleasure parties which were wont to assemble at that favourite resort last year will call to mind the genial and courteous young host who exerted himself so assiduously in ministering to their comfort and enjoyment. Last year Bro. Wingrove was elected to the highest position in his Lodge, the Emulation, No. 299, at Dartford, and carried out his duties in a manner that was highly creditable to himself and most satisfactory to the brethren, who at the termination of his year of office presented him with a valuable Past Master's jewel. In the early part of the present year, however, Bro. Wingrove purchased the interest in the Northumberland Arms Hotel at Isleworth, and the improvements he effected in that fine old-fashioned establishment bade fair to win back to it a popularity that had of late years considerably waned. He was, however, not permitted to see the issue of his well-intentioned efforts, for after a brief illness he was taken, leaving a wife and several children to mourn their loss. Deceased was genuinely beloved and respected by all who knew him, and by none have more heartfelt regrets been expressed than by those brethren amongst whom he took so leading and so active a part.

The Masonic symbols and ceremonies point to God. Without God these things are unmeaning. So it is with the principles of Masonry and its history. "The supreme Architect," as He is termed in the prayers and dedications of Masonry, is God. Strike out God, and Freemasonry has no object. It is not a temperance society, it is not a benefit distributing society, it is a society whose principles are emanations from God. Therefore profanity in your members is a shameful vice, and the profane brother is to be disciplined.—*Rob Morris.*

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 23rd AUGUST.

Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7.

MONDAY, 25th AUGUST.

174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
408—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham.
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Inst,)
1542—Legionium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.
R. A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

TUESDAY, 26th AUGUST.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
269—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.
1317—St. John, King's Arms, Grays.
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.
1596—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead.
1698—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 27th AUGUST.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
212—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)

86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire.
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire.
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham.
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley.
640—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Inst.)
996—Scoles, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.
1009—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester.
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby. (Instruction.)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow.
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester.
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.
1302—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull. (Inst.)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1662—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes.
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton.
R. A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
R. A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
R. A. 605—De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
R. A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M. M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes.
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster.

THURSDAY, 28th AUGUST.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden.
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth.
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire.
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn.
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe.
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter.
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale.
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire.
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester.
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.
R. A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.

FRIDAY, 29th AUGUST.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Staithburn.
469—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.
1326—Lebanon, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton, at 3.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.

SATURDAY, 30th AUGUST.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.
R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 14th August. Present:—Bros. Moss W.M., Forss S.W., Hogarth J.W., Webb S.D., Jenkins I.G., L. Norden Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Maidwell candidate. The W.M. worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was then closed.

21st August. Bros. Forss W.M., Da Silva S.W., Benjamin J.W., Weige S.D., Valentine J.D., H. Charik I.G., L. Norden Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, Bassingham W.M. 205, and other brethren. After preliminaries, Bro. Charik answered the questions leading to the third degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising, together with the traditional history, was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Da Silva worked the first and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Bassingham W.M. 205 and Charik were unanimously elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. All business being disposed of, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Hermes Chapter, No. 77.—The last meeting of this Chapter for the season was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend. The Town Regatta took place on the same day, and Gravesend was consequently *en fête*. The proceedings connected therewith, together with the opportunity afforded to the Companions to visit the United States frigate Trenton, then lying off the town, made their day's outing most pleasurable. After a pleasant trip by saloon steamer from London and a few hours spent in inspecting the above named vessel and the several incidents of a regatta, the Chapter was opened for business by Companions Woodward Z., Holden H., Swallow P.Z. as J., Cottebrune S.E., Murley

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N., Hall P.S., Docker 1st A.S. There were also present Companions Scott P.Z., Kelso P.Z., Skilliter (mine host), &c. and Visitors —Companions from Pentangle Chapter No. 1174 Province of Kent, Penfold P.Z., White Z., Lieut.-Colonel Burton and Bate, Laxton Prov. G. Reg. of Middlesex, and J. G. Shand No. 25. The minutes of the previous convocation having been confirmed, Bro. M. Crook, Covent Garden Lodge, was duly exalted to the supreme degree. Routine business having been disposed of, Chapter was closed and the Companions dined together, mine host supplying a bountiful repast and dessert. The return journey by rail was made in safety, the Companions being thereby undismayed by the unfortunate collision which occurred on the same evening to the City of London, so near the spot which was the scene of the deplorable calamity the loss of the Princess Alice, about this time last year, and which would probably have interfered with their pleasure if they had returned by water.

York Lodge, No. 236.—On Monday last a meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall. Present—Bros. A. Buckle W.M., J. Todd P.M. Prov. G. Reg., T. B. Whytehead P.M. Prov. G.D.C., Sir James Meek P.M. P.P.G.W., J. E. M. Young P.M. P.P.G. Chaplain, W. Lawton P.M. P.P.G. Reg., G. Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O., T. Camidge P.P.G.O., and many other officers and brethren. Several notices on the agenda paper were discussed by the brethren, and, amongst other matters, it was decided that the initiation fees, which had been two years since raised to ten guineas, be reduced to the former amount of six guineas. It was also resolved that greater efforts be used in the cause of the Masonic Charities, and that an appeal be issued to the brethren of the Lodge. The Prov. Grand Master having signified his intention of presiding at the next Benevolent Festival, it is fully anticipated that the Lodges in the Province will make a great effort, and that a strong contingent of Stewards will support the Earl of Zetland on the occasion.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Forss W.M., Weige S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., Williams S.D., Marsh J.D., Carr I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., Fred. Brasted Preceptor; Clark, Dignam, C. Lorkin, Quay, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. Christian answered the questions leading to the third degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree. Bros. Hammond and Johnson of Lodge 918 were elected members. Bro. Weige was appointed W.M. for next Tuesday evening.

Doric Lodge, No. 933.—A meeting was held on the 8th of August, at the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, E. Present:—Bros. Forss W.M., Green S.W., M'Grath J.W., W. Musto P.M. Sec., B. Cundick P.M. Preceptor and Treas., Friedeberg S.D., Hayward J.D., Hopkins I.G., Macdonald T.; Bros. West, Stephens, Job, Barr, Morton 1259, Davies 1021, Grounds and Webb. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting were confirmed. Brother Grounds having shown himself proficient was entrusted. Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Grounds candidate, Bro. Stephens worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Morton and Davies were elected members, and Bro. Green was appointed to preside at the next meeting.

Strawberry Hill Lodge, No. 946.—A meeting was held on Wednesdday, the 13th inst., at the Grotto Hotel, Cross Deep, Twickenham. Present:—Bros. Smeed P.M. acting W.M., Dan Argyle S.W., W. Röhrs J.W., Platt Secretary, Woglemuth Treas., Skinner S.D., Ackerman J.D., Past Masters Waghorn, Woglemuth, Garwood; Beard, D'Iffanger and others. Visitors—Bros. Tyler, Greenfield, &c. Business:—The minutes of the regular Lodge held in June last were read and confirmed. Brother William Beard was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M., and Bro. Valentine E. Paul D'Iffanger passed to the second degree. Bro. Rose was elected a joining member. The brethren afterwards proceeded to banquet, supplied by Bro. Garwood in excellent style. The usual toasts were given. Bro. Greenfield Treas. 1602, in replying to the Visitors' toast, called especal attention to the working of the acting W.M., which he stated he had never seen surpassed. Bro. P.M. Smeed is one of those from whom a great deal may be acquired by all who desire instruction. The brethren after passing a very happy evening, during which Bros. Pope, Skinner and Beard sang some excellent songs, separated at the reasonable hour of ten o'clock, in time to enable most of the party to be in town by eleven.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 1208.—A meeting of this Lodge took place at the Royal Hotel, Dover, on Monday, the 18th instant, under the presidency of Bro. Edwin Fenn W.M., assisted by Bros. James Holmes I.P.M. in the absence of the S.W., Bro. T. W. Prescott in the absence of the J.W., Bro. Walter S.D.; Bros. Inglesden J.D., Chamberlain I.G., and W. A. Smeeth P.M. Sec. The minutes of the previous Lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Captain Clowes, of the 30th Regiment, having answered the usual questions in a satisfactory manner, was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bro. Potter was passed to the second degree. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, when a pleasant hour was spent. The Visitors were—Bros. W. I. Spicer P.M. Fitzroy 569, J. W. Terson 199, Reid and Robinson.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—held at the Alwyne Castle, Canonbury, on the 15th August. Present:—Bros. Cull W.M., Rowe S.W., Buderus J.W., Mendelsohn S.D., Rowley J.D., Boas I.G., P. Dickinson P.M. Acting Preceptor, G. H. Hunter Sec. pro tem, and Bros. Shackell P.M., Pearcy P.M., Eldridge P.M., Yeomans, Field, Pelikan, Williams, Chant, and Frampton. The ceremonies of initiation, passing, and raising, were rehearsed, Bro. Pelikan candidate, the W.M. gave the traditional history and explanation of the third tracing board. The third section of the lecture was worked. Lodge closed in the third and second degrees, and Bro. Row S.W. was elected W.M. for the following week, the officers in rotation. Bro. Pearcy P.M. received the hearty congratulations of the brethren on his recovery from a severe illness. The Lodge was then closed in ancient form, &c.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326.—The last regular meeting of this Lodge for the present year was held at the Lion Hotel, Hampton, on Saturday, the 16th inst. Bros. John B. Shackleton P.G.P. Middlesex P.M. 1524 W.M., E. Lucop, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. John Hammond, officiated as S.W., and the remaining offices were filled by the brethren appointed at the previous meeting, viz., J. W. Baldwin Prov. G. Standard Bearer J.W., Frederick Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. Secretary, H. Gloster P.M. S.D., Thos. Stone J.D., Steinhauer I.G., F. Knight D.C., and John Gilbert Tyler. Amongst those present during the evening were Bros. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. Hon. Mem., T. W. Adams, John Thompson, C. W. Baker, J. E. Smith, F. Dye, J. McNaughten, W. J. Smith, A. J. Rogers, J. Lawrence, &c., and visitors Bros. W. A. Barrett P.M. 76, T. Butt J.W. 957, J. Hancock 1657, and T. M. Butt 1623. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, and election made of Bro. C. Poulson 1309 as joining member. Bros. J. W. Smith and F. Dye were raised to the degree of M.M. Four propositions for initiation at next meeting were submitted, and it was intimated that probably a Lodge of emergency would be called for an early date. Three brethren were recommended to Prov. Grand Lodge for honours, and there being no further business before the Lodge it was closed with solemn prayer. After a ramble by the river side for about half an hour, the brethren again assembled, for refreshment. A very excellent and substantial "high tea" had been provided, to which all present did justice, and which appeared to afford more satisfaction than an elaborate and expensive banquet could have done. The usual Loyal and Masonic toast were honoured, to the accompaniment of a "grog and cigar," and a very pleasant and harmonious hour or two was passed before the 8.30 train whisked off the Metropolitan brethren to their respective homes. Bros. Barrett, Butt, Marsh and Stevens effectively aided the genial intercourse of the evening, the former producing a fine *old* song not often heard now-a-days, and the latter reciting in his most able manner his increasingly popular "Masons' Vows." Order, peace, and harmony ruled throughout the entire proceedings, and this meeting of the Lebanon Lodge will long be remembered with satisfaction by all those who had the privilege of being present.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Canning-town, E., on Tuesday, 19th August. J. Barker W.M., Andrews S.W., Pavitt J.W., Smith S.D., Johnson J.D., Spencer I.G., Worsley Sec., P.M. Musto Preceptor; Bros. White 408, Richardson, Ellis 124, Sadler, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Richardson answered the questions leading to the sublime degree, and was entrusted; the Lodge opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Worsley worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Joshua Andrews then took the chair, and installed the various Officers into their respective seats, in a very effective and pleasing manner. Bro. Andrews is the W.M. elect of the Upton Lodge 1227, the installation meeting of which takes place on Thursday, the 21st instant, when Bro. P.M. Musto will perform the installation ceremony. Lodge was then closed in the first degree, and Bro. White 408 was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when, it being the fourth Tuesday of the month, he will work the sections, assisted by Bros. Musto as S.W., Shepherd W.M. of 1349 as J.W. and P.M., Cundick as I.P.M. The following brethren will take the several sections:—1st Bro. Roberts, 2nd Worsley, 3rd Musto, 4th Barker, 5th Shepherd, 6th Andrews, 7th Pavitt, 8th Spencer, 9th Johnson, 10th Musto, 11th Smith, 12th Worsley, 13th White, 14th Pavitt, 15th Cundick; to commence at seven o'clock precisely. We hope there will be a good attendance, as the working of Bro. Andrews is generally much appreciated. The Summer Banquet of this Lodge of Instruction (ladies to accompany the brethren) will take place at the Crown Hotel, Broxbourne, on Thursday, 4th September. Further particulars will be inserted in this paper next week.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.—A Lodge of Instruction was held on the 18th of August at the Masonic Hall, Canterbury. Present:—Bros. Thos. Blamiers W.M., Bro. Hammond S.W., Bro. Price J.W., Bro. Lagden Sec., Bro. Miskin S.D., Bro. Wilson, J.D., Bro. Widgery I.G., also Bros. E. Beer W.M. 1449. Visitors—Bros. Davey 1566, Ellington, &c. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last Lodge of Instruction read and confirmed. The questions leading from the first to the second degree were regularly put and answered. The working tools were explained by Bro. Lagden in the second degree, and the charge delivered by Bro. Blamiers. The lecture on the tracing board was given ably and impressively; Brother Blamiers also explained the working tools of a Fellow Craft. Lodge was lowered, and nothing further having been offered for the benefit of Freemasonry, it was closed in due and ancient form with solemn prayer.

St. Martin's le Grand Lodge, No. 1538.—The installation meeting of this new Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 12th

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instant, at the London, Fleet-street, and was numerously attended by the brethren. Col. Burdett P.G.M. Middlesex, E. P. Albert P.G.P., F. Walters P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, Frances P.P.G.J.D. Surrey, Captain Williams P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, Major Williams P.M., and several other distinguished visitors were present. The W.M., Bro. F. B. Williams P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, was supported by the Wardens and Officers. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Lattel was raised to the third degree, the work being performed in an impressive manner by the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. G. Gregory S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge. Bros. Col. Burdett P.G.M. Middlesex, and E. P. Albert P.G.P. occupied the Wardens' chairs. Bro. Green was installed into the W.M.'s chair by Bro. Capt. Williams. The customary salutations were given, and the W.M. invested his Officers:—Bros. F. B. Williams I.P.M., Gibbs S.W., Moffatt J.W., Major Williams P.M. Treasurer, Capt. Williams P.M. Secretary, Dr. Lnish S.D., Roberteon J.D., Parks I.G., Hookey D.C., Stannard Org., Dixon Steward. A sum of ten guineas was voted for the purpose of presenting Bro. Williams with a secretary's jewel, for the eminent services he had rendered to the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous and *récherché* banquet and dessert. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, Bro. Colonel Burdett P. Prov. G.M. Middlesex returning thanks for the Grand Officers, and Bro. Frances P.P.G.J.D. Surrey responding for the Visitors. The health of the W.M.; the Installing Master; the Wardens and Officers, were in due course given, and ably responded to. The Tyler's toast concluded an agreeable evening.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Monday, the 14th inst., the W.M. Bro. J. S. Cumberland presiding, supported by Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M., G. Balmford P.M. and Treas., Bro. J. Hanly W.M. 237 (I.C.), and many other brethren. The attendance was not as large as usual, in consequence of many of the members being absent from home on their holidays. The business consisted in the initiation of Mr. Carter, after which some correspondence was read, and several valuable Masonic works, amongst them being Hughan's History of York Masonry, the property of the late Bro. T. Cooper, were handed over, by the deceased brother's wish, to the Lodge. A copy of Hughan's Provincial Directory for Cornwall was also received from the author, as well as an old plate of Montgomerie, Tyler of Grand Lodge, the gift of Bro. R. W. Hollon P.M. Bro. T. Humphries Assist. Secretary presented to the Lodge a bookcase for the use of the library, and for all these gifts votes of thanks were passed, and the Lodge was closed. On Monday last a committee meeting was held, for the purpose of making arrangements for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge, which is fixed for the 17th Sepetmber next at York, under the banner of the Eboracum Lodge. We understand that the programme of the day's proceedings is likely to include the meeting of the P.G. Lodge in the Guildhall, at York, a procession to the Cathedral, special service, and a banquet at the De Grey Rooms. It is anticipated that there will be a very large muster of brethren on this occasion, York being so central and the train facilities so great.

Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744.—An emergency meeting was held on Monday, 18th inst., at Ashley's Hotel, Covent-garden. Present:—Bros. James Willing jun. W.M., Smith acting S.W., F. W. Sillis acting J.W., Stiles acting S.D., J. Greenfield acting J.D., Cook I.G., Jacques Organist. There was but a small attendance of the members of the Lodge. Visitors Bros. Heyse and Gwyn 1602, &c. Business: Bros. P. W. Earle and G. R. Carter were raised to the third degree, and Brother Ramsden was passed. A ballot was successfully taken, and Messrs. J. Blundell, G. W. E. Thorn, W. Redstone, and C. H. Holland were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned until October. Of the working of the W.M. it is unnecessary to say more than it was all that could be desired. It was fortunate the visitors and members had not to undergo the ordeal of a banquet, the want of ventilation being most distressing.

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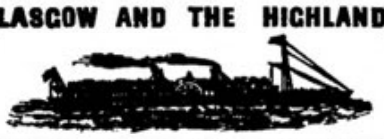

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THE OPENING OF THE SESSION.

THE Masonic Recess of 1879, which may be said to come to a close this day, has been one of great activity to members of the Craft. Indeed, up to within the last two or three weeks it has been our pleasure to record nearly as many Masonic gatherings as take place in the height of the regular season. The growing custom of holding summer festivals goes far to tide over the lull which occurs in the regular Lodge meetings during the summer months, and the annual gatherings of many of the Provincial Grand Lodges about the same time supplies further employment, and gives us additional opportunities of enjoying the country at the most pleasant part of the year. The work of the past, however, to-day only concerns us in so far as the results that may accrue from it are considered; doubtless care and deliberation have characterised each step that has been taken, and we can only hope that the result may prove satisfactory to those who took active parts, and that the transaction will be beneficial to the Craft in general.

Now, as regards the future. It is necessary ere we enter on a new Session that we should pause awhile, and take a survey of the prospect that lies before us. We start on the Masonic Season of 1879-80 in the midst of a great commercial depression, and however much we may wish to disconnect Freemasonry from the outer world we cannot wholly disassociate from it the general influences which govern the country. The Masonic Brotherhood must be successful in a great measure in proportion to the financial success of the country, and in times of depression members of the Craft cannot fail but to be affected by the same causes as govern every branch of commercial and social enterprise. It behoves us therefore to use greater caution before we undertake any new work, and we should consider most carefully the results which are likely to follow any course contemplated. More especially is this caution necessary in its application to the reception of new members; it is here that the evil effect of bad times will speedily develope itself, as affecting the candidates who apply for admission to the Order. Many worthy men, who may desire to enter the portals of Freemasonry, will be debarred from gratifying their wish when they reckon up the cost attending such a step; while others, less worthy, will take advantage of this fact to seek to obtain a participation in the benefits of the Order. The tendency in many of our Lodges, especially in large towns, is to accept any candidate that may be proposed rather than pass a season without having initiated one or more applicants. This indiscriminate admission, it is sometimes urged, is really a necessity if it be desired that the prestige of the Lodge should be kept up, as regards banquets, jewels, and other expenses which cannot be provided out of the regular subscription fees. In many cases a Worshipful Master does not like to run the risk of becoming unpopular by depriving brethren of the expected banquet after one or more of the regular meetings, which—had he the future prosperity of the Lodge at heart—he could plainly see the finances of the Lodge would not warrant his ordering. This state of things is much to be regretted, and we maintain that until the expense of banquets and other luxuries are kept within the bounds of actual subscriptions, a Masonic Lodge cannot be said to stand on a firm basis. So long as it is known that two or three members introduced into the Lodge will have the effect of changing a quiet supper into a luxurious banquet, we believe there will be brethren ready to propose candidates merely for the sake of eating and drinking up the initiation or joining fees thus unworthily obtained. In times of prosperity this course of proceeding is not so noticeable, but it creates a precedent in times such as the present which will be found very difficult to maintain.

Another item which calls for the exercise of care and discrimination, and which, perhaps, will affect the future of the Lodge in a greater measure than any other question the members may be called to decide upon is the choice of a Master for the following year. We are taught, such is the nature of our Constitution, that some must rule and teach, while others must submit and obey, and, it is added, humility in each is an essential qualification. The power we bestow on the brother who may have been so fortunate as to secure the suffrages of his brethren is so great that it gives him, virtually, supreme authority, and, however much his actions may seem to be controlled by the members of the Lodge, he, in a great measure, has unbounded sway. Thus, should he prove himself unable to use his authority with discretion, or omit that essential qualification we have already quoted, he may lead his Lodge into such a condition as must prove a serious impediment, if not act fatally to its future prosperity. It is not only necessary that he should have the power of mind needful to secure obedience, he should also possess tact sufficient to show him when it is advisable to give way to the wishes of his fellows. The Master should be very careful how he takes part in any discussion; indeed, in our opinion, it is the better course for him entirely to withhold his ideas unless appealed to by the brethren. When a discussion arises in a Lodge those brethren who take one side or the other are very apt to look upon the opposition, at least for the time, as foes; so that when the ruler himself sides with one party or the other it is seldom but that he earns the disapproval of a section of his Lodge. It would be far better had he listened to all that was said, and then, before putting the question to the Lodge, briefly, but uninterestedly, placed the arguments on both sides before the members, much in the same way as a judge would sum up a case prior to calling on a jury for their verdict. For the same reason, we urge that it is very unwise on the part of a Master to allow his name to appear as proposer or seconder of a candidate, or of any motion it may be contemplated to bring before the Lodge; such, in our opinion, amounts to a direct appeal to the brethren, and tends to show that the Master is in doubt whether he still has the support that placed him in the chair. Many brethren under such circumstances prefer to absent themselves rather than appear to oppose the ruler of the Lodge, although their idea on the question at issue may be the correct one. So far as regards the Master; but it is not the Master only that is enjoined to show humility, every member is expected to practise it, and thus alone can be secured that harmony and good feeling so essential to meetings in every branch of society, be it a Freemason's Lodge, a club or any other gathering. As we have already mentioned the power of the Master is all but supreme, and should the members find it desirable at any time to tighten the rein, or offer some check to his career, they should bear this in mind, and use caution before they offer opposition. They must remember that for them to appear at all dictatorial must be hurtful to the feelings of him who, by their own voice, is exalted to the position of ruler, and therefore any suggestion that the course the Master is pursuing is wrong should be made in private and not made to appear as a bomb-shell suddenly before him in open Lodge. Of course

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we do not wish to imply that open censure is to be abandoned altogether, but that it should be the last course to resort to is certain.

We seem to have digressed somewhat in so far that we have referred to the work the Master will be called upon to perform ere we have considered the important question, Who shall be elected? Doubtless the first answer to this question, or certainly the one that is given in most Lodges is—The Senior Warden. The wisdom of adopting such a course is apparent. Usually the brother who fills the position of principal officer has worked his way up from one or other of the minor positions, and has in the time thus passed learned the peculiarities of the members and the general tendency of their wishes. If he is a man willing to bow to the voice of the majority, and is possessed of a genial disposition, we doubt if any better brother could be elected, for by rote he is entitled to the promotion, and above all has that knowledge of the Lodge, which personal experience alone can secure, but, unfortunately, it is very difficult to decide whether a brother is possessed of the qualities we have referred to. As Senior Warden, or indeed ever since he entered the Lodge, he may have been looked up to as desirous of promoting the comfort of his companions, but he may have cherished ideas of what he will do when in the chair, which no one but himself is aware of, and although he may consider the enforcement of these views necessary for the good of the members, he may contemplate harsh steps to secure their consummation. As it is impossible to form any idea of what may be in store for us, we are compelled in a measure to act in the dark, but we think there should not be much doubt of the general tendency of a brother who has been in office for a term of four or more years. On the other hand, if it be deemed advisable by the Past Masters or others, who in a measure guide the Lodge, to reject the Senior Warden, we think they should take some steps to inform that brother of their decision; it is at least as easy for them to pay a visit to the one chiefly affected, and explain their ideas, as it is for a party to visit each member of the Lodge, and, behind the back of the brother, set forth particulars which, true, or untrue, influence the voting when the night of election arrives. As men, but above all, as Masons, they would deserve greater applause did they act in a straightforward manner and explain to the Senior Warden their reasons for wishing him not to take the office of Master. If their reasons were sound, that brother in most cases would retire from the contest, and save thereby the upset of a rejection on the ballot; but if unsound, how much better it would be to have discovered the error before it was too late to remedy it. Trifling as this question of canvassing and influencing the votes is regarded by some, it is in reality a very serious offence. Every Past Master, ere he took his obligation as W.M. elect, promised in solemn Masonic form to avoid piques and quarrels, and yet how often do we find them quietly allowing, or even taking part in securing the rejection of a certain brother when the time of election approaches. Can a worse clique exist in a Lodge than that which can secure the rejection of any motion that does not exactly coincide with the views of its leaders.

CASTE.

ALMOST everybody has heard of the Irishman who, when twitted with being nowhere in the race, comforted himself with the reflection, "Well, I drove them all before me like a flock of sheep!" Such, it appears to us, is the position of not a few of our brethren who, instead of endeavouring by application and perseverance to rise like Sauls amongst their fellows, are content to allow others the undisputed sway of even their own imperfect acquirement of our system. Paradoxical as it may sound to speak of caste where all "meet upon the level and part upon the square," such a definition is, in a certain sense, admissible, even in Freemasonry. True, the principles of our Order, and the precepts which are bound up with its very existence, tend to level all distinctions; within the Lodge the brethren meet on an equality, the perfection of which is nowhere else to be attained. But, in spite of this grand fraternal axiom, which is tacitly recognised in every well-regulated Lodge, there are different traits in the characters of the brethren with whom we are accustomed to meet, and which publish audibly the truth of the old Shakesperian motto, "the mind's the standard of the man." Apply the subject to any Lodge with whose constituent parts we are, any of us, familiar, and the justice of the remark will be amply borne out in our reader's experience. Given, that all are induced to join the ancient and honourable institution from a good opinion preconceived of its moral and social advantages—who aspire to become the instruments of diffusing a wise and beneficent system with which even the outer world, so far as it has the opportunity of forming an opinion, must cordially agree, it would be contrary to Masonic honesty to believe that any were tempted to enlist under our banner from "mercenary or other unworthy motives;" and we are bound to believe that every initiate is imbued with the most strictly upright and legitimate intentions when he has been admitted to the first glimpses of Masonic light. But how often do we find that these intentions become lax and diluted, even as are the rays of light shining through a focus reversed? The enthusiasm which is kindled by the first acquaintance with the sublime ceremonies, the admiration which is stirred by the early study of the purest principles of piety and virtue, too frequently cool down after the first flush of pleasurable surprise; and how common is the remark from brethren who thus grow lukewarm—that they can "see nothing in it." It is just here that the question of moral and intellectual caste betrays itself. Some, with keen perception of the intrinsic beauties of the Craft, press forward with the laudable ambition of drinking deeper of the well of knowledge, fired with a pardonable ambition in their desire to overreach their fellows in the stretching out after truth. Without blazoning forth to the world their longings to soar into the ranks of dignity and office, we see them plodding industriously on, mastering the successive details of their avocation, until the expertness which is the result of patient study secures for them the inevitable reward of being raised head and shoulders above the rest. Their primary object in becoming Freemasons was not that some day they should be attired in gaudy regalia and glittering jewels, and have the pleasure of affixing the coveted initials of distinction to their names. Theirs is not merely the service of the lip and of show, but of the heart; and here, as in every other grade of life, the race is to the swift, and to the strong. Others who have joined from motives of equal integrity find the process slow and fatiguing,—it may be either from mental weakness, or inability to take a firm grip of the principles and tenets which are embodied in our symbolic ceremonies. They admire, and even appreciate, the grandeur of our Masonic rites; their hearts are stirred by the sublime appeals which are made for the exercise of those attributes of brotherly love, relief and truth, which are the very keystone of the brotherhood. But somehow they lack the intellectual calibre and the steady determination which constitute the motive power in all life's achievements, and the sequel is that apathy and lethargy set in, and instead of carrying on the work so well inaugurated, they fall back into the common ranks, and keep but a feeble hold, if any at all, on the leading strings of progress, which were placed firmly in their hands on the day of initiation. These are but two aspects of the case in which Masonic caste is to be defined. But, let us ask, are there not other, and even more regrettable, evidences of a diversity of intellectual weight in the constitution of our Lodges? Can we not point to individuals who regard conviviality and lavish expenditure as the very *ne plus ultra* of Masonic enjoyment. There are "cubs" in every stratum of society, and Freemasonry would be something more than a human institution if it escaped the taint. The "cub" revels in the brilliancy of his jewellery, the cut of his coat and collar, the *récherché* character of his get-up. He eschews the study of the ritual as being too "heavy" and intellectual. He is the mainstay and support of the fourth degree, and is ever ready to obey the welcome call of the Junior Warden. He comes in late from his club, breaks profusely into blandishments and smiles, and his description of anything pleasant as "awfully jolly" forms the staple of his talk. Though a stickler for the equality and fraternity of Masonry as an abstract principle, he avoids as much as possible his brethren who are less favoured as to social position and "appearances," and speaks of his fellow-creatures as "cads," with the exception of a few kindred spirits, whom he designates as "men," or "fellows"—never as brethren or gentlemen. He never "goes in" for any work of charity or Masonic study himself; nor do any of his acquaintances—so he does not care.

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Of the thousand elegances and graces of the past this ornamental brother knows nothing. Of old English literature—even of modern writing—he knows nothing. He looks upon Past Masters and Provincial Grand Officers as men who require his patronage, more from the honourable marks of distinction they wear than from the mental labour they have undergone in the process of acquiring them. The picture is severe, but is it not too true? Do we not find in many Lodges men of this languid, dawdling type, who regard position as "an awful bore," and who, if their vanity is not pampered by obsequious attentions, soon cool down, and eventually drop out of the firmament which declines to reflect their glitter and glare? And if, perchance, from reasons that may seem desirable, an attempt is made to elevate this "cub" into a position in which sobered example may be turned to good account, what a task is undertaken by the charitable and voluntary preceptor! As the tutor engaged to coach his pupil, to pull him through an examination, is often regarded with contempt by his "pup" (short for pupil), so very often is the honest and pains-taking preceptor who takes in hand this promising undergraduate. He might contrive, by that wondrous concentration which practice in one peculiar capacity confers upon humanity, to lick his *protégé* into a kind of education; just as men of low intelligence train dogs, monkeys, mice, and birds to perform tricks at command. He might be crammed sufficiently to pass the chair, assisted over the stony paths of hard work by kindly Past Masters, but his year of office will eventuate in no credit to the Lodge, or benefit to its members. And, after he has handed down the gavel he has scarcely known how to wield, he will relapse into the same listless apathy as that from which he had been temporarily aroused, the only exception being that he will dangle from his button-hole the P.M.'s jewel, which has been given him more out of compliment than appreciation. There are many other phases of Caste to which we may refer—the man who makes Masonry a vehicle for pushing his trade, who flaunts the emblems upon his shop-front, business-card, or sign-board; who employs it as a means of securing "influence" which shall assist him into a position in life; or who regards it as a passport to Society, without which he could not "mix" with those above him. But why enumerate them all? Surely we have said sufficient to illustrate the design of this article, and to prove that its title is not an empty one, even when applied to Masonry. That equality is recognised and acted upon in its truest sense with regard to the Order generally, and that it finds its truest exemplification in our Lodges, it would be affectation on our part to dispute; but that there are exceptions to this, as to every other rule, is abundantly evident to even the most casual observer of our system. It is as impossible to eradicate the presence of caste in any society as it is to change the orbits of the planets, and that being so it may be vain to point to the subject at all. Our only aim is that, by referring to it, we may possibly do some little in the way of reducing to a minimum the sins of omission and commission which every true-hearted and right-thinking Mason must deplore.

SUMMER MASONRY.

FROM THE "KEYSTONE."

THERE is considerable difference between Summer and Winter Masonry, although both are admirable. They have divers fields of action. Winter Masonry is practised chiefly in the Lodges. There we regularly meet our brethren, work up new material, administer charity, and instruct and entertain each other. Although often a month elapses between the meetings, it flies swiftly by, so that the communications appear to occur much more frequently than according to the regulations set down in the bye-laws. The labour and refreshment are so well adjusted to each other, and both are so congenial to the tastes and education of Craftsmen, that a Mason scarcely knows a pleasure superior to that of statedly meeting with his brethren, and aiding his fellows who may be in distress. Winter Masonry, therefore, combines activity with variety, and we trust and believe that the time will never come when the Fraternity shall cease to shower blessings upon the heads of all who engage in its labour of love. But what about Summer Masonry?

During the heated term, and especially during the month of August (upon which we have lately entered), as a rule, the Lodge Rooms are closed. If the brethren meet, it is likely—in the cause of refreshment, pure and simple—to indulge in a Masonic picnic, or excursion; or, it may be, to pay the last fraternal honors to the remains of a departed brother over his grave. The one gathering is as sad as the other is joyous. The one points to immortality, the other to time. The one is the most joyous refreshment, the other the most melancholy labour. But this is not all of Summer Masonry.

What is the very essence of Freemasonry, the soul that animates the body? Is it not the spirit of fraternity prevailing throughout the Craft—that fellow feeling which David Garrick so truly said, "makes one wondrous kind?" And how much of this there is among Masons out of the Lodge! We are often reminded to practise out of the Lodge those virtues we are taught within it, and one of the most signal of these virtues is brotherly love, the very bond and essence of Freemasonry. There is no place that we can go, so long as we do not entirely separate ourselves from our fellows, where we may not exercise, and ourselves receive the benefit of, this spirit of fraternity. It is the greatest of the triune virtues, and the opportunities for its display are manifold.

During the summer season we are apt to form many new acquaintances, whether we are at home or abroad. It does not take one long to discover whether he is introduced to a Brother Mason. The fact may be *unintentionally* divulged to a wide-awake brother in many ways; and to one who is not so wide awake, a ponderous Masonic jewel worn for ornament may serve as a placard to give notice of the *claims* of the wearer. However we may discover that he is in truth a brother; once having discovered it, there immediately springs up a cordiality that is born of knowledge, kinship, and is a fountain of pleasure to all who share in it. A man who is a Freemason is never among strangers. Go where he may, within the bounds of civilization, and sometimes, also, without its bounds, and he finds in every land a home, and every where a brother. We have met with brethren, strangers to us at first, but afterwards the closest of friends, on mountain tops, and in mines in the bowels of the earth, on the ocean, and in the wilderness. We have started upon a journey alone, and finished it surrounded by brethren. Such is not a unique experience—all have shared in it who have travelled, whether near or far.

In the Lodge-room we meet with visiting brethren who are certified to us as such, but during the limited time that we are thus together, comparatively few opportunities arise for the enjoyment of prolonged friendship. It is different in the outside world. There we are our own committee of examination. There we are by ourselves, it may be—at all events not in the midst of a throng of brethren as in the Lodge-room, and a Masonic acquaintance is appreciated the more. There we are out of the immediate circle of influence of Masonry, and under these circumstances it is more than gratifying to learn that Freemasonry is a life, and not simply a theory; and that it not only permeates large bodies, but is distributed liberally to each individual member when separated from the parent Lodge, and afloat on the sea of life We do not know how it may have struck others, but it has always seemed to us that Freemasonry in the world was, if possible, more real, more tangible, more enjoyable, than Freemasonry within the tyled precincts of the Lodge.

We feel inclined to invoke blessings upon the dog-days, because they introduce us to Summer Masonry. By the sea-side, and on the sea; on lake, and mountain side; on prairie and in the wilderness, wherever a Mason travels, he surely meets with, and profits by, the spirit of Fraternity. He may not need material aid, but all of us at all times enjoy the ministry of brotherly love. All hail, then, Summer Masonry!

In Memoriam.

It is with deep regret we announce the death, which took place on the 24th inst., of Bro. George Kelly King, well known to many of our readers by his connection with the Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541. From the *Sussex Daily Post* we extract the following:—

"Deceased was well known in Brighton many years ago as secretary and manager of a local Fire and Life Assurance Company, which afterwards became merged into the Sun Office, and in connection with which the Brighton Mutual Provident Society was first brought forward. A great lover of cricket, he subsequently became attached to Lords Ground and the Oval, as offical scorer, and also became a recognised contributor in all cricketing matters to the principal sporting papers. About two years ago he took over a brewery business at Hurstpierpoint, which unfortunately proved most disastrous, and the trouble of this, attendant on general weak health, must have hastened his decay. As a Freemason he was held in high esteem. He had served the Office of Master of two Lodges, was mainly instramental in forming the Horsham Lodge, and but a few months back (with the assistance of a few friends he established the Southdown Lodge at Hurstpierpoint.)"

The funeral of Bro. King took place on Wednesday, at Croydon, where for the last few months the deceased had been residing. In addition to several old and private friends and relations, there were present the following members of the "Southdown" Lodge, No. 1797, at Hurstpierpoint:—Bro. James Curtis (S.W. and now acting W.M.), Bro. E. Broadbridge (Secretary), and Bro. Dayson (S. John's College), also Bro. Frank Holford ("Yarborough" Lodge), an old friend of the family. The Burial Service, the first part of which was fully choral, was performed at the Church of S. Michael and All Angels; the body was interred in the Croydon Cemetery. Deceased will long be missed and mourned by a numerous circle of friends, to whom his genuine worth had endeared him. He leaves a widow to bewail her loss, which will be equally felt in London, Horsham, Hurstpierpoint, and Brighton.

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ORATION,

DELIVERED BEFORE GRAND LODGE OF IOWA, AT THE 36TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, DUBUQUE, IOWA,

5TH JUNE 1879.

BY BRO. LUCIEN C. BLANCHARD.

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN:

HITHERTO, on these occasions, you have had brethren of distinguished ability speaking to you choice words of wisdom from minds well stored by long experience in high places in our noble Order. To-day it is appointed you to hear the more humble and hurried words of one coming from the busy quarries, so to speak—the active duties of business life—one who, while offering for your consideration such suggestions as seem to him appropriate to the occasion, is yet frank enough to admit that his zeal and devotion to an Order which teaches him to shrink from no duty assigned him has led him to assume a task which, under ordinary circumstances, would seem presumptuous. Before and around me sit the sages of Masonry—gleaners who have passed over the field, and garnered with such frugality that little more is left for me than to pick up a straw here and there and add to their golden sheaves. But individuals are not born sages; the bud and blossom precede the mellow fruit, and knowledge is attained only by weary marches over a toilsome road. If, by persistent effort, I have at length become bold enough to presume to instruct those who need it far less than myself I shall have the soothing consolation of knowing that my weakness is at least common to that large class in every community who seem to have no other avocation than to give advice to those around them.

If it is true that Masonry makes its votaries wiser, better, and consequently happier, then it ought to be received with general favor. Seclusion begets selfishness, and where self is made the common centre, everything is made to revolve around it, like systems around their suns. Self impedes progress, stifles investigation, smothers the moral elements of man's nature, pursues virtue and all goodness, and silences conscience. Thus, the miser and the hermit, seeking to live in little worlds of their own creation, shun society, and with rigid conservatism, apply the brakes to the wheels of progress, and seek the darkness of seclusion by making their abodes in cheerless garrets, and even in caverns and forest jungles.

But consociation cements the elements of the moral and physical world into one compact body, which we denominate society. It produces the unseen and intangible fibres of that cohesive power which forms civil or political government. We seek a common basis for a common fellowship; and in the mystic ties that bind us together, in the felicity of intimate social relations, in the facile avenues which lead to the confidential and inviolable interchange of thought and feeling, in the beautiful forms and ceremonies which cement and unify while they charm and enlighten, in the warm sympathy engendered by kindred feelings, in the broad charity which recognises the universal brotherhood of man, are found those principles of virtue which are binding upon mankind as members of society. Destroy this, and all kindred societies, civilization would be little better than barbarism—the invisible and intangible chords which hold governments together would be severed, chaos would succeed law and order, and communistic fires would soon level the accumulations of centuries. That man needs and must have society, all must agree.

Masonry has defiantly braved the storms of many centuries. Its benignant rays have illuminated the shores of every country where civilization has found a lodgment, and, keeping pace with the onward march of events, it has visited the islands of the seas in its errand of mercy; and in our own fair republic are found to-day more than six hundred thousand who have learned its stern and pure precepts, as they are found written all over the lofty frieze of that venerable temple whose chambers you have entered. Its creed is upright and honorable. The clear and lofty language in which it is expressed needs no argument to elucidate its principles, and no eloquence to enforce its obligations. It seems to possess almost the sacred savor of Divine inspiration, and to enforce with appropriate forms and ceremonies the principles of Sinai's original but broken tablets.

The rights and duties of Masons are not greater or different from the rights and duties of other men. Those rights are the free enjoyment of such privileges as are vouchsafed to mankind by Divine law and such human laws as harmonise with the Divine law. Our duties are the fulfilment of our obligations under such laws, both to God and to our fellow men. But Masonry has for its object the attainment of those rights and the enforcement of such obligations. In the light of these duties, the willing ear receives the friendly admonition when temptations or dangers beset the pathway, and receives, perhaps, from the faltering lips of a revered brother, such counsel as might be sought in vain from the crowded strands of the busy world.

All good men are not Masons, and it may be admitted, frankly, that all Masons are not good men. But this neither proves that Masonry is beneficial or harmful, as the same is also true of all benevolent societies. If we were to apply the square and the plumb to the most charitable of institutions, or even to the orthodox churches, which have been, and still are, doing such a noble work for the advancement of mankind, intellectually, morally, and spiritually, and if, tested by these unyielding and rigid implements, we exclude all imperfections, and require exact measurements, I fear that few members would be left to pay their quarterage. The test of merit is said to be success; and, whatever may be our professions or scheme, however powerfully supported by argument, it must be ever true that Masonry will be judged by the moral character of its votaries; and it is, therefore, a truism which must be universally admitted, that the interests of the Order imperatively demand the highest traits of character in every one who voluntarily assumes to wear its charitable mantle. We are not bold enough to say that there are not those who clothe themselves with its raiment the better to accomplish selfish ends—perchance hoping that it may shield them from some misdeed, or promote some scheme to attain position and power. How sadly they misjudge, they learn when they meet the discomfiture which their folly justly merits. The fair temple of Masonry has no room for such men, and they have but a faint conception of the objects and purposes of the institution who thus seek to debase it to their own level. Every high-minded and cultivated society will demand high-minded and cultivated members, as herein lies the surest bulwark of defence against assaults from within and without. The society that demands less than this—that fails to require a high standard of morality and intelligence—ought to perish from the face of the earth. Could we divest our minds of the vicious thought that Masonry will help us whether we help ourselves—that it is in some way our debtor—that it owes us something grand and noble—power, position, fame—we should be the better prepared to receive its pure precepts and to profit by its sublime principles.

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I repeat, that there is no place in the sacred temple for selfish schemes. Their presence saps the foundation of its venerable walls. They belong with the idlers and vagabonds who infest life's highways, and who make night hideous with the robber's cry that the world owes them a living. The Order owes to the one what the world owes to the other—a short rope and a stout limb.

Of all species of slavery, ignorance is the most deplorable. Something more is required than to learn the forms and rituals. If we would be worthy of the age in which we live, we must quicken our steps so as to keep pace with the onward march of progress. Science sits peering into the hidden mysteries of nature, ever evolving and developing some new principle, or unfolding the powers of some new combination which an all-wise Providence has held in reserve for the wants of man as he advances, step by step, toward the ideal—the perfect man. The discoveries within our own age have been no more marvellous to our comprehension than in the changes already wrought in business and commerce, as well as in the habits, and even in the morals, of our people. The possibilities of the future are beyond our comprehension. Nature, in the economy of her benevolence, has hoarded its latent powers, as she has the vast fields of coal and minerals, until man has sufficiently developed for their use. The Great Master demands progress of us all; and that society which relies alone for its stability upon its ancient traditions and ritualistic forms, careless alike of the intelligence and virtue of its members, will find its walls crumbling with the dry rot of ages, and its usefulness at an end. The highest standard of moral philosophy, not less than the economy of political government, requires men of knowledge, of thought, of progress. We do not pass through the rituals of the Order, as one passes through a door—to leave it behind. The great lights are ever shining upon us. The tenets, pure and elevated, guide us through the lights and shadows, circumscribing our actions, and, failing to keep us within due bounds, they will plant thorns far down in the tender depths of an ever-wakeful and troubled conscience.

Problematical as life is, it needs all the aids which an enlightened society can give. The ritualistic forms are the aids, not the ends, of Masonry. Their purposes are pure and simple. The years of early manhood are not given to be wasted, and the energies of zealous natures are too precious to be thrown away. Each one of us needs what is wrought by others. If we walk in the dim light of selfish seclusion, the world will profit little by our lives, and will mourn less at our departure. But combined results are ever leading to new developments and perpetual advancement. The man who tills the soil feeds the miner, the miner supplies the forge, and the forge produces metal which the mechanic wields into ten thousand forms for the use of all. The philosopher discovers the principle, conceives the machine, which his hands are not cunning to execute; but the mechanic, with quick apprehension and deft fingers, grasps the plan which he was unable to devise, and produces the marvel of mechanism, which lessens life's burdens for all, and advances society in physical and moral prosperity.

And thus it is with knowledge or with labor not corporeal. Knowledge in one field advances knowledge in other fields. As the minister acquires knowledge in theology, the physician in medicine, and the lawyer legal knowledge—each one the lore pertaining to his vocation—society receives the information it requires, and profits by their joint labors. By harmonious and united action, we too shall be able to advance, not alone our individual interest, but the welfare of society; and it will be found that the usefulness of our institution will be measured by the extent to which it may be made available in the education and improvement of the human race. The Divine injunction, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou earn thy bread," is as applicable to the labor of mind as of hands—

> "Evil is wrought
> By want of thought,
> As well as by want of heart."

There were no idlers lounging around King Solomon's temple, and, as we are informed, each one was required to work according to the designs upon the trestle-board. While yet in the vigour of youth, we must draw our designs with care, or our work will not be effective. Robust hands may build ephemeral temples, but it is ours to build for that temple more enduring than earthly temples—eternal in the heavens. All else will pass away—

> "The cloud-capt towers, the gorgeous palaces,
> The solemn temples, the great globe itself—
> Yea, all which it inherits—shall dissolve,
> And like an insubstantial pageant, faded,
> Leave not a rack behind."

Our course in life is laudable in proportion to its general usefulness, and any one who is called upon to exercise any privilege, or fill any station, is bound to qualify himself for its functions by obtaining an understanding of the true character and objects of his work. Only the well-informed and well-disciplined are competent to investigate the science and execute the demands of social economy, and thus

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solve the problem how we can best employ the vast resources of the universe—physical, mental, and moral—for the use of man. No institution framed by man, and perfected by the wisdom of centuries, can be known by intuition. Capacity, intelligence, and virtue must exist; and where these are wanting, it can never be fully comprehended. The seed, however rich it may be, if planted in a barren soil, will fail to bring forth fruit. It is no disparagement to any one that he has been compelled to enter life with scanty opportunities; but the future lies before him, and he deserves little credit if he fails to make the most of that. The fruit of the grafted tree is as rich as the seedling whence the germ was taken, but the flavor of the crab is not changed by cultivation. The dangers to the prosperity of our venerable Order cannot be overrated, if left to the conceit of ignorance, the madness of prejudice, or the blindness of obstinacy. The ancient landmarks are not to be lost sight of, nor must we ignore the counsels and teachings of our venerable sages. Valuable thoughts on any subject come only from those who have pondered them, and no one is a safe counsellor unless he possesses extensive knowledge or much familiarity with his subject. Our sacred trusts are safe only when left within the capacity of intelligent minds—and even these will need all the prudence which vigilance can guard, all the integrity which enlightened conscience can bestow, all the devotion of self-sacrificing fealty, and all the sympathy which great hearts can give. Speculating visionaries may conjure up doubts as to the merits of our institution, but if the members are taught the knowledge of its principles, and the observance of its duties, then will the public heart be kept sound, and the public head clear, against both well-meaning and unfair criticisms.

"It is the mind that makes the body rich,
And as the sun breaks through the darkest clouds,
So honor peereth in the meanest habit.
What! is the jay more precious than the lark
Because his feathers are more beautiful?
And is the adder better than the eel
Because his painted skin contents the eye?"

When the train has thundered along through the darkness of the night, bearing its human freight in safety over mountains and across the valleys, around rugged cliffs, over dark chasms and streams and floods, as it halts at the station ten minutes for refreshments, the passengers eagerly crowd out to seize a hasty repast, and let us be charitable enough to anticipate that they will return satisfied and refreshed. But in the meantime some cautious individual, with hammer in hand, passes along under the coaches and clinks each wheel to test its soundness. His practised ear detects the slightest defect, but if the sound ring is heard, he passes on with satisfaction. So it may be the wisdom of precaution for us from time to time to clink the ancient walls of our fair temple, and if the sound ring is wanting, if mistaken zeal has introduced unsound material, it must be plucked out and thrown among the rubbish. Vigilance in guarding well the outer gates, as well as fidelity to the trusts committed to our care, will preserve the noble edifice, and prevent its becoming an asylum of ignorance. As virtue is preferable to vice, so is knowledge to be preferred to ignorance. The rays of light are more congenial than the shades of night; none but the depraved in heart choose darkness rather than light. And when life's cares press heavily, when bodily and mental re'axation is sought, it will be found in society; and if not found in a society formed for mutual fellowship, it will be sought in more sinful and depraved circles:

"To view alone
The fairest scenes of land and deep,
With none to listen and reply
To thoughts with which my heart beat high,
Were irksome; for whate'er our mood,
In sooth we love not solitude."

Whatever we may say of Masonry—of its social benefits, its pure principles and elevated moral standard—its distinguishing and grand characteristic is charity. The brethren of this jurisdiction, who, since our last Communication, have responded so liberally to the cry of distress as it came up from the plague-stricken cities of the South, have demonstrated anew that the lessons of the Order have not been taught in vain. Our brethren of the South saw the poisoned cloud of desolation and death settle down in its awful gloom over their fair land. The more timid fled in consternation from the impending gloom. Others, with noble fortitude and manly heroism, remained to care for the sick and bury the dead, until they, too, fell victims to the wrath of pestilence. High and low, rich and poor, succumbed to the merciless sweep of desolation which no human skill could arrest. When their busy streets had been deserted, and the sick or dead filled almost every home, and their land was one vast Ramah of weeping and lamentation, then came the wail of despair and the cry for help—help to care for the living, help to bury the dead. And it came not in vain. Liberally as the charitable citizens of our great commonwealth responded to the call for aid, it will be found that none responded with more alacrity and liberality than the members of our Order. As a citizen of our State, I feel an honest pride in the patriotism and glorious achievements of the seventy-five thousand soldiers who, in the hour of their country's peril, left their peaceful homes and followed the flag of their country through the perils of war, on land and sea, until the last enemy of Freedom had laid down his arms. And I feel almost an equal pride in the manifestations of sympathy and charity by our citizens, and especially by the brethren of this jurisdiction, toward that same people, when the "pestilence that walketh in darkness, and wasteth at noonday," was desolating many a cheerful home, and brooding like an incubus over the land—more deadly than war, more terrible than the wrath of man. We felt the tender throbbing of the mystic chords which bind us together—chords which even a fratricidal war could not sever—and great hearts full of sympathy beat in unison with their brethren in distress. Thus may it ever be. Let us fail not to cultivate the cardinal virtue, *charity*—"a charity which suffereth long, and is kind; which vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up; doth not behave itself unseemly, and which thinketh no evil."

And now, brethren—

"Our toil is o'er; the time has come
When we must say farewell—
Each one to seek his cherished home,
Where all his loved ones dwell."

In these brief remarks I have not sought to explore unknown fields, or even to present new thoughts. If little of originality is found in them, it must be remembered that Masonry is not new. It reaches its soft hand of love and charity down to us from the centuries of the buried past, whose records are obscured behind the dim twilight of tradition. We clasp the invisible hands of those whose forms and history are covered by the mists of darkness of pre-historic times.

Attention has been directed to some of the dangers that may beset us. We are aware that there are persons of social and moral standing who seek to level the walls of our noble edifice. From them we have little to fear. We have more cause for alarm within the temple.

It is said that there is found in the rugged mountains of the far West a most beautiful lake, whose waters of unfathomable depth are surrounded on every side by perpendicular rocks, rising thousands of feet above the surface below. Storms may come, winds may blow, but they disturb not its rest. The fierce tornado which sweeps across the plain, destroying everything in its course, fails to produce even a ripple upon its ever-calm waters. Thus securely shall our Order be guarded if we observe a strict adherence to the cardinal virtues. If our bond of union is not relaxed; if ignorance and indolence are alike discouraged; if fidelity shall guard the outer gates; if the spirit of brotherly love shall animate each heart, and we teach and practise sound doctrine, these shall be the walls that shall guard us from the criticisms and attacks, from what source soever, as securely and as everlastingly as are the waters of the mountain lake. Then, too, will the mists that hover over us be cleared away, and it may be said, "Peace has been within our walls, and prosperity within our palaces."

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 3rd September 1879.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 4th June for confirmation.

2. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

A Brother of the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, Gravesend	£100 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Eleanor Lodge, No. 1707, Edmonton	50 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the New Zealand Lodge of Unanimity, No. 601, Lyttelton, New Zealand	50 0 0
A Brother of the Caveac Lodge, No. 176, London	100 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Phœnix Lodge, No. 257, Portsmouth...	100 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319, London	50 0 0
A Brother of the Maybury Lodge, No. 969, London...	100 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxford	100 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Stortford Lodge, No. 409, Bishops Stortford	100 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Pentalpha Lodge, No. 974, Bradford, Yorkshire	50 0 0

3. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of August instant, showing a Balance in the Bank of England of £5,183 14s 11d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £96 15s.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
19th August 1879.

NOTE.—The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1880 will be published early in November next. Secretary of Lodges willing to subscribe for copies of the Calendar are requested to notify to the Grand Secretary the number they will respectively require.

The Calendar Committee direct the attention of Masters of Lodges and Principals of Chapters to the necessity of communicating to the Grand Secretary any change in the day or place of meeting of Lodges or Chapters, so soon as the resolution for effecting such change shall be confirmed.—Vide Book of Constitutions, pp 64, 92, 93.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

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PAST MASTERS' PRIVILEGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The inquiry of your correspondent "W. S. L." in last week's CHRONICLE opens up a subject for thoughtful consideration as to the full intent and meaning of the Regulations of Grand Lodge in respect of the qualifications of Past Masters, particularly as regards their position in Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodges. "W. S. L." correctly states the conditions expressed in the Book of Constitutions at section 1, page 18, and section 2, page 52, and the reasoning by analogy that the same requirements as to continued membership apply to both Grand and Provincial Lodges appears to be logical and sound. So far, therefore, I apprehend but one answer could have been given to his inquiry. But he has proceeded to adduce as an instance a circumstance which does not apparently affect the question of membership of a private Lodge, without which membership the privileges of Grand Lodge cannot be enjoyed. In fact the "instance" does not apply in the least to the previous question. It merely raises the point as to whether the Past Master's rank is due to a brother who has not served the Office of Worshipful Master for the full period of one year from date of installation. Now what says the Book of Constitutions as to this? At page 59, section 2, we find "Every Lodge shall annually elect its Master, and at the next meeting after his election, when the minutes are confirmed, he shall be duly installed, &c." That certainly determines the time of election and the period for which the Office is to be held. From the date of the confirmation of the minutes the brother appointed is the Master of the Lodge and is entitled to installation. It cannot be withheld from him, any more than a Lodge can withhold from a F.C. the degree of M.M., which he can claim as a right. At page 74, section 1 of the Book of Constitutions, we read, "No Master elect shall assume the Master's chair until he shall have been regularly installed, *though he may in the interim rule the Lodge.*" Therefore there can be no doubt that although his installation may be deferred, for various reasons, as ill health, absence, or other unforeseen causes, and he cannot occupy the chair of K.S., he is nevertheless virtually the ruler and can appoint his Wardens and Officers for the year in the ordinary manner. His installation at some period of his year of Office is doubtless absolutely necessary to secure him continuing privileges, but is not positively requisite to prevent his ruling during his appointed year. Consequently, he will have executed his Office for the proscribed period, and his Wardens will also have been executive Officers for the term necessary to qualify them for the Master's chair at the next annual period of election within the Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

QUIDNUNC.

A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Through the medium of your paper I am desirous of putting the Almoners of Lodges and other members of the Craft on their guard with respect to one who called on me on the 20th inst., and gave his name as William John Hutchinson, Hiram Lodge, No. 97, Belfast, but whose real or assumed name, I am led to believe, is Thomas Blain, and whose address was, in June last, No. 14 Dock Street, Belfast. On his first application I referred him to the Almoner, but he shortly after returned and informed me that that brother was not at home; he was about half an hour too late for him. (This I have since discovered is untrue, as the Almoner was at home, and was told by this individual that I had sent him, and he was relieved and receipt taken for the same). He thereupon gave me his name and produced a certificate, and very smartly answered the three or four questions I put to him. I relieved him, and as he begged hard for some old clothes—his being shabby and wet through—gave him a coat and vest. He again shortly returned, with some letters he found in the pockets, and inadvertently left his own letters and certificate, which has led me to take further interest in this individual. I immediately wrote off to Chichester and Arundel, and have since learned that he applied for relief the next morning at Chichester, but as he could not answer the questions put to him he soon cleared out. He says "That he is a mechanical draftsman; has lately returned from America, which he much regrets, and hopes soon to return again. Has a son in the R.E., who is on the Ordnance Survey Branch, and has lately been to Aldershot to try and find his whereabouts." One of the letters has been re-addressed to Aldershot.

Description:—About 5ft. 10in. in height, slightly built, of dark complexion and dark moustache, no beard or whiskers, and has a sort of military bearing about him.

The certificate and letters I have forwarded to the G.S. of the G.L. of Ireland.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

T. F., 804.

P.S. From the number of begging Masons, and some of them worthless fellows, being about, it is time a better system of relief was set on foot. I would suggest that the Almoners of neighbouring Lodges should communicate when necessary, and if they were required to make out a quarterly return of the particulars of those seeking relief, and the same forwarded to the G.S. office, where the lists should be analysed, then published with the G.L. Quarterly Report, it would tend greatly to discover those parasites who make a trade of begging, and would make it much better for the genuine brother in distress.

T. F.

OFFICES IN PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was very pleased to see the letter of an "Old P.M." in your issue of Saturday last, with a "List of Officers appointed since 1868, with the date of appointment, not including, &c., &c.," for the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. I should be very glad to see a similar return for the Province of West Yorkshire, or even to be able to procure such a list. I perfectly agree that it is very difficult to divide the honours equally in a large Province, at the same time it is a difficulty which may be overcome by proper management, and a careful and equal distribution of the coveted honours, and a strict impartiality by conferring them according to merit and ability. Does that impartiality exist? We very often see brethren appointed to Provincial honours who have not earned them, but obtain them simply by the length of their purse, or by making themselves conspicuous at provincial meetings. How many are appointed to office in Provincial Lodge who, during their term of office as W.M. were unable to perform any of the ceremonies, yea, in some cases, not even open or close the Lodge creditably? I know a few. How many others are there who have toiled long and continuously for our noble Order, and particularly for our noble Charities, by obtaining subscriptions for the endowment of the chairs of their respective Lodges—have taken long journeys at considerable inconvenience to instal, deliver lectures, and further the interests of Freemasonry—who are left out in the cold, and are likely to remain there. I know it for a fact that the honours are distributed in some Provinces according to the amount individually given to the Masonic Charities; quite right that support of the charitable institutions should be recognised; at the same time there are many worthy brethren, who work hard and continually, who cannot afford to subscribe to, or make themselves Life Governors, Stewards, or Vice-Presidents of the Boys', Girls', and Benevolent Institution, who are as worthy of Provincial honours as their more fortunate brethren who are continually giving of their plenty.

I now come to the last paragraph in your correspondent's letter in which he says, "If the Province is so large that justice cannot be done to the Lodges composing it, let it be divided." That large Provinces should be divided, and provincial honours become thereby more easy of attainment by worthy brethren, and the Lodges have their fair share of the honours, is the wish of, and would give satisfaction to, the great majority, and not only be the means of "clearing the way for Provincial honours," but would procure for many who have grown gray in the service of the good cause that recognition they have so nobly striven for and so justly deserve. What are we to do to procure the coveted prize who are members of a Province composed of sixty-six Lodges and three thousand one hundred and forty-one members? We cannot get honours in this particular Province except by opening wide our purse-strings and buying them, by becoming Stewards or Life Governors of the Charities, or by being continually elected on the Charity Committee of our Province. It is on behalf of the deserving, hard-working P.M. that I claim the justice he so richly deserves, and for which many have spent a considerable number of years, but who, for want of a lengthy purse, have not been able to receive from our rulers the just acknowledgment of their labours. We occasionally (I am glad to say it rarely occurs) see the rewards earned by others bestowed on those who gain them by assurance. By all means let us have our large Provinces divided, and a better chance will then be given to the industrious Mason of meeting with a recognition of his services.

Yours respectfully and fraternally,

JUNIOR P.M.

25th August 1879.

FREEMASONRY AND ITS APPLICABILITY TO THE WANTS OF THE OUTER WORLD.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—This, doubtless, will be a startling heading to a letter sent for insertion in a publication especially devoted to the promulgation of Freemasonry, a society which prides itself on its support, *without extraneous aid*, of three large charitable institutions, affording maintenance and education to upwards of 400 children of both sexes, and pensions of considerable amounts to more than 300 male and female annuitants; it nevertheless is, in some degree, to my mind, a reproach upon the Craft that something is not attempted by Freemasons to extend their charitable and philanthropical funds to the relief of the numberless distressed persons who from want of means have never joined the Masonic circle, or have been otherwise ineligible.

Would not Freemasonry be more generally recognised as a "band of brethren whose aim is the diffusion of Charity" were a portion of its yearly collections applied to the relief of the sick and suffering of the lower classes of humanity and a Masonic Dispensary added to the existing Charities of the Order. Perhaps the most lasting memorial hitherto raised to the honour of a Freemason was the addition of a wing to the Metropolitan Free Hospital in recognition of the services rendered to the Craft by his late Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex a former Grand Master. I am full well aware that the foundation of such an Institution may, by

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many, be considered as establishing a competing appeal to the sympathies and coffers of the brethren, but when I note the vast numerical increase in Lodges and Masons, and compare them with the number of Lodges and subscribers maintaining the Boys' School, Girls' School, and the Benevolent Institution when the pupils and annuitants were only half their present number. I am led to hope that a Dispensary would not fail from want of means to continue its usefulness; on the contrary, I am sanguine enough to imagine that could such an adjunct to those now in full working order be floated, the many medical brethren who now grace the Craft by their association with it would be inclined to give, occasionally, their services to the alleviation of the maladies consequent upon supercrowding in ill-ventilated localities and the other minor mischances of life.

The foregoing is a mere sketch of what, I think, might be done by Freemasons, without detriment to those Institutions now so nobly supported by the Craft. As its adoption will not meet with the approbation of all, before enlarging upon my views I should be glad to learn the feelings entertained on the question by your numerous readers, that is, if you deem this letter worthy a location in your columns.

I append my name and address, not for publication, unless you deem it an essential.

Yours fraternally,

A P.M.

KNOTS AND MILES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent "VIATOR" must, I am led to believe, have gained his experience of the relative proportions of a mile and a knot whilst "going to Woolwich by water." In common parlance, a knot is oftentimes taken as consisting of 2000 yards, and for the ordinary purposes of a landsman that computation would suffice, but when a table is constructed ostensibly to enlighten your readers it would have been well had its originator based his calculations upon the more accurate mensuration of a knot, which contains 26 yards and a foot more than the 2000 mentioned by "VIATOR." As your correspondent has departed from the all round definition of a knot's length, and tabularized fractions, I venture to forward herewith an amendment of his calculations, for his benefit and the guidance of those whose water excursions are not limited to the River Thames.

Yours truly and fraternally,

SCRUTATOR.

26th August.

Knots	Miles	Knots	Miles
1 = - -	1¼ and 46⅓ yards.	8 = - -	9¼ and 150⅔ yards.
2 = - -	2⅔ „ 92⅔ „	9 = - -	10¼ „ 197 „
3 = - -	3¾ „ 139 „	10 = - -	11½ „ 23⅓ „
4 = - -	4¾ „ 185⅓ „	20 = - -	23 „ 46⅔ „
5 = - -	5¾ „ 11⅔ „	30 = - -	34½ „ 70 „
6 = - -	6¾ „ 58 „	40 = - -	46 „ 93⅓ „
7 = - -	8 „ 101⅓ „	50 = - -	57½ „ 116⅔ „

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—In your issue of the 23rd inst. there is a letter from "VIATOR" purporting to give the relative difference between knots and miles.

For the benefit of your readers allow me to correct the same.

A knot does not contain 2000 yards, but 2026 yards 1 foot, therefore 1 knot = 1¼ miles and 46⅓ yards, and so on.

Trusting you will publish this, as "VIATOR'S" letter may mislead many,

I remain, Dear Sir, yours fraternally,

NAUTICUS.

We have received a copy of the Sermon preached before the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire by the Rev. George W. Lowe B.A., P.G. Chap. Lincolnshire, and Lecturer at the parish church, Boston, on the occasion of the last annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge at Spalding on 19th June last. Our Rev. brother took for his text Luke ii. 14, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men." As the preacher remarked, this text has perhaps formed the subject for contemplation and for the pulpit more times than any other in the sacred volume, still he hoped the brethren may gather from his remarks thoughts and truths not unbefitting the occasion, and most holy place of their utterance. We should have liked to have reproduced the sermon in our pages, but the fact of its having been published by Messrs. Watkinson and Crust of Spalding, by request of Prov. Grand Lodge, precludes our doing so. The price at which it is issued to the public is 6d per copy.

The Crusaders' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677, will resume its weekly meetings on Thursday next, at nine o'clock, p.m., at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on which occasion the ceremony of installation will be worked. The attendance of brethren at that and future meetings is respectfully solicited. We may add that this Lodge of Instruction devotes its meetings to ceremonies only.

The Session 1879-1880 of the West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction commences on the 4th proximo, when the weekly meetings will be resumed, until further notice, at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30 p.m., on Thursday evenings. Bro. E. C. Porter will be the W.M. at the first meeting. The annual subscriptions for the new season are now payable.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

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1832.—Charles Warren, Du Toits Pan, Griqualand, South Africa.
1833.—St. Keyna, Keynsham, Somersetshire.
1834.—Duke of Connaught, Portsea.
1835.—William Kingston, Tunis.
1836.—Collegium Fabrorum, Kingston, Jamaica.
1837.—Lullingstone, Farningham, Kent.
1838.—Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers, Wolverhampton.
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INSTALLATION MEETINGS.

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HIGH CROSS LODGE, No. 754.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at the Seven Sisters, Tottenham. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Brother Henry Stephens, who was supported by the following Officers and Past Masters:—G. Burford S.W. W.M. elect, J. Farrin J.W., D. Roberts P.M. Treas., J. Cunningham P.M. Sec., P.M.'s John Maller, G. Townsend, W. Dance, W. Steedman, W. Kelly, J. Linzell, J. Jones, H. V. Clements S.D., T. H. Thompson S.D., Wm. Tegg I.G., J. Garrod D.C., J. Very Tyler, J. Hobbs jun. of the Weavers Arms, Stamford Hill, J. Barber, several other members, and the following visitors:—G. C. Young 820, J. E. Brown, J. Driscoll P.M. 30, S. Hill 109, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, A. J. Manning P.M. 1472, J. H. Thompson 1580, J. Barber 933, H. B. Carter 1435, J. Badkin 1365, J. Pinder, H. Cleverly 1107, J. B. Reid 946, J. E. Pinder 1707. The Lodge was regularly opened and the usual formalities having been observed, the report of the Audit Committee was submitted. The Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Mitchell was passed. Later on Bro. Harry Cooper was raised to the third degree. The W.M. read a letter from the waiter of the hotel, thanking the brethren for their assistance and sympathy in his recent bereavement, he having lost his wife just before the last meeting of the Lodge. P.M. Dance then presented Bro. Burford, the W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. A Board of Masters being formed, that brother was regularly placed into the chair and in due course appointed the following brethren his Officers:—Bros. Farrin S.W., Clements J.W., Roberts Treas., Cunningham Sec., Thompson S.D., Tegg J.D., Garrod I.G., W. S. Blenkinsop D.C., Stevenson Steward, Lewis Assist. Steward, Very Tyler. The installing Master Bro. Stephens then gave the addresses usual after the installation ceremony. One candidate for initiation having been proposed, the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where a most enjoyable repast was provided by Bro. Oddy. At the conclusion of the banquet, and grace having been sung, the W.M. gave the first toast, the Queen and the Craft, which was followed by the National Anthem. The health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master followed, and was most heartily received. The toast of the Pro G. Master and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present was the next honoured. After a song Bro. Stephens proceeded to give the toast of the W.M. He could not speak much of his ability as W.M., as he was new to that position, but as a member of the Lodge and a faithful officer he paid him a great compliment. Their W.M. had, Bro. Stephens remarked, ever been at his post, and was well qualified to fill that position he now occupied. He trusted that at the end of his year of office Bro. Burford would be able to look back upon as successful a year of office as he, Bro. Stephens, had just passed through. The S.W. having favoured the brethren with a song, the W.M. replied, as follows:—Brethren, I have to return my very sincere thanks for the kind manner in which you have replied to the toast proposed by Bro. Stephens. I am sure it is a very great honour to be elected as W.M. of the High Cross Lodge. There are few Metropolitan Lodges that

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can boast as many members as the High Cross, and if they have as many, they have not so great a number of sincere Masons as we have. I cannot more than thank you for placing me in the chair; whatever I may do I will endeavour to do my duty, and work in unison with you all, and thereby please the members of the Lodge. Should I seem to be averse to some of your wishes, you may rely that I am differing only in the interests of Freemasonry. Ideas are not the same in all brethren, it being natural that we should have different views on different subjects. It will be my endeavour to carry out the duties of my office satisfactorily and I hope that I shall have a successful year, but to secure this I must ask for the aid of the brethren and of my Officers. The next toast the W.M. characterised as a most pleasing one for him to propose, it was that of the I.P.M. Bro. Stephens. He was sure that those brethren who had been in the Lodge during the past six or seven years must agree with him that Bro. Stephens had had one of the most successful years on record in the High Cross Lodge. The brethren must be all agreed that he had endeavoured to do his best for the Lodge, and the result he considered had been proved without a doubt to be a success. More especially was this the case with regard to the handsome surplus he had left in the hands of the Treasurer. The W.M. then proceeded to place on Bro. Stephens' breast the jewel that had been voted to him at the last meeting. In doing so he expressed the great pleasure he felt in presenting this mark of the esteem of the Lodge to so worthy a brother. Bro. Stephens, in reply, after thanking the brethren for the reception that had been accorded him, said, I do not know if I am deserving of the many kind things that have been said of me to-night. I have endeavoured to do my utmost while in the chair for the benefit of the Lodge, and as you are all aware I have in a measure succeeded. If I have pleased you, I am more than amply rewarded for any exertions I have made. I thank you most heartily for the splendid jewel your W.M. has just placed on my breast. I hope it may be handed down to my children and their children as a token of the respect in which their father was held by the High Cross Lodge. I must again thank you for the kind way in which you have supported me during my year of office. The W.M. announced that the collection made on behalf of the Charity fund of the Lodge amounted to 33s. The next toast proposed from the chair was that of the Visitors. The W.M. said this was one always well received by the High Cross Lodge. Scarcely a meeting passed but they had a goodly array of visitors. On the present occasion they did not fall short, but had many guests around them, all of whom were welcome. He considered that the Lodge would hardly be complete without its array of visitors. With the toast the W.M. coupled the name of Bro. Driscoll. That Brother in reply said—It would be my endeavour to do as much justice to the toast as will, I hope, satisfy my brother visitors. If the reception accorded this evening is an indication of the usual welcome given by the members of the High Cross Lodge, we can only hope for another invitation. For myself I am an old hand, having been present at the anniversaries of the Lodge for several years past. One thing I have noticed with pleasure at this Lodge is, the interest taken in its affairs by the Past Masters; on the present occasion I believe there is only one absent—and he, I hear, is far from home, or would be among us. This fact must be a great pleasure to you all, and the way in which the brethren who have passed the chair are honoured should be an incentive to young members to take an interest in the Lodge. He concluded by tendering the heartiest thanks of the Visitors for the toast that had been drunk in their honour. The W.M. in giving the next toast said it was one that would doubtless be new to most of those present. That day happened to be the twenty-first anniversary of the establishment of the High Cross Lodge. Most of those around him could form their own opinion of the position of the Lodge at the present time, but few could remember what was its condition at the time of its formation. They had one brother, however, who could tell them something on the subject, he having been the first initiate. The W.M. hoped that in another twenty-one years the Lodge would number on its roll twice as many brethren as at the present time, and that it would ever remain in a flourishing condition. He then called upon the brethren to drink to the prosperity of the High Cross Lodge, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Steedman, who was initiated on the night of its consecration twenty-one years since. Bro. Steedman said: Brethren you have thought proper to associate my name with a very peculiar toast, and I feel very peculiar in rising to respond to it. Our Lodge was founded twenty-one years since, next Friday being the anniversary of its consecration. If you will refer to the Warrant you will find that at first the meetings were held every fortnight; this was continued for about three years, at which time the Lodge found itself in debt to the extent of £250. I could record other difficulties that the Lodge has gone through, but will suffice by now referring to its prosperous condition. Bro. Steedman concluded by wishing that the Lodge might be in as good a position twenty-one years hence as it was then, and trusted he might be there to see it. The health of the Past Masters was next given, the W.M. referring to the great interest shown in the Lodge by those who had passed the chair. He stated that he had received a letter from their only absent P.M., explaining that ill health precluded his undertaking a long journey in order to be with them, but hoped that at no distant date he would again be among the members present at the regular assemblies. The W.M. expressed his pleasure at having so large a Board of Masters to assist at his installation, and considered it something for the Lodge to be proud of when eleven of its own Past Masters came to assist in placing a new Master in the chair they each in turn had filled. He felt he could rely on their support during the term of his presidency. Bro. Wells was the first to reply. He tendered the heartiest thanks of the Past Masters for the way in which they were at all times received, and hoped that the newly installed Master would be enabled to conduct the affairs of the Lodge with satisfaction; he could assure the W.M. that he would at all times have the co-operation of those who had preceded him in the chair. Bro. Dance followed to the same purport, specially referring to the indebtedness of the Lodge to Bro. P.M. Cunningham, the Secretary, who had, he said, faithfully discharged his duties for the whole of the time he had filled that position. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary followed. The W.M. was extremely gratified in having two such worthy brethren to rely on as those who filled these offices were. Bro. Treasurer replied, thanking the company for the way in which the mention of the names of the Treasurer and Secretary had been received. He had, he said, watched the Lodge for a matter of 20 years, and was pleased to see it now in so prosperous a condition. Bro. Secretary followed, adding his tribute. Although it was some time since he had raised his voice to express his thanks for the kindness of the members, it was not that he had not thanked them, he did so at all times, and only hoped he might continue to deserve the respect and esteem of his brethren he now enjoyed. The work of Secretary of their Lodge was no light task, but the thanks which he received from the members from time to time were ample to repay any little trouble he went to in carrying out the duties of his office. The toast of the Press was next given, the W.M. hoping that the transactions of the High Cross Lodge would always be of such a nature as to be deemed worthy of publication to the Masonic World. Bro. W. W. Morgan jun. in response, referred to the great pleasure he experienced in recording the various charitable actions of the Lodge and its members. To the toast of the Officers, the two Wardens respectively replied, each endorsing the opinion the W.M. expressed, in proposing the toast, as to punctuality. The Tyler was now summoned, and gave the usual closing toast, which having been duly honoured, Bro. Very gave a song, and the proceedings terminated.

UPTON LODGE, No. 1,227.

THE installation was held at the Spotted Dog, Upton, on Thursday, Bro. B. Lyons W.M. opened his Lodge. He was assisted by an efficient staff of officers. It was anticipated that a very strong muster of the members of the Lodge, as well as visitors, would assemble, but owing to the weather (a heavy thunderstorm breaking over the district about an hour before the time fixed for meeting), many of the brethren, doubtless, were deterred from attending. As it was there were about forty present, amongst whom were the following Visitors: T. J. Barnes P.M. 551, Musto P.M., Turquand P.M. 890, 1556, P.G.D.C. Surrey, Medland P.M. 781, Wilson P.M. 1155, W. J. Smith S.D. 860, E. Barker I.G. 860, J. H. Pavitt 860, J. Taylor D.C. 554, G. Hine 190, A. M. Ellingford 834, D. Moss 1275, G. Sussex 893, P.M. Picking, Brown, and others whose names we were unable to obtain. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed, the members who composed the Audit Committee made their report to the Lodge. This showed that the funds were in a satisfactory condition. Bro. Lyons then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Musto P.M., who opened the Lodge in the second degree, when Bro. Joshua Andrews the W.M. elect was presented by Bro. Lyons for installation, and that ceremony was performed by Bro. Musto in such an excellent manner as to call forth the approbation of the brethren present. Bro. Andrews then proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bro. A. W. Fenner S.W., Witherston J.W., Wayland Treas., Serjeant Secretary, Lane S.D., Clark J.D., R. W. Pearcy I.G., Gieseke W.S., Lyons I.P.M. as D.C., and Gullick Tyler. The W.M. in investing each of these brethren with their respective collars addressed to them a few instructive remarks on their several duties. We congratulate the Lodge on having a staff of officers who are so energetic in the cause of Freemasonry. We have no doubt the Lodge will flourish. Decidedly this is one of the best Lodges in the district, and from the unanimity which exists amongst its members we predict a brilliant career for it. The business being over the brethren repaired to the banquetting room where ample justice was done to the viands placed before them. The menu was of a more substantial than elaborate character. We append a copy of it as an example for other Lodges:—

FISH.—Salmon, Fried and Filletted Soles, Fried and Stewed Eels.
JOINTS.—Boiled and Roast Lamb, Veal and Ham.
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The customary loyal toasts having been duly proposed and responded to, Bro. Lyons the I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M.; he was sure that no worthier brother could have been found in the Lodge, or one more fitted for the duties of the chair; he knew that Bro. Andrews would give satisfaction to the brethren, and congratulated the W.M. on his installation. The W.M., in a neat and telling speech, thanked the I.P.M. for proposing his health, also the members for electing him to the proud position he now held; he trusted that during his year of office he would be able to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren; he would strive to do his duty conscientiously, and endeavour to further the interests of the Lodge, and hoped he should have the same kind co-operation of the officers and brethren which had been received by the Past Masters; he concluded his remarks by presenting a P.M.'s jewel (the gift of the Lodge) to Bro. Lyons the I.P.M., who he sincerely hoped, would live for many years to wear it. In replying to the toast of the P.M.'s Bro. Lyons said he felt that the jewel which the Lodge had so kindly presented him with, was the most welcome gift he could receive, he would treasure it as a memento of what the Upton Lodge had done for him, and it would ever be an incentive to him to render the Lodge any assistance that laid in his power. Bro. Picking P.M. said that although he was second W.M. of the Lodge yet circumstances had occurred which prevented him from attending regularly, but he hoped that in the future he should be more regular. He gave his entire concurrence to the opinion expressed by Bro. Lyons I.P.M., in respect of the choice of the brethren in selecting their present W.M. Bro. Brown P.M. said it gave him great pleasure in being present at the installation of Bro. Andrews; for himself, he had been a regular attendant at the Upton Lodge for a considerable period, and

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would never neglect its claims. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Installing Master, and took the opportunity of returning him his personal thanks for his services. Bro. Musto said he was proud at the manner in which his health had been proposed by the W.M. Since he left the Lodge, now some years since, he had not entered it until that evening. He attended to-night on the invite of the W.M. to perform the installation ceremony, he felt proud at all times to do anything for the prosperity of the Lodge, and thanked the brethren cordially for the compliment paid him. The Visitors' toast was responded to by Bro. Barnes P.M., who observed that he would like to give way to any other visitor who would respond for all, but as no other visitor *did* respond, Bro. Barnes was fain to return thanks, which he did by making a very effective speech, in the course of which he observed that among the many Lodges to which a Mason goes, a brother is apt to say something in praise of another brother who may be undeserving, and so cause a feeling to arise in the Lodge which might tend to disturb its harmony, but in the present case he could safely assert that, from the first to the last sound of the gavel, the W.M. gave ample proof of his efficiency; he was moreover ably assisted by a competent staff of Officers. With respect to the installation, it had been done in the presence of those who had gone through the same before; and it was done in a manner that gave satisfaction to all the brethren. Bro. Turquand P.M. said that, living at a distance, he had made an effort; he came at the request of the W.M., who, he was quite sure, would be a credit to the Upton Lodge; he was pleased that he had obtained this high position, and felt sure that the proficiency the W.M. showed was due to his constant attendance at the Lodge of Instruction. He would recommend all brethren who were in office, and desired to go up, to attend Lodges of Instruction and fit themselves for any office they might suddenly be called upon to fill in their Mother Lodges. The Treasurer, Secretary, and retiring Secretary, were next toasted in flattering terms by the W.M., who said that without such Officers as the Upton Lodge had, he scarcely knew what would become of it? Each had performed his respective duties faithfully and well; he warmly eulogised the indefatigable exertions of Bro. Vinicombe the retiring Secretary, who had materially contributed, during his two years of office, to place the Lodge on a firm footing. The several brethren returned thanks in graceful terms. The Officers' toast was next on the list, and it was duly acknowledged by each. The Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to an end. The following brethren contributed to the evening's amusement by some excellent singing, being accompanied by Bro. Organist (whose name we do not remember) on the piano:—Bros. Lund, Serjeant, W. J. Smith, D. Moss, Ellingford, Patrick; Bro. Wilson P.M. gave a recitation.

A few members of the Vitruvian Lodge, one of the oldest on the south side of the Thames, assembled at the Old White Hart Tavern, College Street, Belvedere Road, Lambeth, on Saturday last, to witness the placing a memorial stone on the new establishment now in course of erection in the Belvedere Road. This building, when completed, will be a great boon to the fraternity in the South of London, there being so few places where the requisite accommodation can be obtained. This establishment, however, will supply all that is needed. There will be a room appropriated to Masonic purposes 32 feet by 19 feet, 16 feet high. A convenient ante room, and a dining-room 34 feet by 26 feet, 12 feet high, suitable for large gatherings, while the approach is away from the tavern business. We wish our spirited Brother Isaac every success in his undertaking, which we trust will receive the support of the Craft.

In America Freemasonry is, unquestionably, popular with some of the ladies, we gather from the *Keystone* that:—

"Mrs. Mary O'Sullivan, widow of Bro. A. O'Sullivan, former Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, in her last will and testament, bequeathed to the Grand Lodge of Missouri the sum of three thousand dollars, for the purpose of founding a widow and orphans' fund."

A Lodge of Instruction—which promises to be a very large and popular one—has just been formed at Putney, a spacious room at the Railway Hotel having been set apart for the use of the brethren. Bro. Charles E. Goldring, solicitor, is the Secretary. The time for meeting is eight o'clock on Monday evenings.

A Floating Post Office on the Clyde.—At the commencement of the present season, a Post Office was opened on board the Clyde mail steamer Columba, with the ready permission of Mr. Macbrayne, who is always alive to the interests of the public, and it is gratifying to learn that the result of this novel experiment has, so far, proved most successful. No fewer than 15,775 letters passed through this Post Office during one week last month, of which 3000 were local letters passing between the towns on the route of the steamer. Over 200 telegrams were also handed into the "floating Post Office" in the course of the month, while £26 were taken for postage and telegraph stamps sold during the same period. The accommodation thus afforded to the travelling public, and to the inhabitants of the Clyde towns is well appreciated, and when it is better known, no doubt the business will vastly increase, especially during the tourist season.—*Scotsman.*

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at the Freemasons' Hall on Thursday. There were present Bros. Col. Creaton Grand Treasurer (in the chair), H. A. Dubois, James E. Peters, H. Massey, Arthur E. Gladwell, Joshua Nunn, S. Rosenthal, and F. R. Hedges Secretary. A petition of a candidate for being placed on the list for election was deferred for better reading, and the Chairman having had authority given him for the signing of cheques, the Committee adjourned.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. JAMES TARLING.

On Tuesday evening last, at a well-attended meeting, held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Bro. James Tarling was presented with a handsome testimonial, "In acknowledgment of the efficient and zealous manner he performed his duties during the twenty-seven years he belonged to the police force." The chair was ably occupied by T. Layton, Esq., Chairman of the Brentford Local Board, the vice-chair being filled by T. Cross, Esq. Mr. Layton had on his right the guest of the evening, and on his left Major Clarke, there being also present Dr. Day, Messrs. Alfred Jupp, Smith, Ellis, J. H. Squires, Pittard, Gomm, E. J. Acworth, Briggs, Brunsden, S. Mills, Layton, Parson, Lane, C. Benwell, A. and G. Chambers, Brown, Dale, Newson and White. Bro. John Brill, the proprietor of the hotel, placed the dinner upon the table in an unexceptionable manner, in fact, it was generally remarked by those present that it was one of the best dinners ever served at the Star and Garter. On the removal of the cloth the Chairman submitted the loyal toasts, which were heartily drunk with musical honours. The Chairman then called for "bumpers," preparatory to submitting the toast of the evening, which was "the health of their much-respected friend, Bro. Tarling." He regretted he was not able to do justice to such a toast, but he should endeavour to do his best. All were aware that Bro. Tarling had performed the duties of Chief Inspector of Police for the long period of fifteen years; a long time, indeed, during which he (the chairman) was able to say with absolute truth that they had always found him courteous, civil, and kind, ready and desirous at all times to carry out the duties of his office with strict impartiality and fairness. Their friend had been in the service of the metropolitan police for no less a period than twenty-seven years. The residents of this locality had always considered him to be "the right man in the right place," and had appreciated his honourable and upright conduct towards one and all. There was no duty more onerous or trying to the temper than that of inspector of police, particularly in a district like this, and from all he had heard, Bro. Tarling, had ever discharged the duties of his office with faithfulness, and it must be a satisfaction to him, as it was to them, to know that during the whole time he had been among them not a single complaint had ever been lodged against him. Bro. Tarling was entitled to a first class pension, a recognition his services justly merited. They were but doing what was right in according him their heartfelt thanks for his services, and each and all wished him health, long life and prosperity in his new calling. The worthy chairman now begged Bro. Tarling to accept the gold watch, chain and locket which he held in his hand, together with a purse containing £130, as an acknowledgment of the esteem and respect felt for him by those who had subscribed for its presentation. The following inscription was engraved on the watch:—Presented to Mr. James Tarling, late chief inspector of the T. Division Metropolitan Police, together with a purse of money, in acknowledgment of the efficient and zealous manner he performed his duties during the twenty-seven years he belonged to the police force." The Chairman then read several letters expressing regret at inability to be present. Bro. Tarling, on rising to respond, was evidently much affected. He hoped his friends would forgive his shortcomings; he acknowledged himself fairly beaten. He could only say he was astonished at this great act of kindness; he had been paid for his services, and he had but done his duty. Twenty-seven years of his life had been spent in the police force, and he trusted his conduct had met with approval—indeed he knew it had, or the present event would never have occurred. He must beg they would forgive him saying anything further. With all his heart he thanked them, and more than that it was impossible for him to say. The after proceedings were very interesting; but being purely of a local character, we must be excused detailing them. Several toasts were given and goodly responses were made. The health of, and prosperity to, the new proprietor of the Star and Garter, Bro. John Brill, who had catered for them that evening in a manner which could not well be excelled, was unanimously received. The food was declared to be of the best description, splendidly cooked, and well served up, whilst the wines were of excellent quality. The proceedings were brought to a conclusion a little before eleven o'clock.

In ancient burying grounds, the head of the grave was always placed at *the west*. Among Masons, this position was urgently insisted upon. It has a fitness. It is consecrated, not only by ancient usage here, but in many parts of the world widely separated. The lesson which the Orientals are said to teach by it is, that on the last day the Angel of Resurrection will stand at the *east* of the grave, which will be at the *foot* of the dead. He will reach forward and take the silent one by the right hand, and raise him. As he comes up to the living perpendicular, he looks directly to the divine celestial *East* where the Omnipotent one is sitting. My advice is that you dig Masons' graves due *east and west*.—*Rob Morris.*

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 30th AUGUST.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)

140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.
R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

MONDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER.

174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C. (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road.

M. M. 139—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
622—St. Cuthbergn, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Room, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester.
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks.
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Inst.)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl.
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
1788—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.

TUESDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
126—Silcut Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley.
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick.
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton, Coldfield.
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
969—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1437—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle.
R. A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
M. M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
M. M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton,
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent.
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire.
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester.
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon.
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon.
1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick.
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull. (Inst.)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool.
1647—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 409—Stortford, Chequers' Inn, Bishop's Stortford.
M. M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
M. M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

THURSDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Couch and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars Lodge of Instruction, Summer Banquet, Crown Hotel, Broxbourne.
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston.
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry.
286—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood.
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn.
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes.
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1504—Rod Rose of Lancaster, Starkies Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley.
1514—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
1515—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire.
R. A. 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square Salford.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
R. A. 753—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire.
R. A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
M. M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)

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903—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
1102.—Mirfield, Assembly-room, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1618—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High street, Gosforth.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A.—General Chap. of Improvement, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birm., at 5.30.

SATURDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
R. A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At the Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday. Bros. J. Da Silva W.M., D. Moss S.W., Valentine J.W., Norden S.D., Woodward J.D., Forss I.G., L. Norden Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. All preliminaries were observed; the ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed, together with the traditional history, by the W.M. The Lodge was closed in the third degree. Bro. Moss worked the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Moss worked the fifth section of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Moss was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Brecknock Lodge, No. 651.—On Friday, the 15th inst., a Lodge of Emergency was held at the Castle Hotel, Brecon, for the purpose of meeting one of the Past Masters of the Lodge prior to his departure for the Mauritius. Afterwards, supper was served at the Castle Hotel, and was presided over by Bro. Thomas Butcher the W.M., who had on his right the guest of the evening, Brother Hans St. George Caulfeild, and was supported by the following officers and members of the Lodge:—Officers: Brothers T. Jones, Frank Grundy, Rev. W. Howell, J. A. Whittle, W. Webb, John Morgan, T. L. Lewis, H. O. Aveline Maybery, William Games, Rhys Davies, and Past Masters H. C. Rich sen. and E. C. Phillips. Members: Brothers David Thomas, J. A. Jebb, D. W. J. Thomas, A. Orlopp, H. C. Rich jun., T. C. Bargrave Watkins, G. Pratt, L. Williams, T. H. Price, E. T. Edwards, E. H. Seale, and H. W. Davies. After the cloth had been removed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured, at the close of which the Worshipful Master, in proposing the health of the guest of the evening, said that for many reasons he wished the toast had been placed in better hands, as there were many present who had had a greater experience of their guest than he had, and it was one that required ample justice done to it, more especially after the splendid reception which has been given to it. Among the brethren there was a most unanimous feeling that Brother Caulfeild should not leave the country without first asking him to meet them once more before his departure. Brother Caulfeild had held several offices in the Lodge prior to his attaining the responsible one of the Master of the Lodge, and during the whole of that time he had certainly in every way discharged his duties to the satisfaction of the Lodge. No one could have discharged them with more suavity and kindly demeanour than Brother Caulfeild. Although it would be a matter of great regret to lose the services of brother Caulfeild, it was still, however, one worthy of congratulation, seeing that he was leaving the country to fill an excellent and lucrative appointment abroad. He (the speaker) trusted that Brother Caulfeild would carry with him many pleasant recollections of his past connection with the Brecknock Lodge, and the large muster of members on the present occasion was one worthy to be remembered, for it shewed the popularity of and the esteem in which Brother Caulfeild was held. He wished him, on behalf of the Lodge, every success and prosperity, and in time to come a happy return to this country. Brother P.M. Caulfeild on rising to respond was received with prolonged cheering, and, speaking with emotion, said—It is difficult on the present occasion for me to thank you as I ought to do for your great kindness in asking me to be present to-night. For the flattering speech in which our Worshipful Master has introduced the toast of my health I feel perfectly unable to express to him my thanks, and to you for the very kind manner indeed with which you have received it. It is not only in connection with the Brecknock Lodge, but I see around me so many good and kind friends who have in every way assisted me during the time I have been connected with Brecon, that you will perhaps excuse the emotion which I feel on the present occasion. I am really afraid to look around me and see some of the best and kindest friends I ever had in my life, and you will therefore forgive my very few and short remarks in returning you my very sincere thanks for the way in which you have received me to-night. I do not feel competent to express myself in the manner I should like to do. I must express, in conclusion, my very great sorrow in parting with you all, and will simply thank you one and all sincerely and deeply for meeting me on this occasion. The remaining toasts were, the Worshipful Master, proposed by brother Maybery; the Past Masters, proposed by Brother Frank Grundy, and responded to by Brother E. C. Phillips; the Visitors, proposed by Brother David Thomas, and responded to by Brother H. C. Rich; the Master of the Loyal Wye Lodge, Builth, and the Officers of the Lodge, proposed by Brother Games, and responded to by Brother Frank Grundy. Brothers T. L. Lewis and William Howell presided at the American organ.

Crystal Palace Chapter, No. 742.—The Regular Convocation and Installation Meeting of this Chapter was held on Thursday the 21st instant, at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, Surrey. Comp. W. Smeed, P.Z. 946, P.G.J. Middlesex, occupied the chair in the absence of the Z., through indisposition. H. D. Williams H., W. Carter J., W. Platt P.Z., S. E. Driver P.Z., Long, &c. The Chapter was opened and the minutes of the former Convocation were read and confirmed. The election for Z., H. and J. resulted in the selection of Companions H. D. Williams for Z., Carter H., and Kidman J. They were duly installed into the three chairs by Companion W. Smeed P.Z. 946, who performed his duties in his usual perfect and impressive manner. The newly-installed M.E.Z. then invested his officers:—Comps. W. Platt P.Z. S.E., Ledger S.N., Long P.Z. Treas., Green P.S., W. Speight Janitor. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Comp. W. Smeed for the excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremonies of installation; the same to be recorded on the minutes. A sum of five guineas was voted for the purpose of presenting the retiring Z. with a P.Z.'s jewel, for the able manner he had discharged the duties of the chair during his year of office. The Chapter was then closed, and the company sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Comp. Lassam, that gave great satisfaction. The M.E.Z., who genially presided, proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. Driver P.Z. proposed the health of the M.E.Z., who had most worthily been elected to preside over them. Comp. Williams having suitably replied, the toast of the Visitors was next given. The M.E.Z. said how pleased he, with the Companions, were to receive Visitors. He was indeed gratified at seeing among them a Companion who had so ably installed him and the two principals. Comp. Smeed is thoroughly proficient in Craft as well as in R.A. Masonry, and it was a pleasure to listen to him. Personally he thanked him for the services he had rendered the Chapter. They were also very happy to see Comp. Miller among them. Those Companions having responded, the toasts of the P.Z.'s, H., and J. were given and acknowledged. The Janitor's toast concluded a very agreeable meeting. Comps. Smeed, Burt, and Lassam sang some excellent songs during the evening.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Weige W.M., J. Lorkin S.W. Carr J.W., Christian S.D., Johnson J.D., Clark I.G., Brasted, Preceptor; Bros. Marsh, Greenwood, C. Lorkin, Quay, and others. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Polak answered the questions leading to the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Lodge was closed to the first degree. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first and second sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. King, of Lodge 1623, and Bro. Baker, of Lodge 1326, were elected members. Bro. J. Lorkin was elected W.M. for next Tuesday.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044.—A meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, which has been removed from the Spread Eagle Hotel, was held, on Tuesday evening, at the Star and Garter Hotel, St. Anne's-hill, Wandsworth. Bros. J. J. Holland W.M., F. Reed S.W., and A. Newens J.W. The first and second degrees were worked. Votes of thanks were passed to the Treasurer and Secretary.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning-town, on Tuesday. Bros. Andrews (W.M. of 1227) W.M., P.M. Musto S.W., Johnson J.W., P.M. Myers I.P.M. The Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. This being the fourth Tuesday of the month, the following sections were worked by the following brethren:—1st Spencer, 2nd Watkins, 3rd Musto, 4th Barker, 5th Taylor; the Lodge then opened in the 2nd degree, when Bro. Rawe worked the 1st section, Johnson the 2nd, Moss the 3rd, Smith the 4th, and Worsley the 5th of the lecture. Great praise is due to Bro. Andrews for the way in which the questions were put by him, while Bro. Musto as S.W. rendered valuable assistance. The answers were all well made, and Bro. Andrews thanked the brethren for their help, remarking that the working was done very satisfactorily. The Lodge resumed to the 1st degree, when Bros. Taylor 554, and Moss 1275, were elected members. Bro. Andrews will preside at the ensuing week's meeting. The Committee will meet on Monday next, at eight o'clock, to carry out and complete arrangements for the summer banquet, which is to take place on Thursday next, the 4th of September, at the Crown Inn, Broxbourne.

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Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—A meeting was held on Friday, 22nd Aug., at the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury. Present:—Bros. J. T. Rowe W.M., R. Mendelsohn S.W., W. Riveley J.W., Peter Dickinson Secretary, Boaz S.D., G. H. Hunter J.D., R. P. Forge I.G.; Brother T. Cull Preceptor. Visitor:—Bro. Forge. After preliminaries, the third degree was rehearsed, Bro. Chant candidate. The Lodge was then resumed, and Bro. Cull worked the sixth section of the first lecture. Bro. Yeomans now took the chair, and Bro. Hunter was presented as W.M. elect, and the ceremony of installation was ably rehearsed by Bro. Yeomans. Bro. Mendelsohn was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. R. P. Forge, of the Beadon Lodge 619, was elected a member. Lodge was then closed.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.—This Lodge met on Monday, 25th Aug., at the Masonic Hall, Canterbury. Present: Bros. Price W.M., Miskin S.W., S. Lagden J.W. and Sec., Howarth S.D., Duncan J.D., Tyler I.G. and Steward, Bro. Blamiers P.M., also Bro. Beer W.M., and Bros. Vantier, Widgery, &c. The Lodge was regularly opened, and the minutes of last Lodge of Instruction read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Widgery as candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and regularly closed.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.—Held its regular meeting at the Metropolitan Club, King's Cross, on Tuesday, the 26th instant. Bros. J. W. Smith W.M., Peardon S.W., Fenner J.W., Edmonds S.D., Dimsdale J.D., Solomon I.G.; also Bros. Beattie, Pawley, and others. Preliminaries were duly observed, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Edmonds candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the 1st section of the lecture. Lodge was advanced a degree, Bro. Pawley gave proof of his efficiency, and was entrusted. The Lodge being advanced, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Pawley acting as candidate. Both ceremonies were very ably performed. Lodge was closed to the 1st degree, and Bro. Fenner worked the 2nd section of the lecture, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned. The brethren present expressed their regret at the absence of their worthy Secretary.

Ellington Lodge, No. 1566.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 26th August, at the Town Hall, Maidenhead. Present:—Bros. Hubert F. Turner W.M., C. W. Cox S.W., Ephraim Davey J.W., Rev. T. H. Jansen Chaplain, H. H. Hodges Sec., Rutland Organist, Beal D.C., Arrowsmith and Nicholson Stewards, Legge I.G., C. Nowell Tyler; Past Masters Bros. John Fuller, J. J. Brillon, and G. H. Powell P.M. 209; Bros. W. H. Haines, E. J. Shrewsbury, C. A. Vardy, E. T. Biggs, R. Illsley (Mayor), William Morris, Richard Silver, J. S. Silver, C. A. Bennett, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Matthew Henry Trill, a candidate for the third degree, was examined, entrusted, and duly raised. Lodge closed to first degree. Mr. John Wesley Walker and Mr. Robert Clifton Davy were ballotted for, approved, and initiated, the ceremonies being admirably performed by the W.M. Mr. Arthur Cooper was proposed as a candidate for initiation at the next meeting. Series of laws passed at last Lodge for the establishment of a Benevolent Fund were confirmed. Lodge then closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the Bell Hotel for refreshment.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, the W.M. Brother J. S. Cumberland presiding, for the purpose of raising Bro. Oldfield Marshall to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. After the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. W. P. Husband presented to the Lodge a very scarce engraving, of great Masonic interest, being a portrait of Sir W. Hawksworth, Bart., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of All England at York in 1711. A similar portrait is in the possession of the York Lodge, No. 236. Bro. T. Humphries also presented two beautiful framed photographs of views in Vienna. Both brethren received the hearty thanks of the Lodge, which is rapidly acquiring a most valuable collection of Masonic relics, thanks to the hearty spirit of co-operation which exists among its members. A large portion of the evening was taken up by discussions on the arrangements for the Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting. Amongst those present were Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M. Prov. D.C., G. Balmford P.M. P.P.S., A. T. B. Turner, C. Blackstone, W. York, Girling, Atkinson, Dyson, Abbey, &c.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—The members held their Anniversary Festival on Thursday, at the Chequers Hotel, Ealing. In the absence of the W.M. of the mother Lodge, Bro. Kingston, the chair was taken by Bro. A. Beasley P.M. 780 1612. The Wardens chairs were occupied by Bros. A. J. Burr S.W. 1612, and W. Seward jun. Bros. E. J. Acworth and J. Wells fulfilled the duties pertaining to the Deacons, and Bro. G. S. Wright was an efficient Inner Guard. Amongst the brethren present were H. E. Tucker Preceptor and Treasurer, E. W. Davis P.M. 95 172, &c. W. Banbery 217, F. Woolmer 217, J. W. Woolmer 217. J. J. Clarke 1612, D. H. Harrison S.D. 1681, H. J. Westbourne J.D. 217, 1612, H. Youens 1612, G. Coop 1612, W. Gomm W.M. elect 780, J. Dorey 1612, E. Gasson 1612, H. Stephens 1612, J. J. Gunner 780, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211. Lodge was formally opened and closed, and then the brethren sat down to the repast which Bro. Stephens had prepared with great care. All the dishes were placed upon the table in homely fashion, and the guests were lavish in their expressions of approval. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Beasley briefly introduced the toasts usual on these occasions. On Bro. Tucker devolved the pleasing duty of proposing the health of the W.M. In doing so he referred to the eminent qualities displayed by that Brother in all he undertook, and spoke of his deep interest in the welfare of the West Middlesex Lodge and the prosperity of its members. He was assured that Bro. Beasley, amid his numerous engagements, would always find opportunities of meeting the brethren, and trusted the Lodge for many years might have the benefit of his counsel and advice. Bro. Beasley would not lose a minute in replying to the kind remarks of Bro. Tucker. Truly he had striven to do something for the West Middlesex Lodge, and if, at any time, he could render assistance, the members might rely on his doing so readily. He regretted that lately he had not been able to be with them so frequently at their Lodge of Instruction as he could have wished, but of this he might speak with intense gratification, wherever he went he came across brethren who had been initiated by him, and he invariably heard the West Middlesex Lodge and its members spoken well of. After a capital song by Bro. Wells, Bro. Beasley said there was a toast that demanded attention. All Lodges might be said to have to pass through a dormant stage—a stage that was represented by the period during which the outgoing Master and the Master elect were in their relative positions. Our esteemed brother then referred to the happy period of Mastership Bro. Kingston had passed through, and then referred to Bro. Kasner, the W.M. elect, who possessed all the qualities requisite for the important office he has been elected to. Bro. Beasley was sure all regretted their absence, but in proposing "Success to the Mother Lodge," he felt he should be neglecting his duty did he not associate their names with the toast. In proposing the health of Bro. Tucker, the Preceptor and Treasurer of the Lodge of Instruction, the W.M. referred to the great interest that brother took in all Masonic matters. The brethren present would agree with him that Bro. Tucker deserved the heartiest thanks of all for his indefatigable exertions. After a song by Bro. J. J. Clarke, Bro. Tucker rose. He was intensely gratified at the kind way in which the W.M. had referred to him. They had received great assistance from members of neighbouring Lodges, with whom there existed an earnest desire to advance the cause they all had in view. During the year all the ceremonies of Craft Masonry had been carefully rehearsed, and they had had the assistance of competent brethren. He hoped in the future their meetings would pass off with the same happy result, and that he might long be associated in the conduct of the business. One of the most prominent of the remaining toasts was that of the W.M. elect of the Royal Alfred Lodge. Bro. Beasley spoke in eulogistic terms of Bro. Gomm, and felt assured that all concurred in the hope that he might have a happy and prosperous year. The toast of the Visitors was given and duly replied to, and the acting Officers received a due meed of praise. Then the W.M. gave the closing toast. The evening passed off most agreeably; the genial Bro. Gunner gave two or three of his songs, and other of the brethren rendered goodly help, notably we may refer to Bro. Coop's "Familiar Faces." We had almost omitted to mention that the appeal of a distressed brother was brought forward discussed, and relief given—£2 was voted from Lodge funds, and this amount was supplemented by the brethren, who amongst them subscribed an additional £2 2s 6d.

JAMAICA.

THE half-yearly communication of the District Grand Lodge of East Jamaica was held at Friendly Hall, Kingston, on the 24th of July, presided over by the Right Worshipful Altamont De Cordova, Deputy District Grand Master, who was supported by his Officers. The several Lodges in the district were represented by their Masters and Wardens. The District Grand Master was unable to attend, through sickness.

Phœnix Lodge, No. 914, Port Royal.—A Lodge of Emergency was held on the 5th of August, at five p.m., presided over by the Worshipful L. C. Hollar I.P.M., and other officers, when two brethren were passed to the second degree. At seven p.m. the ordinary meeting was held, presided over by Worshipful G. P. Myers Master, J. Tyndall S.W., W. B. Hanna J.W., and other Officers. This being the Annual Festival for the installing of Master and Officers, Bro. Dr. J. Tyndall was duly presented, and a Board of Installed Masters opened, when Bro. J. Tyndall, R.N., surgeon of the Naval Hospital, was duly installed Master by Worshipful G. P. Myers, in a manner that well merited the encomiums passed on him. The Worshipful John Tyndall then invested the following brethren to fill the offices for the year:—Bros. Lieut. M. C. H. Hastings S.W., J. Feesy J.W., E. Anderson Treasurer, A. Duffus Secretary, W. Organ S.D., M. H. Smythe J.D., J. Wenman I.G., W. B. Hanna Tyler. The following Past Masters were present, also a goodly number of Visitors from the sister Lodges:—Bros. Langley P.G.S.W. "Royal," Mudon "Sussex," Paine "St. John's," Dias P.G. Secretary of Scotland Glenlyon, Tait Sussex, J. Alvarenga, D. Barned, H. J. Barned, and L. C. Hollar, Phœnix, A. H. Jones P.G.O. This is the first year since the formation of this Lodge that the officers installed are all belonging to the Navy, and the reason assigned is, that a good many of the members belong to that Service. The banquet-room was gaily decorated, the brethren having enjoyed the good things of this life, the usual Masonic and Loyal toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. Deep regret was felt at the absence of the District Grand Master for East Jamaica (Right Worshipful Hon. Dr. Hamilton), caused by indisposition. The brethren retired at the small hours in the morning, when H.M. Dockyard steam launch conveyed the Kingston brethren to their destination.

Jamaica Lodge, No. 1771.—An emergency meeting was

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held on Wednesday, 6th August, at the Friendly Masonic Hall, 23 Hanover-street, Kingston. W. Bro. Thomas Allen, M.D., W.M. presided; and there were present:—W. Bros. Henry Garcia S.W., Captain Portlock Dadson J.W., J. W. Whitbourne S.D., John Maclean J. D., C. W. Tait I.G., S. E. Pieteraz Secretary. Among the Visitors were W. Bros. C. W. Steer P.S.W. of the Scottish Constitution, B. Mortimer Dias, John Harris, Henriques, Thomas Nicholson, A. H. Jones, &c. Bros. Izett William Anderson, M.D., and A. H. Alexander were duly raised to the third degree, and the Lodge adjourned until the next regular meeting in September.

Phœnix Mark Lodge, No. 242, Port Royal.—A meeting was held on the 5th of August, at four p.m., presided over by Worshipful G. J. De Cordova W.M., Bros. O. Delgado S.W., A. H. Jones J.W., W. J. Lovesey Rutherford Secretary, and other Officers. The Committee on Bye-Laws presented their report, and the bye-laws prepared by the committee were passed and ordered to be sent to the Provincial Grand Master for his approval.

Rose Croix Chapter.—A meeting was held on the 31st July, at the Sussex Masonic Hall, 57 Hanover-street, Kingston. Ill. Bro. Captain Portlock Dadson 32° presiding, in the absence of the M.W.S. from severe illness. The following brethen were present:—Ill. Bros. C. W. Steer and T. Allen, M.D., 30°, Ex. Bros. H. Garcia, J. Harris, W. Lee, Mudon, C. H. Davis, A. H. Jones, G. H. Rees, B. Mortimer Dias, C. W. Tait, W. S. Magnus, J. A. Figueroa, Thomas Nicholson 1st W.I. Regiment, Richard Langley, Lieut.-Col. Niven, Bro. Albert Da Costa Equerry, &c.; Ex. Bro. Commander A. W. Warry 18°, R.N., of H.M.S. Urgent, Port Royal, late of the Rose of Sharon Chapter, was elected a joining member. Bro. Lieut.-Col. R. R. Niven, 1st W.I. Regiment, was duly exalted as a Knight of the Pelican and Eagle, and Prince of the Order of Rose Croix, and Ex. Bro. Lieut. W. C. Hollond Hastings, R.N., of H.M.S. Sparrow Hawk, late of the Rose of Sharon Chapter at Malta, was proposed for ballot as a joining member.

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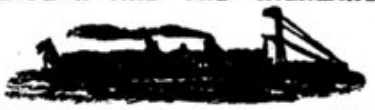

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DOES FREEMASONRY BENEFIT THE WORLD AT LARGE?

THE question that heads this article is perhaps one of the most frequent that members of the Craft are called upon to answer. It may not take the exact form in which we have chosen to put it, but in one shape or other it meets us on almost every side, and yet how few of those who range under the banner of Freemasonry are able to give an answer to it, or even say a few words in defence of the brotherhood. It not unfrequently happens that the inquiry is thrown at us as a taunt, and thus it is that the brother to whom the question is addressed is for the moment taken aback and unable to reply to his interrogator, or it may be that he is unacquainted with sufficient facts to enable him to answer in a way likely to stop the flow of opposition, but, however the question may be put, or in whatever form the answer may be given, the reply should unmistakably be in the affirmative. It cannot be denied that Freemasonry is entitled to be ranked as one of the influences that work for the good of mankind in general, and it certainly does not deserve the charge of caring only for those initiated into its mysteries. The benefits offered by the great Charities of the Order, which have been provided, and are still maintained solely by, Freemasons, are certainly limited in their application to members of the Masonic family who may be so unfortunate as to have to make claims on their funds, but the Craft is justified in enforcing this restriction, at least so long as cases of distress among Freemasons or their families remain unalleviated. Were the benefits of our Schools and our Benevolent Institution to be thrown open to the world at large very few of those who, in the days of their prosperity had subscribed towards the funds, would be able to avail themselves of the benefits they offer. Further than in the case of these three institutions our exclusiveness does not go, for, after providing for the requirements of our own Charities we are as ready to lend assistance to strangers, as we are to those who come with vouchers of Masonic relationship. We could refer to numerous instances where local claims have been recognised in preference to the wants of either our Benevolent Institution or the Schools which rely on the Craft for their maintenance, but think that such a course is quite unnecessary. This care for the outer world is especially noticeable in the grants made by Provincial Grand Lodges, a very small proportion of whose disbursements will allow of the charge of selfishness being made against Freemasonry. There we find that by far the greater portion of the benevolent bequests go to local Charities, or objects of need in the immediate neighbourhood, a very small proportion reaching the coffers of the great Masonic institutions; this is also the case in very many private Lodges, more especially Provincial ones, but wherever we go, be it to Grand Lodge or to the most unpretentious Lodge of Instruction, we always find a willingness to contribute to any local or national calamity, or even the most trivial occurrence which may deserve sympathy and is brought under the notice of those assembled.

Were it possible to obtain a list of the amounts spent by English Lodges and brethren in works of charity, it would be found that the annual contribution of some thirty or forty thousand pounds, which is made to our three Institutions, is but a small moiety of the total monies distributed. Under these circumstances, we, in turn, ask to whose benefit is the remainder devoted? In answer, it may be urged that a great portion of it is given to distressed Masons or their families, which we agree is the fact; but in thus distributing its funds is not Freemasonry helping materially the world at large? It is well known that a little help judiciously applied at a critical moment has saved many a poor family from making that appeal to local authorities which by law must be responded to. Unfortunately, when affairs have reached the climax which makes such appeals needful, it is very seldom they improve, unless after a considerable lapse of time. We therefore urge that Freemasons, by making grants to cases of distress immediately they are brought before the notice of the Lodges do really perform work which, under other circumstances, would fall heavily on the various parishes. It is no very rare occurrence when the head of a family dies for the widow and children to be left with little else than the household furniture, and then it is that the benevolence of Freemasonry steps in and stays the distress, often long enough to enable those who are left to look round and make some provision for the future. Without aid at such a time all courage may be lost, and affairs allowed to go pretty much their own way until it is too late to stop the downfall.

The principal cause that the extent to which Masonic benevolence extends is so little known is the fact that no fuss or parade is made when assistance is rendered. We attend a Lodge meeting, a case of distress is reported, regrets are expressed at the calamity which has caused the misfortune, and, after a short discussion, or sometimes without a word beyond the actual proposal and seconding of the grant, a sum of money is placed in the hands of a brother who the next day sees it properly applied. The recipients are generally in too great distress to make known their benefactors, while we, as Masons, justly refrain from publishing the fact more widely than has already been done. It is a part of our duty to give all the aid we can to those in want of it, and as such our efforts to alleviate distress should be kept as private as any portion of our ceremonies. If we look at the accounts of our Lodge of Benevolence, the total of the annual grants from which are perhaps unknown to the outer world, but which, as most of us are aware, amount to some thousands of pounds each year, we find the same kind secrecy observed. In this case the recipients are described merely as "a Brother of No. —," "the widow of a Brother of No. —," and so on, while in all our undertakings in the cause we have so deeply at heart the same true spirit of Charity is observed. Can it then be wondered at that we reply somewhat indignantly when told that Freemasonry exists merely for the sake of providing enjoyment for its members, or that it does nothing for the outer world? According to our estimate no less a sum than £100,000 is annually spent in Masonic Charity in England alone, and if any other class can be found that can show results in any degree approaching this, we will strive to point out evils as great as are said to exist in Freemasonry.

For the reason we have already urged,—that the work we do should be kept quiet,—we object to the proposition made by our correspondent, "A P.M.," in our last issue. Were his proposal to receive sufficient support to warrant its being carried out, we think it would be looked upon as a Masonic advertisement, and justly so. It would really be nothing more nor less than a public display to the world at large of what Freemasonry could do. At the best the good such a dispensary as he proposes would accomplish would be so small as to be unworthy of us, and although we are of opinion that aid should be rendered to relieve

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cases of real distress, we are averse to the indiscriminate relief afforded by the hospitals of our great towns. Knowing as we do something of the private as well as the Masonic career of our correspondent, we feel assured that he would be among the first to abandon his idea were he to think that it might prove detrimental to the Craft. We think such would be the result, but should like to hear the opinion of any of our readers who may take an interest in the matter. To establish a dispensary on a Masonic basis it would be necessary also to form branches in the principal towns throughout the kingdom, for it must be remembered that Freemasonry is not local to London or any other part of the country, but universal, and therefore that any charity formed in connection with it must be of similar extent, unless it be contemplated to limit the appeals also to the district, in which case the relief afforded would take more the form of a local charity on a Masonic foundation than a Masonic institution.

THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE constitution and general working of the Lodge of Benevolence always has been, and we imagine must ever continue to be, a difficult subject for the Craft to deal with. It is impossible to please all, especially where the spending of public money is concerned, and, as a consequence, the brethren interested in any particular case are very apt to think their appeal has not been so liberally responded to as they considered it deserved, while others will not refrain from expressing their opinion that a larger grant had been made than the nature of the case warranted. It has even been pointed out to us that the amount of a grant entirely depends on the opinion entertained of the proposer and seconder; some brethren, it is urged, being sure of a large amount for every appeal they endorse, while others less known invariably get smaller grants. This we consider is merely owing to the fact that those who frequently attend the meetings of the Lodge learn points which are likely to tell on their audience, or it may be they are gifted with a readier flow of words, and are able to carry their hearers away to an interest in the case for which they are pleading, while the less experienced brother will fail to put all the facts of the case so forcibly before those assembled.

As at present constituted the Lodge of Benevolence is, in our opinion, in a position sufficiently strong to allow of these remarks being ignored. It cannot be said that the Lodge is unrepresentative of the Craft at large, or that it is the party of any one section of the Order; it is in the power of every Lodge to be represented at each meeting; not, as might have been expected had any idea of private influence been contemplated by one particular member, but by any of the principal members of a Lodge, for, in the event of the Master being unable to attend, any one of the Past Masters may represent him. Surely these provisions should be sufficient to prevent anything like a packed meeting, and should be ample to secure an attendance large enough to form an unbiassed opinion on the merits of each case brought forward.

In times past the Fund of Benevolence, although providing for every worthy case that may have been brought forward, has gradually accumulated, until at the present time the balance reaches the splendid total of £50,000. The way in which this fund is raised is so small a tax on the brethren that few, if any, could wish for the annual contribution to be lowered, but then the question arises, how long is the fund to be allowed to accumulate, and at what sum is the line to be drawn? It is a matter of congratulation to the Craft that the trivial amount devoted to Grand Lodge from each subscription to the cause of Charity should enable them not only to relieve every case that may present itself, but still leave a considerable balance year after year to be added to invested funds. Some time since Bro. Clabon gave notice of a motion in Grand Lodge which, had it been settled, would have supplied an answer to these queries, but for some reason, best known by himself, he withdrew his proposition at the eleventh hour. The fact of the question having once been brought forward naturally gave rise to a feeling somewhat akin to curiosity in many brethren, and thus it is that at the meeting of Grand Lodge, on Wednesday, we find the question again coming under notice, but on this occasion we regret to say, in anything but a satisfactory manner.

It appears that the petition of a brother who has been most creditably associated with the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, at Gravesend, and other Lodges in Kent, was lately considered by the Board of Benevolence, and, after discussion, a grant of £100 was recommended for the approval of Grand Lodge. There appears to have been a divided opinion at the Lodge of Benevolence at which this question was discussed, and among the minority we presume may be classed Bro. Joshua Nunn, who, on Wednesday, at Grand Lodge—being the elder Vice-President of the Board—had to bring forward the recommendations of the Lodge of Benevolence for confirmation by those present. Among these, of course, was the vote to which he objected. Now, if this vote was as undeserved as Bro. Nunn would wish us to suppose, it may reasonably be imagined there were many members of Grand Lodge who would have drawn attention to it had they been asked, but for Bro. Nunn to *officially* recommend a grant, and then in his capacity as a private member of Grand Lodge to oppose it, we consider—to put it in a mild form—very bad taste. Had attention been directed to the case it would then have been easy for Bro. Nunn to explain his views, but to do so in what might be taken as a semi-official manner is certainly wrong on his part. From the remarks of some of the speakers we fear that the matter resolved itself into a personal one, and if allowed to serve as a precedent it will do away with all unanimity in Grand Lodge. Once let a difference of opinion such as this be supported by Grand Lodge, and every grant that is made will be open to discussion, when, unless notice be previously given to call evidence, it will be impossible to form anything like a fair judgment.

The course taken by Bro. G. P. Britten and others, who combined to make the vote excessive in order that it should be discussed by Grand Lodge, is certainly open to question. If he or any other brother is desirous of getting the opinion of Grand Lodge on any subject it certainly can be obtained in a straightforward manner, recourse should never be had to side influences, which however worthy in themselves, cannot fail but to lead to confusion, if not to open rupture.

It is quite right that a certain form should be observed in confirming the grants of the Lodge of Benevolence when they exceed a given sum; but as the Craft places the distribution of the charity fund in the hands of the members of that Lodge, it would be very unfair if every action they took was to be open to reversal because it did not happen to be favoured by a minority at a previous meeting.

THE ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

THE preliminary arrangements that are being made by the founders of this Fund to start it on a firm basis are rapidly approaching completion. It is wished that every Province may be represented by one or other of its principal members on the first circular that is to be sent out, and with this object in view, strenuous efforts are being made to bring the scheme under the notice of the rulers of the various Masonic sub-divisions of the country. The success that has been met with is far in excess of what was contemplated, but still there are several districts from whence no replies have as yet been received. We hope in our next issue to furnish a list of those who have already given their approval, but meantime we cordially ask our friends to join us in the movement. We may mention that our respected Brother the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain, Deputy Prov. G.M. Suffolk, &c., has kindly consented to act as Treasurer of the Fund pro tem. Any contributions to him (addressed, the Rectory, Long Melford), or to either of the Secretaries, will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged. Cheques may be crossed "Bank of England."

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—If these remedies be taken and used regularly during the summer months, the liver will act regularly, and so the chance of fevers and complaints of that character occurring will be much diminished, and very likely altogether averted. These valuable remedies promote skin action, and thus preserve the delicate internal structures from congestions and inflammation, by carrying from the system in this manner, and also by the bowels, any noxious matters which may have found their way into the blood. This is aiding nature in her efforts, and is consonant with reason and common sense, for if nature's efforts to throw off disease be interfered with by injudicious treatment, mischief instead of good will ensue.

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Obituary.

We regret to notice the death of Brother William Runting, P.M. of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, and W.M. of the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1681. Bro. Runting was initiated into Freemasonry in the Faith Lodge, No. 141, on the 24th February 1857; he afterwards joined the Belgrave Lodge, and became its W.M.; he was a subscribing member at his death. He was a founder and first S.W. of the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1681, of which Lodge, at the time of his death, he was W.M. Bro. Runting was well-known and deservedly esteemed by many brethren, more especially by those living in the immediate vicinity of his residence, Mount-street, Grosvenor-square. He was interred at Woking Cemetery on Monday last, the funeral being attended by, among others, Bro. Garrod Secretary of the Belgrave Lodge, Bro. A. Barfield Treasurer; and Honeyball, Thomas, Ball, &c., of the Londesborough Lodge.

We have also to record the sudden death of Bro. John Seager, proprietor of the Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, which sad event occurred about four o'clock on Wednesday morning last. He drove to Chiselhurst on Monday, and up to half-past eleven o'clock on Tuesday night was apparently in his usual health and spirits. He was, however, taken suddenly ill in the night, and although every attention was paid to him, he expired before daybreak on Wednesday. Bro. Seager, at whose house is held the Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275, was deservedly esteemed by his neighbours, and especially by the brethren who assembled weekly at his house, and his removal, at the early age of forty-seven, is the subject of very general regret to all who knew him in the locality, and to the Craft. He was known as a liberal contributor to the charities of the trade to which he belonged, and to the benevolent objects of the Craft in which he took so active an interest. In consequence of this sad event the Star Lodge of Instruction will not hold its weekly meeting, as usual, this (Saturday) evening.

The New Zealand papers record the death of a distinguished member of the fraternity, the Rev. Geo. Thomas Nowell Watkins, which event occurred at Greymouth, on 18th June. Bro. Watkins was a Greenwich man, and there he received his early education, finishing his studies at King's College, London. He subsequently undertook the care of private pupils, and acted as the Chaplain to the Greenwich Workhouse; whilst some time later he filled the curacy of St. Paul's, Deptford. Ten years ago he was appointed to the incumbency of Trinity Church, Greymouth, which he held to the time of his death. He exerted himself most assiduously in promoting the interests of Freemasonry in the colony, and his demise cast quite a shade of gloom over the entire fraternity there. The brethren assembled in full force to pay the last tribute of respect to their departed brother, who had done so much to endear himself to all with whom he had been associated. On the arrival at the church the coffin, upon which was placed the insignia of his Masonic office, was borne by the brethren, and on its being deposited on the tressels a chaplet of flowers was placed upon it by the Bishop of Nelson, who conducted the burial service. The choir then sang the appropriate hymn, commencing "Thou art gone to the grave; we will not deplore thee," after which the bishop commenced to read the service for the burial of the dead. This being over the coffin was conveyed to the hearse by six Past Masters—three of English and three of Scotch Lodges—the deceased having belonged to both Constitutions. The day was beautifully fine, and upwards of a thousand persons attended, from all parts of the district. The Bishop having read the appointed service, the coffin was lowered into the grave by the Freemasons, the scene being a grandly impressive one, as the setting sun shone beautifully at the time. The Deputy District Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons (Bro. Bevan) then came forward, and solemnly and distinctly read the Masonic service, the vast assemblage remaining uncovered till the conclusion of the ceremony. Deceased was a man of high attainments, and laboured hard for the welfare of the community amongst whom his lost was cast, irrespective of creed, for Bro. Watkins was no bigot, but a kind, noble, and liberal Christian, who not only studied, but practised, the teaching of his Great Master. In his sphere he was not only a Christian minister, but a philanthropist, denying himself pleasures and comforts that others might enjoy them. To the poor and afflicted his purse-strings were never tightened, and although on many occasions he had been taken advantage of by the undeserving, yet this did not trouble him half so much as when, his resources becoming exhausted, some one asked him for aid and assistance and he, for the time, was unable to grant it. The shops in the town were closed during the funeral, the shipping in the port hoisted their flags half-mast high, and the expressions of regret at the departure of so eminently useful a man and Christian minister were as universal as they were deserved.

FORBEARANCE.

AMONG the Masonic virtues there is one that we think is deserving of more attention than it sometimes meets with, particularly in India. We allude to forbearance. Of course it may be argued that there is much in this country to try a man's temper and make him less amiable than he should be; but when it is considered that the objects Freemasonry has in view are to eradicate all that is unseemly and displeasing, we must all admit we are under an obligation to fight against any influences of a pernicious tendency. We often hear "How sweet and pleasant it is to dwell together in Unity!" yet this cannot be unless we exercise forbearance towards one another. All do not hold the same views, all are not equally intelligent, nor are all educated up to the same standard, and it behoves those who possess these qualifications in a superior degree to exercise a careful self-restraint, and never forget that with the exercise of prudence it is comparatively easy to live in peace with any body of men. Whenever a community perceive a disposition to use arbitrary measures they will resent it, and some unpleasantness ensues. We have known the Master of a Lodge who was what might be, in the very fullest sense, termed a popular man, but who lost the affection and regard of the brethren by his arbitrary proceedings. When we hear of a number of members dimitting from a Lodge, or of a Lodge being put in abeyance through being unable to do any work, or of a split resulting in the establishment of a second Lodge, and trace the cause for these misfortunes to the root, we not unfrequently find they arise solely from a want of forbearance for the weaknesses of others. This Masonic virtue, like many others, is not cultivated in Indian Lodges as it ought to be. A Lodge may possess officers that are capable of carrying out the duties required of them by our rituals, and the care with which they perform their allotted task may be most commendable' the internal economy of the Lodge may be ably administered, and everything connected with the working be carried out in the most perfect manner possible; the Master may be well up in the ordinary routine of business, and be able to deliver the lectures in an effective and impressive manner: he may be what is generally known as a hearty good fellow, and be well liked by every one in the Lodge. This is all very good and very pleasant, but it is not all that is required, and at best can only be likened to the preparation of the rough stone for the more experienced workman. What is required in Indian Lodges is, that the Masters and Past Masters should devote more time to the delivery of addresses and lectures on the beauties and excellencies to be found in Masonry by those who persevere in searching for them. Lectures need not be either dry or wearisome. It has been our good fortune to sit in Lodges and witness the earnest attention of the brethren, while Masters of the Craft have delivered eloquent addresses. Freemasonry is intended to make a man a more useful member of society, to teach him how to regulate his passions, and fit him for the time when he will be summoned to the Great Grand Lodge above. Should he there be found wanting in the tests, on whose head will the sin lie? If he has had Masonry taught to him and exemplified by the teacher he will not be held guiltless, but if he has unfortunately been a member of a Lodge wherein the menatzchims have failed to honour the trust reposed in them the case will be far, very far, different. The Master's trust is a sacred one, and is not to be taken up lightly. The responsibilities that rest upon him are heavy, hence the reason for entrusting him with the power he holds: should he fail to perform his duties properly, he forgets what is due to the brethren and to the position he occupies in the Craft. Should difficulties arise he should meet them calmly and collectedly, and never permit his anger to gain the ascendancy, and when he observes any member is unable to control that passion he should endeavour to allay it by kind and courteous language, and not add fuel to the fire by arbitrary conduct that is sure almost to create a breach between himself and the Brother. We have known a few injudicious and harshly spoken sentences uttered by a Master cause many members of a Lodge to resign. An instance of this description was quite recently been brought to our notice, where, through the unwise proceedings of a Master who could not control his temper, a number of the members of the Lodge dimitted, and some have, rashly, we think, determined to have nothing more to do with Masonry. This is, we fear, not a singular case in India, where rulers require to exercise greater forbearance than in England. Members also must not forget that the responsibilities of the Master, and the difficulties with which he has to contend, are by no means lightened by the general condition of things in India; they must practise forbearance among themselves, never forgetting that charity sufferoth long and is kind, doth not behave itself unseemly, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, believeth all things, hopeth all things, and endureth all things. Unless they thus recognise that Masonic virtue which they have solemnly promised to observe, they have become as sounding brass or tinkling cymbals, creating discord, and of but little intrinsic value to any.—*Record of Western India.*

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FREEMASONRY AND ITS APPLICABILITY TO THE WANTS OF THE OUTER WORLD.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—No doubt many of your readers have, with myself, duly weighed the suggestion contained in a letter published in the last number of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE as to the establishment of a Dispensary, as an adjunct to the Masonic Charities. Such a suggestion was evidently prompted by the most laudable motives, and in expressing a few thoughts on the subject, I desire to give your correspondent full credit for the exercise of that most valuable principle of charitable relief which forms so important a feature of the Masonic faith.

But I am reminded that although our Masonic Charity should know no bounds, save that of prudence, yet I am of opinion, and it is an opinion shared by many with whom I have conversed upon this matter that this is a point where prudence steps in. I have had some little experience in the working of hospitals and dispensaries, and I shall be borne out by the experience of others similarly situated when I assert that working men, as a rule, are too fond of running off to a dispensary when overtaken by any trifling ailment.

There are plenty of respectable medical men who would be willing to make up a bottle of medicine (and to give advice to any poor man requiring it), sufficient to last two days, say for one shilling. And in a majority of cases these simple and occasional illnesses, if taken in time by a skilful practitioner, are speedily and effectually cured. In cases when the illness is of a persistent nature, and likely to last for any time, the proper place for such patient would undoubtedly be the hospital; and thither such an invalid would as a matter of course be sent by the medical man to whom the case had been at first submitted.

Employers of labour well know that if a man leaves his work, if only for an hour, it upsets him for the remainder of the day; and that it thus costs him two or three shillings at least for such interval, putting it on the low ground of loss of time, and consequently of wages, alone. Dispensaries are established with the view of their becoming ultimately self-supporting, and to do away with the system of pauperisation which is unfortunately too prevalent amongst the working-classes of the present day. Supposing such an institution were started, and a competent medical man consented to receive patients, say from seven till ten o'clock in the evening, such a practitioner, assisted by a dispenser, and clerk to jot down his instructions, could dispose of thirty or forty patients per hour. When we consider that there are hundreds of medical men who, whilst riding about in their conveyances, and straining every effort to keep up the "appearances" due to their position; find it extremely difficult to make both ends meet, would it not be better to secure the services of such men, who would gladly work at a reasonable remuneration, to attend to these dispensaries and do such work as your correspondent describes?

It is well known to every one of us that medical men give their honorary services to hospitals with a view of obtaining practice and medical instruction, which is part and parcel of their education. It would be a great boon to many such to have the opportunity of gaining that experience at home, and in such manner as would produce a much needed addition to their slender incomes. Besides, is it fair to expect a doctor or a surgeon to give advice gratis? Would any man in legal difficulty apply in like fashion to a lawyer? It is a well-known axiom that advice not paid for is valueless; at all events it is but little appreciated. And so in the case of medical aid. Medicine not paid for is too frequently thrown away; and medical advice obtained without payment is similarly disregarded.

The experience of a medical man brings him into daily contact with the very worst forms of misery and destitution. How often does he find it absolutely necessary that his patient should be supplied with stimulants, such as beef-tea, wine, &c.? The unfortunate family has been improvident perhaps; at all events there has been no laying by for the "rainy day" that was unforeseen, and there is no money in the house even for the common necessaries of life, much less for beef-tea and wine. Yet it is imperative that such shall be forthcoming, and what does the doctor do? Why, in many cases that have come under my knowledge, he puts his hand in his pocket and provides them himself. It is this practice of silent charity—the right hand not knowing what the left does—that forms so noble a trait in the character of very many medical practitioners, and which, to Freemasons especially, must commend itself as the most brilliant example that any man could emulate.

In my opinion, this hospital system is a mistake; at least so far as the indiscriminate administration of medicine is concerned. It forms one of the greatest sources of waste and misuse of public charity, of which such complaints are frequently made in the public prints. In cases of severe illness, when it is found imperative that a man shall lay up, the hospital is the place; but when a man only requires out-door relief, he is, in a majority of instances, in a position to pay for it,—at a moderate rate. There is that difference between temporary and confirmed illness. In the former case a man will often leave his work to "attend the hospital." It costs him two or three hours as a rule, and not unfrequently he adds to the cost of his voluntary idleness a sixpence or so more by a visit to the public-house on his way to and from the hospital. If, on the other hand, the visit to the doctor could be postponed till after working hours, the case would be equally well met, without any loss whatever. What medical man is there who, when interested in a case, ever loses sight of it till the result is known? If stimulants are required, the exercise of silent charity, of which I have spoken, comes into play. If beyond his skill, or likely to last long, the hospital is decided on, and what better or more effectual passport to a hospital than the recommendation of a medical man.

To prove what I have said respecting the little value set upon medical attendance supplied gratis, can it be shown that the working classes contribute in anything like a proportionate degree to the already existing hospitals, which are kept going for their especial behoof? We all of us remember the efforts put forth by Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg to establish an Eye Hospital and to make it self-supporting. We know too that after thirty years of self-sacrificing interest and energy, as principal surgeon of the Ophthalmic Infirmary at Westminster, he never received such a reward as a vote of thanks from those whom his efforts chiefly benefitted. It is proved beyond question that the free receipt of medicine and aid by those who can afford to pay a reasonable sum for it is demoralising, as it is unappreciated. It fosters a species of mendicancy which should be discountenanced instead of being further encouraged. The working classes are, as a rule, better off than the middle classes, who receive little benefit, if any, from the hospitals of our land, but who very often contribute to the funds of such institutions, directly or indirectly.

With a view of stimulating a spirit of independence amongst the working classes, I would restrict the system of gratuitous medicine and advice; this would not only prevent an unnecessary expenditure of money benevolently subscribed, but it would destroy the pauperising influences which indiscriminate charity always engenders, and it would put into the pockets of many a struggling, conscientious, but yet impecunious medical man, the money that is now squandered, and which is so sadly needed to keep himself and family in a position which the practice of the medical profession should secure.

I remain,
Dear Sir and Brother,
Yours fraternally,
M. M.

"WHICH IS CORRECT?"

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As an Irish Mason, on a short visit to London, I have been glad of an opportunity to compare working notes by attending some of the Lodges of Instruction mentioned in your journal, and must confess myself fairly puzzled by some things I have heard and seen. In one Lodge the Preceptor repeatedly addressed us as "*Brethering*," which I suppose is Masonic English for Brethren; the S.W., in the first ceremony, was good enough to strongly "*exhaust*" the initiate upon the nature of the badge (in Ireland we say "exhort"); whilst the W.M., in the third degree, described one of the signs as being that of "joy and exaltation," the Irish for the latter word being exultation. We try to be as accurate as possible. May I hope for an opinion in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE as to "Which is correct?"

Fraternally yours,
PADDY FROM CORK.

AN ODD FISH IN THE LODGE.

FROM THE "MASONIC REVIEW."

THE standing joke in the Last Debt Lodge, No. 90, ever since Brother Rochelle was initiated therein, had been the oddities of that quaint and eccentric individual. Being excessively homely, Bro. Rochelle was, of course, made Tyler at the very next election after his "Raising;" and he has been kept, by unanimous suffrage, in that honourable but frigid post ever since; *honourable* "because tending to make all men honourable" who faithfully perform its multifarious and onerous duties; *frigid*, because, as all the world knows, there is no stove in the Tyler's room of Last Debt Lodge, and in winter, when the thermometer is taken with a lowness of spirits that registers down to 18 below zero, it requires all the good nature of Bro. Rochelle to keep himself from freezing to death. Twice he has been brought into the Lodge room in a state of suspended animation, and was only restored to life by a spoonful of "Bourbon," cautiously administered, thirty doses per minute, by Bro. Dr. Thurstie, who providentially happens to have a vial full (a quart vial) of that substance in his coat pocket whenever needed. Fourteen times he, Bro. Rochelle, has declared "he will not serve another year unless the Lodge puts a stove into his department," and fourteen times he has deliberately perjured himself by consenting to a re-election. His position in summer does very well—but in winter—don't mention it.

I visited that Lodge in the month of February 1856, and while I was waiting outside (so that the Lodge might practice upon the "private grand honours,") I got chilblains on my left heel, which annoy me to this day. Tyler's rooms are naturally cold places, but the Tyler's room of Last Debt Lodge is a corner apartment, third story, and such a refrigerator that ice remains congealed in the water bucket, it is said, all the year round.

Bro. Laurence Rochelle is by several degree the homeliest Tyler I ever saw. And this is saying a great deal. Ethnologists, who study professional peculiarities, never venture upon staking a Masonic Tyler, as a specimen of humanity, to illustrate either of the grand divisions of Shem, Ham, or Japheth. I once presented a bust of a Tyler to Fowler and Wells, the Broadway phrenologists, and they honestly acknowledged that they could not set it up among their other busts, "as no one would believe it to be a natural specimen," so, by my leave, they gave it to Barnum, who placed it among the

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simia of his collection, and there it stood until burned in the great conflagration. Did the reader ever see a Tyler's likeness placed among those groups that adorn Masonic Lodge rooms? Never. No photographer will consent to take one. He will invent some excuse or other, "that the sun don't shine to-day," or "his chemicals are impure;" but the truth is, he wont risk his camera glass upon the subject. Did you ever hear of a Grand Lodge ordering a Tyler's portrait painted? Never. And you never will. No artist is so lost to the dignity of his profession as to consent to paint one.

But, as I remarked, Bro. Laurence Rochelle is considerably homelier than other Tylers. The small pox early disfigured him. But that was as nothing to what happened afterwards. He is so excessively "humbly" (as the New England Yankees around Boston pronounce all words spelled in that way,) that "visiting brethren" are apt to forget the proper answers when he is present. One of them, a young minister, was undergoing an examination. "Quarterly meeting" met there that week, and he was invited to visit Last Debt Lodge. All was going on well. He had got safely over the 49th question, whatever that is—I only tell the story as t'was told me—when the Tyler, Bro. Rochelle, looked into the preparation room, and the Reverend Brother caught sight of his face, "Oh," says he, "your members wear masks, do they?" Afterwards in a private confab with me, the ecclesiast acknowledged to me that he had been "reading Morgan," and naturally concluded that Bro. Rochelle was wearing a mask to represent Satan in the ceremonies of the Lodge.

I have been "seriously asked" why the homeliest man in the Lodge always seems pointed out by destiny for the position of Tyler? I am "seriously asked" a great many other hard questions. My uniform answer to this is (and that always stops further inquiry), "it is one of the landmarks." Nobody in the world (except myself) knows what "the Masonic Landmarks" are. The inquirer is bound to admit that answer conclusive. Is it not said that when, in the course of one of our great battles, a cassion exploded, awfully disfiguring twelve men, that the captain of the gun (I am sorry to add a Freemason) instantly shouted, "there is a dozen Tylers made at one pop!' It was an improper remark in him, and I only give it in the way of illustration. For my part I have long ceased to encourage jesting upon Masonic subjects.

One eminent advantage, however, grows out of Bro. Rochelle's position as Tyler of Last Debt Lodge, viz: That it saves the treasury untold sums, that would otherwise go to beggars. "Let me instance," as logicians say.

First—The traditional "widow of a Royal Arch Mason," Mrs. Hennpege, who was in your Lodge last year, and mine the year before, and will come round again as regularly as the seasons do, never called at Last Debt Lodge but once. She climbed up to the third story with difficulty, for the window is a gross feeder, and large. She came puffing and panting into the Tyler's room. Bro. Rochelle was there, "armed with the proper instrument of his office," as he always is when on duty, and as the widow came in, he incautiously turned his full countenance upon her. Now as a general rule, Bro. R. does not do that. When he is good natured he rarely ever shows a man more than his profile. But that night he was angered at something, and he gave the marauding she corsair, as I said, a full face. The effect was tremendous. The widow staggered back, covered her face with both hands, dropped her bundle of "documents," shrieked wildly, *Gracious herings!* three times, added "it's the devil," and retreated down stairs like a lard barrel, and returned to her hotel. It is reported that she made statements there highly derogatory to the Lodge, but one thing is certain, she never came back after her "documents," and had to get up a new set before she could go to the next town.

Second—The second case is that of the notorious victimizer, Zerubbabel Shanks, who has bought him a nice farm in one of the Western States out of the proceeds of his Masonic depredations. Shanks undertook to try his little game on Last Debt Lodge, and made application accordingly. But being desired to "explain his case" to a committee, of which Bro. Rochelle was chairman, he hesitated, prevaricated, and finally broke down, acknowledging that he could not make his statement "while that wicked left eye" of the Tyler was bearing upon him! When the rascality of Zerubbabel Shanks was finally brought to light, the Lodge gave Bro. Rochelle a vote of thanks for his acuteness in detecting the impostor, and incontinently raised his salary to 75 cents a night.

Third—The third case is that remarkable instance of Major Grohagan. The Major was a most brazen impostor, and succeeded in victimizing all the Lodges round to amounts varying from five to fifty dollars each. He had nearly screwed a twenty out of Bad Debt Dodge; the money in fact was actually "appropriated," and nearly "handed over."

By good luck the Treasurer, being extremely busy, requested Bro. Rochelle to deliver the amount to Major Grohagan, who was waiting for it at the hotel. Bro. Rochelle did call, but upon introducing himself to "the distressed brother," and stating that "he wished to see him for a moment privately," that experienced pirate took him for a Philadelphia detective, and making a temporary excuse slipped out at the back door of the hotel, and disappeared over the fence. The Major is now serving out his twenty years' term in the shoe shops of the State's prison, but says, "he never had any thing to alarm him so much in all his life as when that ——— Tyler called on him to ask for a private conversation." I don't wonder.

It is said, and statistics confirm it, that in no Lodge in Cash county are the dues collected up so punctually as in Last Debt Lodge, No. 90. The reason is obvious. Every quarter, punctually, the bills are made out by the Secretary, Bro. Prophet, and handed to Bro. Rochelle. He announces in open Lodge the fact, that "he has the bills and shall call, of evenings, at the private houses of the members, and collect them." Every brother who is a married man instantly takes the alarm and pays up at once, to avert the impending calamity, for a story is prevalent in that vicinity, at which they well shudder, as the horrid effects of one of those evening calls, and nobody is brave enough to risk it the second time. In fact, I saw the reason for the scare, and it is a good one. Before the month is out, Bro. Rochelle has the cash "all in hand," and so reports it at the very next meeting of the Lodge.

It will be well enough to explain what I mean by my title to this chapter: "An Odd *Fish* in the Lodge." It is that Brother Rochelle is as witty and pungent as he is homely. Being a cooper by trade he has acquired all the philosophy peculiar to that mechanical art, and brings it to bear with a humour all his own, upon his Masonic brethren. Nobody can tell a good thing like a homely man. Whoever heard of a handsome person being a wit? Nobody. The present writer owes what little celebrity he possesses (a very little), as a retailer of current jests, to a certain hardness of countenance—a kind of crust, as it were—a bronze of expression, that enables him to command the gravity necessary to the utterance of a *bon mot*. I would as soon look for a wit in an elegant woman as a handsome man. Now our hero, Bro. Rochelle, maintains the analogy alluded to; being the homeliest of Tylers, he is the wittiest of Tylers, and affords to his companions in the Lodge a constant feast of good things. This leads (as the sight of sun-flints rationally suggests the idea of shooting) to a circumstance that the reader would not guess at. Last Debt Lodge, No. 90, is the only *Foyer Maconnique* in all that district that maintains the ancient practice of "refreshment after labour." Its Junior Warden, Bro. Halibut, sits under a sheaf of wheat suspended from the ceiling above him, as a constant reminder of the fact that "to him is committed the superintendence of the Craft during the hours of refreshment, and it is therefore essentially necessary that he should not only be temperate and discreet in the indulgence of his own inclinations but he should carefully observe that none of the Craft convert the purposes of refreshment into intemperance and excess." Its Senior Warden, Bro. Anastatica, feels that to suffer the country brethren to go home, five and ten miles after midnight, with empty stomachs, comes within the prohibition of "suffering any to go away dissatisfied," and he uses his official influence for "refreshments after labour." The Senior Deacon, Bro. Yoketooth, whose sole purpose in this life (next to the care of his family and salvation of his soul) is "to welcome and accommodate visiting brethren," finds there is no welcome complete, no accommodation perfect, if the visiting brethren are permitted to retire without a taste of No. 90's hospitality.

The Worshipful Master of the present year (Bro. Temanite) is personally a good feeder. He is a bachelor, like our Bro. Noureddin Effendi, and has no one to get him up a nice thing when he goes home cold and empty from the Lodge room. So he favours "refreshments after labor," for the same reason that Paul advised Timothy to imbibe a little of Lebanon's golden wine, viz: for "the stomach's sake." The two stewards, of course, go in for refreshments. How else can they "see that the tables are properly furnished at refreshment, and that every brother is suitably provided for." Impossible.

But after all, although every one of these offices has a valid and constitutional reason for favouring "refreshment after labour," it is more than unlikely that the Lodge, No. 90, would continue that practice were it not for the Tyler whose *bon mots*, witty sayings, and side-splitting anecdotes are so enjoyable, and I may add so inexhaustible that men come seven miles, even stretching their cable tows, to attend the regular communication of Last Debt Lodge to enjoy them. If that theory is ill-founded, why then does not every Lodge do as No. 90 does? Every Junior Warden has the same catechetical reason for it. So has every Senior Warden and Senior Deacon, and every pair of Stewards. Yet the practice has fallen into almost universal desuetude, and there is a set of Masons who, for the sins of Fraternity, are allowed pen and ink, yea, and the aid of type and paper to promulgate the heresy that "refreshment after labor is a relic of the barbarous days—productive of waste of funds, tending to intemperate habits, making the Institution unpopular," and all sorts of trashy and nonsensical statements besides. Bah! let me wash from my mouth such salt and brimstone with some lines from Montgomery:

> Thus sweetly to surrender,
> The present for the past,
> In sprightly mood, yet tender,
> Life's burden down to cast;
> This is to taste from stage to stage,
> Youth no less refined by age,
> Like wine well kept and long
> Heady, nor harsh, nor strong,
> With every annual cup is quaffed,
> A richer, purer, mellower draught.

Now I can return again to my subject, which is to explain how the excessive homeliness of Bro. Rochelle is promotive of such Lodge festivity, that the Lodge itself is favoured beyond all its neighbours. The cause is obvious: it is the fund of quaint sentiment poured forth by the Tyler, in which all manner of ancient traditions, biblical morals, modern incidents, quips, quirks, and oddities are blended with the soberest counsel, and accompanied with the soberest faces. The present writer in the last forty years has enjoyed more than one of those "feasts of reason and flows of soul," and can truly testify to the profit derived therefrom. Among the evidences of the acuteness and humour of this good homely man, I quote from a memorandum made at one of those gatherings:

"The monitorial instruction of the Third Degree tells, us, my brethren, that the grand edifice styled King Solomon's Temple was attended with two remarkable circumstances. From Josephus, we learn that although seven years were occupied in building it, yet, during the whole time, 'it rained not in the day time, that the workmen might not be obstructed in their labour.' Now no such statements were ever made by Josephus. In his description of the Temple of Herod (not King Solomon's Temple, but the one built on the same spot a thousand years later) he says it was built in one year and six months, and that it 'was reported' that during the

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time they were building, it did not rain in the day time, but that the showers fell in the night, so that the work was not hindered. And this, he says, 'our fathers delivered to us.' Nor is it incredible, if any have regard to the manifestations of God. And thus was performed the work of the rebuilding of the Second Temple." To this, a note is made by the translator, Whiston, to the effect that the traditions which Josephus here mentions as handed down from fathers to their children of this particular remarkable circumstance, relating to the building of Herod's Temple, is a demonstration that such a building was a known thing in Judea at this time. He was born but forty-six years after it is related to have been finished, and might himself have seen and spoken with some of the builders themselves, and with a great number of those who had seen its builders. (Antiquities, Book 15, chap. ii.)

Such facts, carefully elaborated in daily cogitations in his cooper's shop, are blended by our homely Tyler with words of humour, quips and quirks. It appears odd enough to listen to him, sitting at the foot of the table, his seared and furrowed visage frowning horribly over his plate, while the Worshipful Master, who is the presumed concentration of the wisdom of the Lodge, sits through the hour and says nothing. One can scarcely help thinking the head is where the tail ought to be.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

THE Quarterly meeting of United Grand Lodge of England was held on Wednesday evening, in the Temple. In the absence of the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, and the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Master's chair was occupied by General Brownrigg, Provincial Grand Master for Surrey. Bro. William Kingston, District Grand Master of Malta, occupied the chair of Past Grand Master, Bro. Montagne Guest, Provincial Grand Master for Dorset, the chair of Deputy Grand Master, Major-General the Hon. Somerset G. Calthorpe, Junior Grand Warden, the chair of Senior Grand Warden, and Capt. W. Platt, Past Junior Grand Warden, that of Junior Grand Warden. Among the other Grand Officers present were Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., the Rev. Sir J. Warren Hayes P.G.C., the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C., the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope G.C., Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., John B. Monckton President of the Board of General Purposes, Sir Albert Woods (Garter) G.D.C., Thomas Fenn P.G.D., J. M. 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Martyn, and they all wished to see Bro. Hervey safe among them again. Bro. Buss would be kind enough to convey this expression of feeling to Grand Secretary. The Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter was afterwards brought up. In it were recommendations for several large grants, and Bro. Joshua Nunn, in introducing them, said that while it was his duty to submit them to Grand Lodge, he could not join in the recommendation to give the first brother on the list £100. He stated as much at the meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence in June, when the recommendation was made. The brother had only been nine years and a half a Mason. It was true he was a Past Master, and that he had subscribed to one of the Charities; but although Bro. Clabon had, in Grand Lodge, stated that he did not think it was proper to go on increasing the funds the Lodge of Benevolence had got, he (Bro. Joshua Nunn) thought the Lodge ought to be just as well as generous. He would propose, as an amendment, that the grant should be £50. Bro. Brackstone Baker said that the Lodge of Benevolence looked into all the details of the cases that were brought before them. Before Grand Lodge decided to reduce the amount of the recommendation he thought it should be put in possession of something more than the mere statement Bro. Nunn had just made, and he would ask that Bro. Nunn should give some sketch of the motives and grounds on which he based his amendment. Bro. Russell P.M. 77 said, that Grand Lodge was placed in the invidious position of having to pronounce a decision on a case in which it had no evidence, or anything worthy of the name of evidence, to guide it. The Lodge of Benevolence had that evidence, and fully investigated it. He would try to remedy the defect by stating that the brother requiring relief was thirty-seven years of age, and was initiated in 1868. He joined Royal Arch Masonry in 1870, and assisted to found the Erasmus Wilson Lodge in 1874-5. He was W.M. of his mother Lodge, No. 77, in 1874, which entertained the Provincial Grand Lodge that year at Gravesend, when he was rewarded by Lord Holmesdale with the Provincial Junior Grand Warden's collar. He was a Life Subscriber to the Benevolent Institution. He had now a wife and seven children, the eldest only 13½ years, to support. In his prosperity he contributed to the support of his aged father and mother. The brother was afflicted with chronic rheumatism, and permanently lame, and was sometimes unable to leave his bed for days together. He eked out a miserable subsistence by teaching music; he had to dispose of part of his furniture and valuables, and was dependent also on the charity of friends—a source which was nearly exhausted. Bro. Russell concluded by saying he much feared that if the assistance now asked was not granted, Christmas would find the brother without a roof over the heads of himself and family. General Brownrigg thought Grand Lodge would be treading on dangerous ground if it departed from its usual course of adopting the recommendations of the Lodge of Benevolence. Unless some very strong reason was shown why the recommendation should not be followed, he thought Grand Lodge should not refuse it. Bro. G. P. Britten P.M. 183 said, there was something more in this matter than voting £50 or £100 to a brother. When Bro. Clabon brought forward his motion for dealing in a particular manner with the Fund of Benevolence, he withdrew his motion, and so prevented the brethren expressing an opinion upon it. The Fund of Benevolence was established for the relief of distress, and many brethren who had something to say on the subject of Bro. Clabon's motion voted the recommendation of an excessive amount in the case under discussion for the purpose of taking Grand Lodge's opinion whether the Fund of Benevolence should be held sacred to its legitimate object. Bro. Joshua Nunn explained that his reason for proposing £50 was that on the same night that the brother in question was voted £100, other Masons who had been three times longer in Masonry than he were voted £40 only. Bro. Binckes, while voting for the £100, desired the brethren to vote on that question alone, and not on the by-issue raised by Bro. Britten. Grand Lodge then confirmed the recommendation for £100. The other recommendations were also carried, and the brethren then adopted the report of the Board of General Purposes, and closed Grand Lodge.

Henley Lodge, No. 1472.—The first meeting of this Lodge after the summer recess was held on Tuesday, 2nd inst., at the Three Crowns, North Woolwich, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. W. T. Turner. At the opening of the Lodge the attendance was somewhat meagre, but later on was all that could be desired. The following brethren supported the W.M. in the various offices:—Bros. E. West P.M., Dr. W. Vance S.W., J. Gaskell P.M. as J.W., J. Ives P.M. Sec., Jas. Elder S.D., E. Palmer J.D., W. J. Burgess I.G., V. J. Holloway D.C., Mat. Sherwin Org. The W.M. having opened his Lodge, the ballot was taken for the admission of three gentlemen who were candidates for initiation. In due course two of these gentlemen, viz., Messrs. Thomas Tolhurst and Richard Clark, were initiated, after which Bros. Weaver and Stanley were passed, and Bros. Jennings and Phelps were raised. This completing the ceremonial work of the evening, the W.M. resumed the Lodge to the first degree, when Bro. West announced that the Lodge had just sustained a great loss in the death of one of its Past Masters—Bro. Sisley. That brother, as Bro. West observed, was better known as the first W.M., he had taken an active part in the formation of the Lodge, and had since its first meeting been a constant attendant, ever ready to help in any work that was brought under the notice of the Lodge and its members. Bro. West then explained the situation in which the widow and family of the late brother were placed, and expressed his hope that the brethren would endeavour to place one of the children in the Boys' School, he (Bro. West) had already some promises, and he thought that with the co-operation of the members of the Henley Lodge and the assistance of such friends as would help them, they might succeed in their desire. Bro. Gaskell stated that a brother of one of the neighbouring Lodges had promised his support—which support might realise some two or three hundred votes—and he had no doubt but that the Capper and other Lodges would join in securing the election of one of the orphans of their late brother. It was then proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow, expressing the great regret of the Lodge at the calamity which had befallen her and her children. Bro. Plume then rose and said he believed that the Lodge had a fund, specially formed—as he remembered by the late Bro. Sisley—for the relief of members of the Lodge and their families. At the time of the establishment of this fund it was pointed out that it would be advisable, if possible, that no claim should be made on it for the first four years or so. He was not aware whether that time had expired, but even if it had not, he thought the brethren would be justified in voting something for the relief of the family of Bro. Sisley, who, as he had just mentioned, was the founder of the fund. No doubt could be entertained but that the case was one that was worthy of any aid they could afford, and he, therefore, proposed that the sum of £10 10s be voted and sent to the widow, in order to somewhat alleviate the present distress in which the family were placed. He considered this was the least they could do to show in a tangible way the esteem that was entertained for their departed brother. The motion was seconded, and carried unanimously. No further business being before the brethren, the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge, the brethren afterwards partaking of supper, and, later on, spending an hour in social enjoyment. The usual toasts were given from the chair, those of the Queen, the Grand Master, and the Grand Officers each receiving due recognition. Bro. P.M. Ives proposed the health of the W.M. It was a toast always well received. The Worshipful Master had gained the respect of the whole Lodge, and was ever considering what he could do to enhance its welfare. Bro. Ives referred to the amount of work the W.M. had performed that evening, and complimented him on his rendering of the three degrees. Bro. Turner assured the brethren that so far from his duties being a task, he considered it a pleasure to come among them. He had not satisfied himself by the way in which he had fulfilled his duties that evening, but hoped that at the next meeting he should prove himself better acquainted with his work. He referred to the prosperity of the Lodge, mentioning that during the six months he had occupied the Chair he had initiated six gentlemen into Freemasonry. In giving the health of the initiates, the W.M.

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expressed a hope that they would turn out good Masons, and prove themselves a credit to the Lodge which had received them into the Order. Each of the newly-admitted brethren expressed a few words of thanks, hoping they might prove worthy of the W.M.'s remarks. The toast of the P.M.'s followed. Although the attendance was but small, the W.M. said he was greatly indebted to them for the assistance they had rendered him that evening, and also for the aid they, at all times, gave him in any matter on which they were consulted. Bro. West, after tendering his thanks for the way in which he had been received, said he considered it his duty to do all that lay in his power for the Lodge and Freemasonry generally. He referred in a few words to the loss the Lodge had sustained in its roll of Past Masters, and thanked the brethren for the vote they had been pleased to pass in favour of the family. He would during the next day see the money properly applied. Bro. Ives followed, much in the same strain. The health of the Visitors was now proposed, and responded to by Bros. Gaskell and Morgan. In calling on the brethren to toast the Officers, the W.M. alluded to their labours with great satisfaction; he likewise urged on the lay members the advantage of working up, so that they would be in a position to carry out the duties of any office they might be called upon to fill. Bro. S.W. was the first to reply. After thanking the brethren for the way in which they had responded to the call of the Master, he said it would alwas be his desire to perform the work of any office to which he was appointed in such a way as to maintain the credit of the Lodge. He quite agreed with the remarks of the W.M. as to brethren making themselves proficient in the ceremonies, and urged a regular attendance at Lodges of Instruction. After a few words from other of the Officers, the Tyler was summoned, and the meeting terminated. It was referred to as extremely unfortunate that the festivities of the first night of the season should again have to be foregone in consequence of the ravages of death in their midst. Last year, at the corresponding meeting of this Lodge, the news arrived while the brethren were at supper of the foundering of the Princess Alice, when so many human beings met a most awful death, within, as it were, a few yards of the house, and on this occasion the harmony usually enjoyed by the members was dispensed with out of respect for their departed Past Master. We hope it may be years before such events will again occur in connection with our friends at North Woolwich.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—Held its usual meeting on Tuesday, at Bro. C. J. G. Wood's, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road, Bro. J. A. Powell presiding; he was ably assisted by Bros. Hirst S.W., Kidder J.W., R. Pearcy Preceptor, Osborne Sec., Braine S.D., Mountstephen J.D., Taylor I.G.; also Bros. Fuld, Crosbie, Isaac, Hunter, Wood, Weil, Fenner, Greene, and others. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Fuld being the candidate. Bro. Weil answered the questions *satisfactorily*, was entrusted; Lodge was advanced a degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Weil being the candidate. Bro. Fuld then answered the questions leading to the superior degree, and that ceremony was rehearsed. All ceremonies were performed in Bro. Powell's masterly manner. Bro. Hirst was elected Master for next week, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

The Installation meeting of the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1445, was held on Thursday. Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. acted as installing Master. Bro. S. L. Green is the new W.M. Our report shall appear next week.

In the early part of the season we mentioned that Madame Worrell was fulfilling a highly satisfactory engagement at the Pier Pavilion Concerts at Hastings. We understand this talented lady's exertions were so much appreciated that she has been re-engaged, and will appear at Hastings every evening next week. We take this opportunity of announcing that Madame Worrell's Annual Concert will be given on the 1st October next, at the Angell Town Institution, Brixton.

THE FIRST EDDYSTONE LIGHTHOUSE.—On this rock, visible only at low water, a country gentleman of Essex, Henry Winstanley, conceived the daring project of building a lighthouse. It was not a mere dream, but a downright earnest determination, and no sooner had he obtained the necessary powers than he set to work, and for four years laboured untiringly. The work was as difficult as it was dangerous. Even in calm weather the sea was almost always rough at the Eddystone, and it happened that sometimes in the summer season all the works would be buried beneath the waves for ten or fourteen days at a time. But he persevered, and no sooner had he raised the works high enough than he took up his abode there with the workmen, who caught the contagion of his own enthusiastic confidence. It was a curious building of wood, and, as it turned out, inadequate for the requirements of such a place. But Winstanley was satisfied it was strong enough to defy the fury of the elements—so confident, in fact, that he expressed the wish that he might be in the lighthouse in the midst of the fiercest storm that ever blew. Unhappily his wish was gratified. Five years after the light had first shone out from the summit of the tower, Winstanley was in the lighthouse, superintending some repairs, when a storm of fearful violence occurred, and raged through the night. In the morning many eager eyes were strained to see how the lighthouse had stood the gale, but there was nothing to be seen save the angry sea dashing over the Eddystone rock—the lighthouse, with Winstanley and the lightkeepers, had been swept away!—*From "Heroes of Britain in Peace and War"* for September.

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GAIETY.—At 7.10, OPERETTA. At 7.30, BOULOGNE, and HANDSOME HERNANI.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, HOME FOR HOME. At 8.0, THE GIRLS, and OUR DOMESTICS.

ADELPHI.—At 7.30, JESSAMY'S COURTSHIP. At 8.0, THE TICKET OF LEAVE MAN.

OLYMPIC.—At 7.30, CUT AND COME AGAIN. At 8.0, DAVY CROCKETT (last night). On Monday, H.M.S. PINAFORE.

LYCEUM.—At 8.0, LOVE IN HUMBLE LIFE. At 8.45, FORGET ME NOT.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7.45, DRINK.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.45, CUPS AND SAUCERS. At 8.30 H.M.S. PINAFORE, &c.

ROYALTY.—At 8.0, CRUTCH AND TOOTHPICK. At 10, VENUS.

CRITERION.—At 8.0, JILTED. At 9.0, BETSY.

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TO commemorate the fourth anniversary of the initiation of the eminent and venerated Bro. Littré, the Lodge *Clémente Amitié* gave, on the 8th of July last, in the spacious hall of the Grand Orient, a literary and musical festival. This was attended by a large gathering of the *élite* of our Masonic and social circles, presided over by the M. Em. Bro. de St. Jean, President of the Council of the Order, who was supported by many members of the Council, and a great muster of Venerables and Foreign and French brethren.

Among the distinguished party were Bro. General Türr, Bro. Wyrouboff, De Hérédia, Antide Martin, Massicault, Dr. Barré, Poulc, Dalsace, Foussier, Blanchon, Senator Valentin, Senator Oudet, &c. Messrs. Ferdinand de Lesseps, Jules de Lesseps, many literary gentlemen and artists, and a good sprinkle of ladies.

The proceedings were opened soon after eight o'clock by some national music, followed by the reception of a deputation from the Lodge Alsace Lorraine, sister Lodge to the Clémente Amitié. That deputation was organised for the purpose of presenting Bro. Littré with the Medal of the Lodge, as a token of fraternal esteem and high veneration. Then another deputation was introduced from the Administrative Committee of the Masonic Orphanage, with the object of publicly thanking the Lodge, and in particular its zealous and devoted W. Master, for their liberality towards that institution.

Bro. Ch. Cousin having announced to the assembly that the hero of the *fête* was unavoidably absent, unfortunately being compelled to keep his room, through serious illness, proceeded at once to read a letter that Bro. Littré had, notwithstanding his sufferings, addressed to him for the occasion, a few passages of which I beg leave to quote:—

"Dear Brethren,—Three years ago, the Lodge Clémente Amitié awakened my recollection by celebrating, in my honour, an anniversary festival. The exigencies, then, of impaired health, prevented me from venturing upon the fatigue of an evening, even that of a joyful entertainment. However, I resolved to defeat absence, and I told you, in writing, at least what I would have been glad to express to you *viva voce*. To-day my inability to appear anywhere is greater still than ever.

"Pains, not premature of course, for I am now in extreme old age, but great and continuous, forbid me the activity of existence and the realities of life, I therefore write to you, dear brethren, as I did on the former occasion, and with a dolorous hand, yet in bright spirits, and the heart filled with emotion, I pen these lines, which I send to represent me.

"Among ourselves there are some illustrious old men who enjoy, at the same time, the immunity of glory as well as that of old age, and who can by that precious favour remain still, in spite of years, gallant and untouched by infirmities. I do not envy them, but cannot help admiring them. Under the daily effects of a vitality that decreases and perverts itself, my circle becomes closer, without cease and for ever, and I get but few moments and little strength, at my disposal. What better use can I make of them, on a day like this, than to offer them as a tribute to you.

"In compensation for individual decay, a collective enjoyment has all its price. It is thus that, in the Eneiad old Mezenier says to his old horse, whilst leading him to a last battle:—

"'We have yet lived long, if to mortal beings there is any life that is long.'

"'Rhœbe, diu si qua diu mortalibus ulla est, Viximus.'"

After tendering these excuses and explanations Bro. Littré proceeds to speak of Freemasonry and his Mother Lodge with well deserved praise and true filial attachment. Then, recalling to mind that it was in the Lodge Clémente Amitié that was delivered, in 1876, by one of its members, the first scientific lecture on the question of breaking through the Isthmus of Panama, to create therein a canal, he says, "That it seems that the genius of this age has deliberately taken the task of showing the immense contrast between great wars and great enterprises, and that, like Jupiter in the Iliad, taking his golden scale to weigh the destiny of heroes, the present time undertakes to demonstrate to the nations the value of the conquests of wars and that of the conquests of labour. The learned philosopher dilates on that gigantic scheme which he considers as being simple in its conception, laborious in its execution, and, above all, beneficent for ever in its results." Then he passes on to the question of a plan for establishing a College or Masonic Foundation for the special teaching of positive sciences, a project which was three years ago, at that same time and place, presented and developed to the Lodge by Br. Wyrouboff, and whereby the exclusive teaching of the six fundamental sciences, viz.—Mathematics, Physique, Chemistry, Biology and Sociology, were to compete with the Church's system or the State's programme of University Education. In such a College Bro. Littré contemplated taking a prominent part as one of its first Professors. But that cherished ambition of his must be abandoned owing to his advanced age, and persistent ill-health; he has become the most useless man, and he can no

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longer place at the service of that College—the foundation of which he still strenuously advocates—but his name, his advice, and his subscription, "And as a disciple of the doctrine Philosophic of Auguste Comte, during about the last forty years, he can to-day, by borrowing without profanation, a Christian verse—for Positivists are full of respect for the Mediæval *rôle* of Christianity, now say to Positivist Philosophy 'Nunc dimitte servum tuum.'"

After reading Bro. Littré's letter to the assembly Bro. Cousin read the reply that, in the name of the Lodge, he had made to it, whereby he conveys the thanks of the brethren and the expression of their fraternal feelings of regret and devotion to their illustrious sick brother, and that in the most appropriate manner. He then also read a circular which had been addressed by the Clémente Amitié to the Freemasons of the Three Obediences of France, and to the brethren under those jurisdictions abroad; a circular calling for aid and support for the undertaking.

Bro. Wyrouboff, after that, explained the objects in view in the proposed foundation of the College, discussed all the particulars of the scheme, and in a most argumentative speech urged the necessity of carrying it out immediately; then, without further delay, made a warm and sanguine appeal to the audience for contributions.

It was then the turn of our most esteemed and sympathetic G.M. Brother de Saint Jean to address the assembly. He did so with that impressive and direct eloquence so characteristic of his speeches. He thanked, first the Lodge Clémente Amitié, and his friend and Brother Cousin, its Vénérable, for their splendid hospitality of the evening, and at the same time for the honour it reflects upon Masonry. Without dilating upon the subjects already treated by the previous speakers, he threw in at once his powerful support to the Masonic undertakings spoken of, and further remarked, "Men of my time (I mean men of that generation of 1830, which no doubt has some historical worth), all recollect the pleasing face of a certain illustrious citizen, who after having mainly contributed to the independence and freedom of the United States of America, and after having well served his own country in its *immortal* revolution of 1789, had, after a period of nearly half a century, come back to his birthplace, to put at the service of his country the *prestige* of a glorious life, surrounded with popular esteem, *prestige* which has not been without much weight, and influence in the memorable deeds performed by the Revolution of 1830. Well, gentlemen, that great citizen, whose memory will ever be dear to men of liberty: that Brother Mason of ours, by whose name many Lodges on the other Continent are still called, out of veneration for the friend and brother of George Washington, do you recollect how he was greeted? He was called the hero of the two worlds. To ensure the independence of a nation, to render to the children of a people the rights of which they were deprived for centuries, are, no doubt, deeds that give to those who have been able to achieve them a right to eternal gratitude; and the name of Lafayette, who took so large a part in those immense achievements, *will live* for ever in the memory of a grateful posterity. But we know that Freedom and Liberty, those precious boons, without which all others are fruitless, are not however sufficient to ensure alone the well-being of the peoples. It requires other conditions: and the efforts that, in all countries, ever tend to procure the advantages of those conditions, have certainly their greatness, and the men that make or direct them are certainly worthy of that same recognition and deserving of similar gratitude at the hands of their fellow citizens.

Having thus made a complimentary allusion to M. de Lesseps' works and to his co-workers, Bro. de St Jean concluded his speech, which was often interrupted with great applause, by asking M. de Lesseps' leave, although he is not a Freemason—to give him, in the name of Masonry, the fraternal *accolade*.

It must be remarked that M. Ferdinand de Lesseps, just as Lincoln was in America, is considered here a brother by deeds and approval of authorities, but not *yet* by name and obligation. As regards the entertainment that followed, and which was preceded by the recital of some poetry composed for the occasion by Bro. Siebecker, we must say we hardly know when or where everything passed off so much to the satisfaction of an audience. Bro. Boudouresque, M. Sellier, Mdlle. Baux of the Opera, M. Chollet, Mdlle. Duval, &c., all talented artists or instrumentalists, must be congratulated on the ability they displayed, and be thanked for having so kindly lent their assistance to contribute to the success of the brilliant evening.

A choice *agape*, during the enjoyment of which a collection was made for the Masonic Orphanage, terminated the semi Masonic *fete* that the Lodge Clémente Amitié gave in honour of one of its most distinguished and venerated members.

Now, Dear Sir and Brother, if your correspondent may beg space in your valuable paper for the insertion of a report of these Masonic proceedings, he must, at the same time, bow to the objection they might meet with from some of our English brethren, who are not familiar with the usages and customs of the French rite, and he must, therefore, try to obtain, if not your endorsement and their approval, at any rate their fraternal toleration.

In the first place, it must be borne in mind that if there be any Lodge wherein Masonry endeavours most specially to maintain the truth of science and general culture, and wherein the study of the *seven liberal Arts and Sciences*, so recommended by the old Charges, is constantly made part of the working, it is most undoubtedly, and, above all, in a French Lodge. The French Lodge does not confine itself to the mere "giving or recital of the words of the Ceremonies of Initiation, Passing, or Raising," or—to use a common phrase—to the simple task of "*Mason making*;" but, it tries to break the monotony of these Ceremonies by some lectures upon Masonic and Scientific subjects, in order to make, according to the precept, "a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge."

In fact, as regards the fostering of mental cultivation in the Lodges, the French Rite has, from the remotest time, always made provision for so desirable an object. Foremost among the Officers of the Lodge, we find one whose special duty is not only to be the Guardian of the Law and Constitutions, but to see they are neither misapplied nor violated: who has to expound their spirit, and make clear their meaning, and, accordingly, to give ex-officio his *conclusions* or opinions to the W. Master, upon all questions and motions whatever, brought before the Lodge; but the Brother Orator's further duty is also to lecture upon Masonic topics, on special occasions; to furnish the Lodge annually with a Review of the works done and the events that have happened, to deliver—Morceaux d'Architecture (Orations) whenever there is a solemn or festive meeting. And as, however able he may happen to be, he cannot possibly fulfil all the duties of his office personally, hence arises the practice of conferences made by any able Mason at nearly every Lodge meeting.

Moreover we find that in order to develope in the new initiate a taste for such studies or Conferences, and to judge of his attainments, it has always been the custom to require from him his impressions or Masonic views, in writing, which he is called upon to read to the Lodge before passing.

That fruitful custom has never been neglected by the Lodge Clémente Amité, which is evidently now the most "successful Lodge in the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient." If it has been said that it requires more than one element to make a Lodge successful, it must be acknowledged that, looking at its prosperous state, the Clémente Amitié has within itself all the necessary elements of permanent success. A worthy and enthusiastic W. Master, able Officers, and well qualified members place it in the full swim of prosperity. Its list of members is the largest on the roll, its meetings the best attended, its Conferences and ceremonies as well as its festivals always the most attractive; finally, its good works and liberality may be equalled, but cannot be surpassed by any other Lodge. Brother Charles Cousin, Vice-President of the Council of the Order and Vénérable of the Lodge Clémente Amitié is surely, by the geniality of his nature and all his personal qualities, a model and competent Mason, well qualified to preside over so model a Lodge.

Though it might be thought that his important daily occupations alone would scarcely leave him time to breathe, yet punctually and faithfully he discharges the duty of his office, and is never unmindful of any call made on him, he is still to be found at the head of anything that may concern the Fraternity, the good or welfare of his brethren; and, without distinction of rite, opinion, or nationality, doing his best to his brother Mason with that peculiar and inimitable heartiness that wins him, as a gentleman, so many friends, and so fraternal an esteem among the brethren, as a Mason.

Now, though I have already taken much of your space, yet I must claim your indulgence for a little more—to allow me to give you the translation of a letter of his, which letter, while conveying some idea of the Masonic and genial qualities of the Vénérable of the Lodge Clémente Amitié, may not be altogether void of interest to your readers. It is taken from the "Bulletin of the Grand Orient," and formed part of the records of the Council of the Order for the 6th of June last. The "Bulletin" says:—Brother Cousin, unable to attend the meeting, sends his excuses in the following words:—

"V. D. President,—I did not attend yesterday, and to-day I regret exceedingly being unable likewise to attend the meeting of the Council of the Order. Here are my excuses:—Yesterday, I was favoured with the visit of an English Brother Mason, of the suite of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, a gentleman, who, like your royal colleague of the other side of the Channel, professes the warmest sympathy for France and our Paris. I thought one hour of conversation with that intelligent and liberal-minded brother (an hour spent mostly in pointing out to him the injustice of that lamentable rupture of official relations—*that a misunderstanding only had produced*—between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Orient of France), would not be, for the good cause, entirely lost.

"Now, to-day at three o'clock I have to attend a meeting of the shareholders of the Concessionary Company of the Canal of Panama, a meeting which is to be presided over by our excellent brother General Türr, to whom the initial right in that Company belongs, and with whom I have had the honour of working to its organisation. It was, you remember, in the Lodge Clémente Amité that the lecture on the works of exploration of our two gallant officers of the Navy, Bro. Lucien Wyse, and, I may venture to say beforehand, Bro. Armand Réclus—(for the latter shall be initiated on Friday, the 20th inst.)—was first made, and the execution of the scheme explained successfully, and whose plan afterwards received the entire approval of the International Congrès that assembled last year in Paris under the presidency of the illustrious founder of the Suez Canal.

"Already, by taking Bro. Gambetta last week to the *raout* offered at the Continental Hotel by the foreign delegates to the Congrès, to their French colleagues, and by presenting to the President of the Chamber of Deputies, and in the name of our Fraternity, these two brother Masons, whose name will be connected with the grandest works of this age, I have almost contributed to give to our undertaking a Republican baptism. And now I have reason to believe that in the newspaper, the *Voltaire*, Bro. Littré, in answer to an able article published yesterday, will to-morrow give the Masonic baptism to the Canal of Panama.

"My illustrious friend is now preparing for the anniversary festival which shall be offered, in his honour, to the Parisian Masons, on the evening of the 8th of July, a lecture on a subject which I took the liberty of suggesting, viz., the connection of Freemasonry with the greatest works of our time.

"Allow me, therefore, very dear President, to invite you beforehand, with all our colleagues of the Council of the Order, to this fraternal *agape*, which I am sure will not be without much profit *for the sons of the widow*. In the meantime be good enough to ask them to excuse me for my repeated absence from the Council. For the thought that my persistent labour will, after all, reflect some honour upon our dear institution can hardly compensate the regret I feel at not being able, this time again, to be in my place, among my best friends, and to shake hands with them.

"Above all, it must be acknowledged, and I cannot overlook the

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fact that it is to their kind indulgence for a colleague too often absent from his duty, and also to their confiding, generous and truly fraternal concurrence, that I am indebted for the ability to contribute in a measure to the success of an undertaking conceived, prepared, and brought to a stage of definitive execution by French Masons. Receive, Dear Master and Bro. the expressions of my truly respectful sentiments.—CH. COUSIN."

M. B.

Paris, 30th August 1879.

HONGKONG.

DEPARTURE OF THE DISTRICT GRAND MASTER.

THE following account of Bro. T. G. Linstead's connection with the Masonic fraternity may be of interest to our readers.

Bro. Linstead, who holds the office of District Grand Master of Hongkong, was initiated in the Zetland Lodge (then number 768, now 525) on the 9th August 1861. His first office in his Mother Lodge was that of Inner Guard, with which he was invested in December of the same year. At the election in December 1864, he was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. In the previous July he had joined the Victoria Lodge, No. 1026, and in January 1865, he was appointed Junior Warden of that Lodge. He received the same office for the year 1867. During the latter part of 1868 he was acting Senior Warden, and in January 1869, was elected Worshipful Master.

In the District Grand Lodge of China he was appointed one of the Grand Stewards in October 1866. In March 1869 he was elected District Grand Treasurer; in 1872 he was appointed Grand Junior Warden, and in 1873 was appointed Deputy District Grand Master ruling the Craft in China. In 1875 the district was divided into two, North and South, the Lodge for the latter being designated the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and having jurisdiction from the south of Ningpo to Hongkong. The Very Worshipful the Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, appointed Wor. Bro. Linstead, by patent, District Grand Master of Hongkong, after receiving an unanimously expressed desire to that effect from all the Masons and Lodges in the district. This office he now holds.

On the 28th January 1865, he was exalted to be a Royal Arch Mason in the now extinct Celestial Chapter, No. 735. He was one of the original members of the Victoria Chapter, No. 525, which was opened on the 9th May 1865. In April 1866, he held the office of Scribe N.; in April 1869, he was elected Third Principal; in 1870, Second Principal; and in 1871, he attained the highest position in the Chapter, that of First Principal.

In May 1866, he entered the order of Masonic Knights Templar in Hongkong, ultimately becoming Eminent Commander thereof, and in 1878, being appointed by the Heads of the Order Prior for the Province of China.

He entered the order of the Rose Croix in 1877, and was elected Most Wise Sovereign for the ensuing year. He has subsequently, as a mark of especial favour, and in honour to the local Craft and Rose Croix, received from the Supreme Council of the 33°, notification of his election to the 30°, with certificate thereof, the ceremonies having to be completed on his arrival in England.

At the beginning of this year he was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Perseverance Lodge, No. 1165.

The high esteem in which Wor. Bro. Linstead is held by Masons in general, but more especially by those in the district he has reigned over for the last few years, with such credit to himself and the Craft, has led them to ask him to have his photograph taken in full Masonic regalia, coloured, to be hung up in their Hall in Zetland-street, to which he has assented, and Mr. Afong is executing the work.

The ruling of the Craft in the district during Wor. Bro. Linstead's absence, which we regret to say the state of his health necessitates, devolves upon the Deputy District Grand Master. The resignation of this office by Wor. Bro. W. S. Adams, who has already left for England, left a gap in the district Grand Lodge of Hongkong, which had to be filled up, and Wor. Bro. C. P. Chater has been appointed by the District Grand Master to fill that vacancy. This appointment has given the greatest satisfaction among the Craft, as Wor. Bro. Chater has proved himself worthy of the mark of confidence which the appointment conveys.

According to the invitation issued by the District Grand Board of General Purposes, a number of the Masonic fraternity met at Peddar's-wharf on Sunday morning, at half-past eight o'clock, for the purpose of escorting the District Grand Master, Very Worshipful Brother T. G. Linstead, on board the P. and O. steamer *Malacca*, and wishing him good-bye. The Government steam launch, which had been kindly lent for the occasion, left the wharf exactly at the half hour. On the arrival of the party on board the steamer, the Deputy District Grand Master, Very Worshipful Brother C. P. Chater, said—Allow me on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, on behalf of the Brethren present, and of all the other members of the Craft, who have been unable to attend this morning, to return you our most sincere thanks for the very courteous and kind manner in which you have always been pleased to treat us, and for your willingness always to advise us in all Masonic matters, not only whilst you held the office of Deputy District Grand Master, but up to the present time, holding as you do the high and exalted position of District Grand Master. We sincerely regret that the cause of your hurried departure from amongst us is bad health, and we trust and pray to the G.A.O.T.U. that long ere you reach home you may be restored to a perfect state of health. Allow me on behalf of the whole Craft to wish you and Mrs. Linstead a pleasant and prosperous voyage home, and a happy meeting with your friends and relatives. May you enjoy your well-earned holiday at home, and as it is your intention to return amongst us again to renew your labours in Hongkong, we need hardly assure you of a most hearty welcome.

The right Worshipful District Grand Master replied in very appropriate and feeling terms, after which champagne was passed round and the Brethren all joined in wishing the District Grand Master and Mrs. Linstead *bon voyage*.

Subjoined we give a list of the brethren present, with their respective Offices, past and present, and the Lodges to which they individually belong.

ROYAL PRESTON LODGE, No. 333.—Brother E. Sharp.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 525.—Worshipful Brother H. Cohen P.M. Past District Grand Senior Warden for China, Worshipful Brother J. S. Cox P.M. District Grand Registrar, Worshipful Brother W. M. B. Arther P.M. Vice-President District Grand Board of General Purposes, Brother J. M. Emanuel Past Senior Warden, Past District Grand Director of Ceremonies, Brother J. Keating Past Senior Deacon, Brother P. H. Emanuel Junior Deacon, Brothers G. M. Bain and J. M. Armstrong.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1026.—Very Worshipful Brother C. P. Chater P.M. Deputy District Grand Master and President of the District Grand Board of General Purposes, Worshipful Brother E. C. Ray Worshipful Master, District Grand Director of Ceremonies, Worshipful Brother A. Young P.M., Brother H. Smith Senior Warden, Brother R. Young Past S. Warden, District G. Assistant Pursuivant, Brother F. P. Machado Treasurer, Brother R. D. Starkey Senior Deacon, District Grand Steward, Brother W. H. Ray Junior Deacon, Brother P. Jordan Past Secretary, Brother A. F. Does Remedios Past Junior Warden, District Grand Secretary.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 1165.—Worshipful Brother W. M. Deane Worshipful Master, District Grand Senior Deacon, Worshipful Brother A. G. Morris P.M. District Grand Senior Warden, Brother A. Cheyne Senior Warden, District Grand Steward, Brother H. L. Dennys Past Senior Warden, District Grand Steward, Brother P. A. Da Costa Past Junior Warden, District Grand Steward, Bro. Grobein Honorary Treasurer, Brother A. Seth Honorary Secretary, Brother W. Danby Past Organist, District Grand Superintendent of Works, Brother P. B. C. Ayres.

UNITED SERVICE, No. 1341.—Worshipful Brother C. W. Duggan Worshipful Master, District Grand Sword Bearer, Worshipful Brother W. T. Adams P.M. Past District Grand Junior Deacon, Brother G. May Senior Warden, District Grand Steward, Brother C. Wassenius Steward.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES, E.C.

A SPECIAL Communication of this District Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Sydney, on Monday, 17th February 1879. Present—John Williams D.G.M., William George Cassidy as D.S.G.W., A. Gardner as D.J.G.W., Rev. W. Beg, M.D., LL.D., D.G.C., Richard Leworthy D.G.S., Matthew Medway D.S.G.D., William Borlase Stevens as D.J.G.D., Henry John Wager D.G. Purs., James Stainer as D.G. Tyler. Several District Grand Stewards, Past District Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of Lodges. Bro. Layard, H.B.M. Consul for New Caledonia, and other brethren. The D.G. Lodge having been opened in due form, the D.G.M. stated he had called the members of District Grand Lodges together to take into consideration whether it would be desirable for them to take part in the procession on the occasion of unveiling the statue of Captain Cook, on the 25th inst. He then read the circular calling the meeting, and called on the brethren for their opinions thereon. He also read a communication from the Provincial Grand Secretary of the Scotch Constitution, stating that their Provincial Grand Lodge had declined to take any part in the proceedings on that occasion. Bro. Thurlow inquired whether any invitation had been received by the Masonic body? The D.G.M. answered in the negative. Bro. Lee P.M. 1169 objected to the D.G. Lodge, and the Lodges under the English Constitution, taking any part in the proceedings, and stated, among other reasons, the existence of the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales, who most likely would be there, and with whom they could not join. Bro. Mulholland D.G.S. said he thought it was of importance that the Masonic body should take part in the procession, and if they did not go it would be detrimental to the welfare of the Order. Bro. Charles Solomon W.M. 1552, said that, since he had received his circular to attend the meeting, he had conversed on the subject with several brethren, and they all considered it undesirable that they should, as Masons, take any part in the proceedings. Bro. Wager said, if they could not go in force and make a respectable numerical appearance, they had better stay away, and he thought, under existing circumstances, that would be the wisest course to adopt. Rev. Bro. Beg said, if the attendance of the Masonic Order on the occasion would be meagre, it would do no good, and they had better keep away. The D.G.M. said he was willing at all times to go with the brethren anywhere, when it would be for the good or to promote the welfare of the Order. In the present instance, having in view the surrounding circumstances, he thought they had better not take any part in the procession at the unveiling of the statue of Captain Cook. No good to the Order could be obtained by display on that occasion. He might remark, he could not command the attendance of any brother in Masonic clothing at any ball or on any public occasion. In reference to any brother appearing at the forthcoming fancy ball in Masonic regalia, a dispensation would have first to be obtained, and which, on application, he was willing to grant. He then read from Book of Constitutions, page 94, article 3, in order to show that any Brother attending in Masonic regalia, without such permission, was liable to be suspended from his Masonic functions. The D.G.M. also referred to a communication he had received from the Grand Secretary, enclosing a copy of a letter that

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had been sent by command of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. of England, in reply to a brother named Machen, who had written to the Grand Master, seeking recognition of the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and which request the Grand Master refused to entertain. He had thought it advisable to cause the letter to himself, and also the copy of reply to Bro. Machen, to be published in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, with a few remarks from himself, cautioning the brethren against having any intercourse with this irregular body of Masons, and also to prevent intending candidates for admission into the Order from being deceived. The D.G. Lodge then closed.

The regular Quarterly Communication was held at Freemasons' Hall, Sydney, on Monday, 19th May. Present—John Williams D.G.M., W. H. Simpson D.D.G.M., Henry Westcott D.S.G.W., W. G. Cassidy D.J.G.W., Nicholas Hopson D.G. Trea., Rev. W. Begg M.D., LL.D., D.G. Chap., Norman Selfe Pres. B.G.P., A. Gardner D.G. Reg., J. Leworthy D.G. Sec., Henry J. Wager as D.G.S.D., R. W. Myers as D.G.J.D., John Booth D.G.S. of W., F. B. Davidson D.G.D. of C., H. Perdrian as D.G. Purs., S. A. DeLissa D.G. Tyler, and numerous other brethren. The D.G.L. having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication and of the Special Meeting of the 17th February, were read. Bro. E. O. Smith P.D.D.G.M. protested against that part of the minutes that referred to the Grand Secretary's letter, as forming no part of the business stated in the circular issued to members. The D.G.M. stated that he considered the communication he received from the G. Secretary as to the Grand Master's decision regarding the recognition of the illegal body of Freemasons in New South Wales of great importance; so much so, that he had caused it to be inserted in the *Sydney Morning Herald* with some remarks of his own, H.R.H. the Grand Master of England had refused to recognise the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and he therefore considered it his duty to publish that decision, in order to protect the English Lodges, and as a caution to prevent intended candidates from joining this *spurious* body of Masons, and further he considered it also his duty at the first meeting of District Grand Lodge, to read the correspondence, and there was no law in the Book of Constitutions *or law of usage* that prohibited him from doing so, it being of material interest for the guidance of the Masonic body throughout the world. The minutes of the Special Meeting were then put and confirmed. The D.G. Sec. read the auditor's report with balance-sheets of D.G. Lodge and Benevolent Fund for the past year, which were in due course received by D.G. Lodge, as was also the auditors' report of the Orphan Society.

A letter was read from Bro. Hopson D.G.Trea., expressing his regret that his business arrangements precluded him from continuing to hold that office, and respectfully resigning the same. The D.G.M. in reply to Bro. E. O. Smith, who said he considered that the members should have had copies of the bye-laws before the meeting, when the bye-laws had been sent for confirmation, he had not written to the Grand Secretary as to the reason and necessity for passing Law XIII., and therefore could not be aware of the injury and disaffection caused by the Grand Secretary and the Colonial Board keeping the late D.D.G.M. in office for so many years. He thought it would be highly beneficial to their interests to prevent a like proceeding at any future time by law: he was happy to inform the brethren that at no time in the colony has Freemasonry under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England made such rapid and useful progress as it has done in the past year and a half. It was not necessary that he should advert to the reasons why such a change had taken place, they are obvious, and clear to thinking Freemasons; the cause of progress is apparent—old Freemasons are reforming themselves and returning to the Constitution they formerly belonged to. During the past eighteen months, nine new Lodges had been formed by dispensation and one Lodge resuscitated—who will say this is not a wonderful change in such a short space of time, notwithstanding the difficulties we have had to contend with in the form of schism, by brethren doing their utmost to destroy the heart of Freemasonry—universality of brotherhood—under regular constituted authority; he had met with a great deal of abuse for the part he had taken, but he could afford to regard it as of no importance, as the course he had pursued had the approval of his own conscience, and was conducive to promote the best interests of the Order in the Colony. Bro. Simpson D.D.G.M. said that as Bro. Hopson had resigned the office of Treasurer, the duties of which he had discharged in a satisfactory manner, he now proposed W. Bro. Webster P.D.G.S.D. for that office. Bro. Webster was well known to them all and possessed their confidence, and was fully competent to carry on the duties of the office. This proposition was seconded and carried.

Bro. Webster returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and promised to give his best attention to the duties of his office.

The D.G.M. complimented Bro. Webster on his election, and invested him with his Collar and Jewel of office. The investment of the other Officers was then proceeded with, the following being the list of appointments:—

W. H. Simpson P.M.	390	D.D.G.M.
W. G. Cassidy P.M.	390	D.S.G.W.
Nicholas Hopson P.M.	655	D.J.G.W.
Rev. W. Beg, M.D., LL.D. ...	1761	D.G. Chap.
Rev. W. M. White, LL.D. (by proxy)	1653	D.G. Chap.
T. Chapman P.M.	656	D.G. Reg.
Henry Wager P.M.	390	Pres. B. of G.P.
R. Leworthy P.M.	817	D.G. Sec.
J. J. Carrol P.M. (by proxy) ...	517	D.G.S.D.
Henry Perdrian P.M.	868	D.G.J.D.
John Booth P.M.	390	D.G.S. of W.
F. A. Wright P.M.	390	D.G.D. of C.
N. Bull P.M....	1568	D.G.A.D. of C.
T. Bawden, M.P., P.M. (by proxy)	1118	D.G.S.B.
J. C. Fisher W.M.	937	D.G. Org.
Frederick Lee P.M.	1169	D.G. Purs.
J. Mulholland P.M....	656	Asst. D.G. Purs.
S. A. Delissa		D.G. Tyler

J. G. Thurlow W.M. 300, A. T. Ellis W.M. 817, D. M. Stewart W.M. 1169, J. C. Remington W.M. 868, Charles Solomon W.M. 1552, E. L. Hitchen W.M. 1761, D. G. Stewards.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes, stating that a brother of Lodge 1761, had been suspended from all his rights and privileges as a Freemason for twelve calendar months, from the 13th May instant, for circulating a letter amongst the members of the Empress of India Lodge, 1761, of a defamatory nature, against the character of the Worshipful Master of that Lodge was, after a discussion, carried.

The report of the Committee of Benevolence, showing that the amount expended in relief of applicants, during the year up to 15th April, had been £211 11s 6d was also carried.

Bros. Bullard P.M. 556, R. W. Myers P.M. 1552, D. Mitchell P.M.390, H. Westcott P.M. 119, A. Gardner P.M. 1761, John Levison P.M. 655, were elected to serve on the Committtee of General Purposes and Bros. F. Lee P.M. 1169 President, H. A. Wright P.M. 390, G. Gabriel P.M. 1552, Monckton P.M. 937, Hall P.M. 656, H. Perdrian P.M. 868, on that of Benevolence.

It was proposed by Bro. Simpson and seconded that the Secretary's salary be the same as last year, £150. Bro. Monckton said the D.G. Sec. held a very responsible office, the duties of which had been largely increased and had been performed efficiently. He therefore moved as an amendment—"That the salary of the D.G. Sec. be £175 for the ensuing year. Bro. R. W. Myers seconded the motion. Bro. Simpson replied, and said the duties of his office had been satisfactorily performed by Bro. Leworthy, who was a personal friend of his own, but he considered the amount he proposed sufficient remuneration. The amendment was then put and carried.

It was proposed and seconded, "That the salary of District Grand Tyler be the same as last year, namely, £8," which was carried.

Bro. Simpson said he would like to hear the opinion of the brethren as to the best method of carrying out the annual banquet in such a way as would prove most pleasant to the brethren and beneficial to the interests of the Craft. He supposed the D.G. Stewards would be expected to undertake the arrangements, and to do all in their power to make the festival a success. If they required assistance, he was sure they had only to request other member of D.G.L. to help them. One matter for consideration was, whether the banquet should be free to members of D.G.L. In his opinion, this should be the case, the D.G.L. being composed of representatives from all the private Lodges. Every member had, therefore, a just claim to participate in the festival. Bro. Knight stated that the annual festival of Grand Lodge in London was not paid for out of the Grand Lodge Funds, and quoted a paragraph from the Book of Constitutions to that effect. Bro. Simpson said he knew such was the case, still he thought that was only a custom of Grand Lodge, and not binding on them here. He believed they could do what they wished with the funds of D.G.L. if only voted in proper form; and if this, their first festival, was to be a success, it should be made free to every member of D.G.L. After some further discussion, the subject was left in the hands of the District Grand Stewards, and the District Grand Lodge was closed with prayer.

The annual meeting for installation of W.M. and appointment of Officers of the Fitzalan Lodge, No. 1432, Wrexham, will take place on Thursday, the 18th inst., at four o'clock. Bro. J. B. Murless, the present S.W. is the W.M. elect. We tender our hearty wishes to the Lodge and its members, and hope Bro. Murless will have a prosperous year of office.

Part IV. of Messrs. Groombridge and Son's "Greenhouse Favourites" is before us. The illustrations in this part, which fully maintain the high opinion we have expressed on former occasions, are of the "Azalea" and "Ericas," while the descriptive portion of the work is devoted to the treatment of the "Spiræ" and the "Epacris."

The Mayor of Leeds a few days back took a party of about a hundred and fifty ladies and gentlemen who had been his guests at dinner to the Grand Theatre to witness a performance of Gilbert's *Charity*, with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Barrett in the chief parts. Mr. Alldyman and his party occupied the whole of the dress circle. Mr. Barrett seems to have converted the severest opponents of the stage at Leeds into patrons of his theatre. There is no doubt that at "Court" also he is going to work in the right manner, he will open the pretty theatre in Sloane-square, on Saturday, 20th Sept., with Victorien Sardou's masterpiece, *Fernande*. The company is an exceptionally strong one. It includes Mr. Charles Coghlan, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Price, and Mr. Anson. Miss Amy Roselle, Miss Rosa Kenney, Mrs. Leigh Murray and Miss Heath (Mrs. Wilson Barrett). Messrs. Gordon and Harford are painting the scenery, and Mr. Goubert has been entrusted with the appointments. Mr. Robert Stoepel will be the musical director.

DEATH.

RUNTING.—At Mount Street, Grosvenor-square, on Thursday, 28th August, Bro. William Runting, Surgeon Dentist, P.M. of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, and W.M. of the Londesborough Lodge, No. 1681, aged 54 years.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction. Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
R. A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

MONDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER.

45—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8. (Instruction).
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C. (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings.
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby.
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1438—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.
R. A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington.
R. A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
M.M.—Bedford House, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
M. M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham.
K. T.—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
R. C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
167—St. John, Holly Bush, Hampstead.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's Hill, Wandsworth. (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)
R. A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30.

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury.
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford.
829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent.
1325—Stanley, 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Inst.)
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks.
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool.
R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 789—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
R. A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire.
R. A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.

WEDNESDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 3 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale.
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire.
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
281—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
483—Sympathy, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire, at 7.30. (Instruction).
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool.
1398—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R. A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.
R. A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
M. M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
M. M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1321—Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill.
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Inst.)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1732—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
R. A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
R. A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.
R.A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonian-road, Batley.
M. M.—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.

FRIDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1305—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.

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536—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A. 983—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme.
K. T.—Faith, Leaders-buildings, King-street, Wigan.

SATURDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, at 8 (Inst.)
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.
K. T.—Faith, Masonic Rooms, 20 King-street, Wigan.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—On Thursday, 4th September Bro. D. Moss presided; supported by Bros. Hogarth S.W., Da Silva J.W., Maidwell S.D., Valentine J.D., Caton I.G., L. Norden Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, Forss, Charik, Kahn, and other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., who though but a young Mason is very correct in his rendering of the ceremonies, Bro. Maidwell candidate. The W.M. worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hogarth was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—This Lodge held its first meeting after the recess on Monday evening last, at Bro. Spurgin's, the Sportsman, City-road, Bro. Willison presided, assisted by Bro. Halle S.W., Wing J.W., Fenner Secretary, Pearcy Acting Preceptor, M'Millan S.D., Edmonds J.D., Pelikan I.G., also the following brethren:—J. A. Powell, J. W. Smith, Sillis, Hallam sen., Weeden, Gyer, Hirst, &c. The usual formalities were complied with, prior to the ceremony of initiation being rehearsed, in which Bro. Sillis acted as candidate; the work was carefully performed. Bro. Fenner worked the first, Bro. Pearcy the second, Bro. Hallam sen. the third section of the lecture. Bro. Halle was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned. Next week the subject of the forced removal of the Lodge from its present comfortable quarters, owing to Bro. Spurgin requiring the room for family use, will be considered, when the Secretary hopes the brethren will muster in force to discuss the matter.

Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love, No. 56, Arundel.—An emergency meeting was held at the Town Hall, on Monday, the 1st inst., for the purpose of initiating Mr. A. E. Garwood, Locomotive Superintendent of the Egyptian Railways, who, in consequence of absence from England for thirteen years, has been unable to present himself for admission into the Order through the portals of the Lodge of his native town. The ceremony was ably performed by the W.M., Bro. T. U. Price P.M. P.P.G.D. of Sussex, and the E. A. tracing-board was lucidly explained by the S.W. Bro. E. E. Street. The following brethren were also present:—A. H. Smith J.W., G. T. Eversfield P.M. Secretary, R. Garwood P.M., J. Francis P.M. S.D., — Neame as I.G., and Bros. Downer and Birt.

Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, No. 87.—A meeting was held on 4th September, at the White Hart, College-street, Lambeth. Present:—Bros. W. Watterton W.M., H. C. Ball S.W., J. Skirring J.W., G. Isaac Treas., J. G. Bond Sec., C. S. Jolly S.D., Chalkley J.D., H. Field I.G.; Bros. Stuart, Rumbold, Crabtree, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of former Lodge were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rumbold candidate, after which several of the sections were worked. Bro. Ball will preside next week.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Held at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on Wednesday last. Present:—Bros. Medcalf W.M., Hunt S.W., Hunt S.W., M'Donald J.W., F. Caton S.D., D. Moss J.D., H. Caton I.G. After preliminaries, the W. Master rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Walker acting as candidate. Bro. M'Donald worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hunt was elected W.M. for next meeting, and Lodge was closed in due form.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 326.—An emergency meeting was held on Friday, 29th Aug., at the Red Lion Hotel, Thames-street, Hampton. Bro. J. B. Shackleton P.G.P. Middlesex and P.M. 1254 W.M. opened the Lodge. A letter, which had been signed by three Past Masters, addressed to the Secretary, was read. Ballots taken separately were declared to be unanimous in favour of the admission of Messieurs Tristram Frederick Edwin Walters (son of the Secretary), Edwin Charles Percy Stevens (son of Bro. James Stevens P.M. 1426, The Great City Lodge), Lewis Cohen, John Vickers Willis, Robert Follett, John Henry Ewen, William Skirritt. The Secretary (Bro. F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middx. P.M.), in reply to the courteous offer of the W.M. to permit him to initiate his son Tristram, said his son would not be twenty-one years of age until 24th March 1880; that he would prefer waiting until the next regular meeting in May, when he would gladly accept the kind and gracious offer of the Worshipful Master. In the same kind manner the W.M. Bro. J. B. Shackleton offered the chair to Bro. James Stevens P.M., for the purpose of initiating his son, who was present. The W.M., in a sensible speech, expressed the gratification he felt in knowing that two such well-known and highly distinguished Masons should have selected the Lebanon Lodge 1326 to have their sons (one, the Secretary's, being his first born), initiated there, both candidates being under twenty-two years of age. Bro. James Stevens P.M. took the chair. Bro. Col. F. Burdett R.W.P.G.M. having frequently expressed a wish that in all Lodges in his Province the candidates should be introduced separately, this wish is most religiously carried out here. Amidst the most profound silence, Mr. Edwin Charles Percy Stevens was introduced as a candidate for the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Then, in a way that has never been surpassed, and but very seldom equalled, Bro. James Stevens initiated his son into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. He gave an explanation of the Tracing Board, and the Charge, which he supplemented with choice and beautiful language, so appropriate to the candidate. It must be recorded that (to use some words we heard pass between the veteran Secretary and Bro. Thomas Poore, the subject being the initiation of Bro. Edwin Stevens), the ceremony was beautifully rendered, so correct, impressive, and soul-stirring. It was an intellectual treat, well worth coming up from Leicestershire, or from anywhere else to listen to. It would be an impossibility to encore the initiation of Bro. E. Stevens, or to bring the presiding W.M. before the *footlights*, but to gratify the desires of those who were present, and at the express desire of the W.M., he initiated Mr. Lewis Cohen (who being an Israelite caused the ceremony to be a little varied). The W.M. Bro. J. B. Shackleton took the chair, and in an admirable manner first initiated Mr. John Vickers Willis, and completed the afternoon's labour by initiating Mr. Robert Follett. The Lodge was closed. It was arranged to hold another emergency meeting in September. Refreshment followed labour. There were present besides those mentioned, Bros. J. W. Baldwin P.P.G.P. Middlesex P.M. J.W., D. Steinhauer I.G., J. J. Marsh Organist, T. W. Adams P.M., B. Meyer P.M., C. Lucop, C. W. Baker, H. Potter P.M. W.S. The Visitors were Bros. W. J. Meek Secretary 199, R. Masters 1656 and others.

Perseverance Lodge, No. 573.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 26th August, at the Shenston Hotel, Halesowen. Present—Bros. Amos Pearson, W.M., J. Beckley S.W., W. B. Keene J.W., G. T. Bloomer P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Treas., E. Pewtress Sec., G. F. Grove S.D., W. M. Pritchard J.D., W. Somers P.M. D.C., J. Toy Steward, W. Waldron I.G., C. Southwell Tyler, Past Masters Bros. J. G. Beasly, C. E. Bloomer, P. H. Bloomer P.P.G.A.D.C., J. Davenport, W. R. Colbourn, G. P. Chapman. Visitors—Bros. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere Bart., M.P., R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Masefield R.W.D.P.G.M., Bristow P.G.S., G. Taylor P.M. 377, W. Prien 377, Parkis W.M. 482, Higgs J.D. 252, W. E. Walker S.W. 252, and many others. Lodge opened and the members passed the minutes of last meeting. The S.W. Bro. J. Beckley was then installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The Treasurer's accounts were passed, and the thanks of the Lodge were voted for the services of the officers for the past year.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the meeting held 29th August, at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. Franckel W.M., Goss (I.P.M.) S.W., Talbot J.W., Acworth S.D., Tucker (Treas.) J.D., Gomm I.G., Gunner Hon. Sec., Roe Preceptor, Kyezor, &c. Lodge was opened with due observance of ancient custom, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. Acworth offered himself as a candidate for initiation, whereupon the W.M. very carefully rehearsed the ritual of the degree. Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bro. Kyezor acting candidate, and the W.M. rehearsed the ritual of the degree. The brethren were called to refreshment. Upon resumption of labour, Lodge was lowered, and Bro. Goss elected W.M. for the next meeting, when a very instructive evening may be anticipated. The meeting was adjourned till the 5th September, at half-past seven p.m.

Carnarvon Lodge, No. 804, Havant.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., the following brethren being present:—Bros. C. H. Liddell W.M., W. Dart J.W., T. P. Hall I.P.M., J. Weeks P.M. Treas., T. Francis P.M. Sec., J. N. Hillman P.M., J. Harrison P.M., J. A. Elverston S.D., H. G. Richardson J.D., J. J. Field I.G., T. D. Askew Organist, J. Collings and H. W. S. Parsons Stewards, W. Blackmore Tyler; Bros. J. Price, C. D. Gourd, G. T. Gourd, Burr, Kimber, Chinnock, Leaver, H. S. Young, A. J. Dunn, Farminer, Harding and Bascome. Visitors—Bros. S. J. Fone 731, W. Ford 487, Bull 353, W. M. Oubridge 1776, W. Lemanton 487, Goodwin Nash 40, and Leopold R. Mills S.W. 49. The business of the evening consisted of raising three brethren to the degree of M.M., which was ably performed by the W.M., the tracing board and working tools being explained by the J.W. The Lodge was closed to the first degree, when two candidates were proposed for initiation. There being no other business, Lodge was closed.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston. Present:—Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., Carr S.W., Christian J.W., Johnson S.D., Clark J.D., Polak I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treasurer. There were also present Bros. War-

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dell, Baker, Greenwood, Forss, Moss, Quay, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Williams as candidate. The W.M. worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and regularly closed to the first. Bro. Carr was elected W.M. for next Tuesday evening.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Salmon and Ball, Bethnal-green-road, E. Bros. Clark W.M., Finch S.W., Wooding J.W., Stephens S.D., Jones I.G., Bros. P.M.'s Toy and Musto; also Bros. Smith, Hammond, and Tarling. Lodge was opened and minutes were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Tarling candidate. Lodge was opened up to the third degree, and closed in that degree, when Bro. Hammond had an opportunity of answering the questions necessary for raising. Lodge was lowered and Bro. Musto P.M. worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren, Bro. Stephens dictating the answers. Bro. Stephens was elected a member of the Lodge, and Bro. Finch to fill the chair at the next meeting. Lodge was closed and adjourned until Wednesday next.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—This Lodge met Friday, 29th August, at the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury. Present:—Bros. Mendelsohn W.M., Rowley S.W., Boas J.W., G. H. Hunter Sec. pro tem, G. H. Hunter S.D., Field J.D., Pearcy Acting Preceptor, Chant I.G. Past Masters Bros. Forge, Hallam, Eldridge, Yeomans, Greenwood, Shackell, Byng, Johnson, and Quay. After all formalities had been observed, the ceremony of initiation was observed, Bro. Eldridge candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the first and second sections of the lecture. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and, on resuming, the Lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees. Bro. Hallam of Friars Lodge, Bros. Johnson and Quay of the St. Barnabas Lodge were elected members. Bro. Rowley was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 2nd Sept. Present:—Bro. Pavitt W.M., Smith S.W., Johnson J.W., Shepherd W.M. 1349 S.D., M'Donald J.D., Worsley I.G. and Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor. There were also present Bros. Keable, Moss, Rawe, Richardson, Barker, Roddam 212, Watkins, Andrews, Sadley, Roberts, White, and P.M. Myers. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was beautifully rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Rawe as the candidate; the Deaconship of Bro. M'Donald was very perfect; he is one of the best workers we ever met. Bro. Andrews worked the first section of the lecture, Bro. M'Donald the second and third, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Roddam of Euphrates Lodge 212 was unanimously elected a member. Bro. J. W. Smith S.D. 860 was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his Officers in rotation. The Lodge then closed in due form and adjourned. The remainder of the evening was spent in discussing the summer outing for Thursday, the 4th, receiving the names of those who intimated their intention to attend. The party will be over forty strong. A full report shall appear in our impression next week.

Jordan Lodge, No. 1402.—The annual meeting was held on Friday, in the Masonic Hall, Torquay. Bro. W. A. Goss jun., the W.M. elect, was duly installed into the chair of W.M. by W. Bro. T. Perry P.P.G.T., assisted by W. Bros. Bradnee and Dr. Coulston. The following were invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—W. Bro. J. Dodge I.P.M., Dr. W. B. Dalby S.W., Dr. S. S. Noakes J.W., Thomas Perry P.M. P.P.G.T. Treas., G. H. Halls Hon. Sec., A. T. Blamey S.D., G. Pepprell J.D., J. Lane I.G., B. Knight D.C., R. Perry S.S., J. Lavis J.S., E. Cranch Org., J. E. Newton Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined at the Queen's Hotel.

United Military Lodge, No. 1536.—On Friday evening last there was an emergency meeting of this Lodge at the Lord Raglan Hotel, Plumstead, for the purpose of taking into consideration the advisability of removing the Lodge regalia from the new Masonic Hall, adjoining the Sir Robert Peel, where the meetings have hitherto been held, to the Lord Raglan, with the view to the future meetings of the Lodge being held at the latter place. Bro. Hay Grieve Picken I.P.M. (in the absence, through illness, of Bro. Shaw the W.M.) occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Daniel Deeves S.W. William Wilding J.W., Weston P.M., Murphy Treasurer, George Kennedy Sec., and a strong muster of the brethren. The ordinary business of the Lodge having been disposed of, Bro. Walter Hume, of Lodge 160 Scottish Constitution, and Bro. Daniel Baker of Lodge 190 were duly ballotted for and accepted as joining members. Mr. Thomas Hunt, of the Bengal Ordnance Department, was regularly initiated into the rites and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. Waldron was passed to the second degree with the usual formalities. The acting W.M. informed the brethren of the circumstances under which it had become necessary to bring the question of removal from the Sir Robert Peel before the Lodge, and left the matter to the decision of the members. A discussion ensued, in the course of which Bros. Weston, McClelland, Kennedy and Watkins took part, when it was ultimately decided to remove the Lodge furniture and regalia to the Lord Raglan, the necessary authority being obtained from Grand Lodge for such removal. Doubts were expressed as to the capability of the Hall at the Lord Raglan for the accommodation of the Lodge, there being over 140 members on its books.

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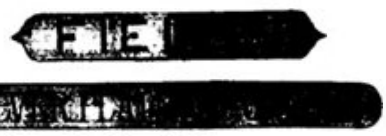

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ACCUMULATION OF THE BENEVOLENT FUND.

COULD the honoured founders of this Institution, whose names are ever green in the memories of the Craft, have lived to see the grand results of their sagacity and forethought, there can be no question they would admit that they had more than cause to "rest and be thankful." Whilst at stated periods the chronicler is called upon with pride to record the extension of that charity which permeates through every fibre of the Order, culminating in those noble institutions to which we, as Masons, point as among the chief recommendations of our system to the admiration of the outer world, the Benevolent Fund works on its silent and beneficent course, gathering strength and stimulus as it goes, and scattering its benefits right and left amongst those who are most deservingly entitled to our humane consideration. The aged ones and children whom "unforeseen circumstances of calamity and misfortune" have rendered the objects of our tender solicitude are within our daily ken, and we rejoice, as we mingle with them, ever and anon, to hear their expressions of *gratitude* for benefits received, spoken in accents of thankful acknowledgment, or amidst rippling laughter and childish contentment. But while we congratulate ourselves and those who subscribe so cheerfully to the funds of the triumvirate of our Masonic Charities, there is yet another which, though farther removed from general notice, is nevertheless mutely speaking in eloquent language as to the boundless charity which forms the distinguishing characteristic of the Freemason's heart. Questions have, however, recently arisen in respect of the disbursement of this Fund, and to which we have taken occasion to allude; and we see no reason why any should shrink from the full ventilation of a subject which lies so close to the heart of all who are interested in the welfare and future management of this branch of our Charities. On the contrary, we hold that by the interchange of ideas, and the free expression of individual opinions on every matter connected with the Order, we are likely to arrive at a more satisfactory conclusion than if we persistently ignore the smoulderings of dissatisfaction which are sure, sooner or later, to burst forth into a flame of opposition. Let us, therefore, take a calm and dispassionate view of the case as it now stands, and in view of the expressions bearing upon it made at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge. By reference to the Book of Constitutions it will be seen that the first great cardinal stipulation in regard to the Benevolent Fund is that it shall be "solely devoted to Charity." This benevolent intention of the founders has, we believe, been religiously adhered to by those who have been entrusted with the management of the Fund ever since it was started. Nothing has ever transpired, to our knowledge, of any deviation from this plainly-expressed aim of those who instituted the Fund, from which many a deserving brother has derived help and solace in the hour of his adversity. Charitable funds, we know, are at all times liable to be drawn upon unworthily, and their objects diverted into channels which were never remotely contemplated by the philanthropists who gave them birth. But we can safely say, for the Masonic Benevolent Fund, the executive has ever been so carefully held in rein by the brethren to whom the duty has been entrusted that attempted abuses, even of the most microscopic description, have been detected and frustrated. Thus the Fund has gone on year by year, meeting with liberality the many legitimate claims made upon it by the indigent members or connections of the Fraternity, whilst at the same time adding increasingly to its reserve, until we find it now with an invested capital of fifty thousand pounds. Unfortunately the Book of Constitutions does not set forth so plainly as many would wish the process by which the accumulated money should be kept within due limits; and thus, whilst we congratulate the executive upon resisting the often-attempted encroachments upon the surplus, for the objects which do not come strictly within legitimate range, the question is now more than ever forcing itself to the front as to the wisdom and policy of maintaining in idleness so large a sum of money as we have just named. This feeling is not merely confined to our "National" Benevolent Fund—if we may use the term advisedly; but we know of cases where similar funds, accumulated by individual Lodges, have formed the subject of like comment, and the inadvisability of keeping intact, or lying idle in the bank, large sums of money which could legitimately be applied to useful works of charity, have formed the subject of frequent discussions amongst the subscribing members. By some it is urged that the accumulated fund having now attained such satisfactory dimensions the time has arrived when the contributions by individual members might with safety be reduced. We fail to see the advantage of such an argument, or the benefit which would accrue were such a suggestion carried into effect. Indeed the amount of contribution is so trifling that its reduction would be as ridiculous as it would be scouted by the brethren to whom the matter was thus seriously submitted. The subscriptions by members of Lodges in the London district is only one shilling a quarter, or less than one penny per week; whilst our country and military brethren contribute just half that amount. We cannot conceive it possible that any London brother would like to give *less* than one penny per week towards the sustentation of this splendid Fund, or that the members in the Provinces would feel at all relieved by the reduction of their halfpenny weekly contribution. We believe they would vastly prefer doubling the insignificant amount than that the accumulation for benevolent purposes should be retarded by any curtailment of their privilege of giving. Besides, the trouble of altering the Constitutions in this respect would far outweigh any advantage which the advocates of such a reduction could point to as the result of this desire, even if such a wish is cherished at all, which we very much doubt. Seeing, therefore, that it would be undesirable to dam back the channels of generosity by any brake-power being applied to the source whence liberality flows, and also that it is unwise to hoard up, in miserly fashion, a vast sum of money which might be profitably and usefully employed, the question at once arises, "What shall be done with the surplus accruing from the accumulated fund?" There are, undeniably, many works of charity whose wheels drag heavily for want of support, and whose promoters would gladly draw much-needed assistance from this source, if once the flood-gates could be opened. But the utmost care must be exercised, as heretofore, in the admission of claims that are not strictly within the limits intended by the original founders of this Institution. For years it has been foreseen that the time must sooner or later come when the question would arise as to the amount at which this accumulated fund should stop. Some time ago the matter was brought on in Grand Lodge as to the best means of usefully employing this surplus money, when Bro. J. M. Clabon gave notice of a

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motion, "That, considering the large amount which has been accumulated from the surplus income of the Fund of Benevolence, it is not expedient to continue the accumulation of the whole of that surplus." The brethren were reminded that in the year 1868 the accumulated fund amounted to twenty thousand pounds; and a committee was then appointed to consider the question to which we have alluded in this article. The result of their careful deliberation was a recommendation that one-third of the annual surplus should still be accumulated, and that the other two-thirds should be applied to apprenticing or otherwise advancing in life the sons and daughters of Freemasons on their leaving the Masonic Boys' and Girls' Schools. To our way of thinking a wiser suggestion, or one more identical with the spirit and intention of the founders, could not have emanated from a body of men to whose special consideration the matter had been entrusted. At that time—eleven years ago—Grand Lodge thought the time had not arrived for discontinuing the accumulation of the surplus. In 1873 we find the question again occupying the attention of Grand Lodge, and by this time the Fund had swollen to nearly forty thousand pounds. Still the conservative sentiments of our rulers—with which no one has any reason, under the circumstances, to find fault—went against any limitation of the income flowing in, and Grand Lodge adhered firmly to its former opinion. Six years more have now elapsed, and as a consequence of the continued prosperity of the Craft, the Fund has grown into the satisfactory dimensions of fifty thousand pounds, when we, amongst many more of the brethren, must share in the opinion that the time has at length arrived when the accumulation may with safety and with advantage be terminated. As was not long ago sensibly remarked by Bro. Clabon, "If not stopped at £50,000, it might not stop at £100,000, and the brethren might go on locking it up like a miser." Such a course is in direct opposition to the views of those who would desire to see the Masonic Charities fully employed in their benevolent enterprise; and "even from a commercial standpoint" the maintenance of so large an unemployed capital is unwise and impolitic. There can be no doubt that the subject was considered in all its bearings by the Committee appointed in 1868, and it must be admitted that their recommendation to apply any surplus money that might be at their disposal to the assistance of our "pupils" on leaving school was both laudable and disinterested. The only obstacle in the way then was, that the Fund was not sufficiently large to enable them to bestow any appreciable advantage upon those who might become the worthy recipients of help in after life. This impediment has been removed now by the vast addition to the Fund, which has been more than doubled within the past eleven years; and there can be no reason why the matter should not be again entrusted to the consideration of a similarly appointed committee. Certainly no harm could result from such a course of action; and very probably facts would be elicited which would strengthen the hands of such a committee in forcing home their previous recommendation upon the good sense and judgment of the Craft. The existence of such an enormous fund, lying at the bank, is not merely a drag upon the benevolent stimulus of the brethren; but, as we saw last week, it proves an incentive to bickerings and quarrels in the Board of Benevolence, such as are by no means pleasing to reflect upon. The course adopted by certain members to force on a discussion, by the proposal of "excessive" grants, is an undesirable one, and such as we hope not soon to see repeated. We require no brother to be brought to a certain line of thought by those "slants" which were adopted at the meeting to which we refer; but a calm and dispassionate deliberation of the whole question at issue, by which means only can a safe and judicious conclusion be arrived at. We hardly thought that an officer of Bro. Britten's calibre and position in the Craft would have resorted to such a device in order to elicit the information he desired; it must have been done upon the impulse of the moment, and without the remotest intention of doing anything derogatory to the position he holds in the respect of the brethren. But, seeing that this large sum of money remains in hand, whilst the question is ever recurring, "What shall we do with it?" some steps should be immediately taken with a view of satisfying the spirit of universal inquiry. It is by no means within the range of probability that—except we witness in this country a parallel to the late floods in Hungary, or some gigantic calamity of a like nature—there will be anything like a "run" upon the charity of the Order that shall exhaust this large sum of fifty thousand pounds. And, even were such a catastrophe to happen, the doubling of the nominal sums paid by way of contribution would speedily resuscitate the fund so absorbed. To reduce the whole matter to a focus, we contend that a portion of the income of this Fund might be advantageously set aside for some good and beneficial purpose without running the slightest risk of impeding the progress of the Fund, or encroaching beyond the limits of charity for which that Fund was originally designd. And what better object could the brethren set before them to achieve than to place in the hands of our young students, after they quit our respective Schools, some means whereby they might make a start in life, and which without extraneous aid they are frequently unable to do? We have recently descanted upon this subject rather fully in our columns, and the more we ponder the matter the more firmly are we convinced that this would form the great crowning point of our Masonic charity. It means, in fact, the creation of a new and extended sphere of usefulness, the value of which we are at present totally unable to fathom. It must be borne in mind that the education imparted to our boys and girls is of a character which fits them to assume superior positions in life. Very often the parents of such children—grateful as they may be, and are, for the priceless benefits secured to their offspring through the liberality of the brethren—are unable to provide them with the means of placing themselves in the positions for which, by their education and training, they have become qualified; and in such cases there is reason to fear they relapse into inferior stations, and one great object of our Masonic aim is neutralised. By the establishment of a fund by which these young people could be aided in the race of life, a splendid object would be achieved, and one which is intimately bound up with that for which the Benevolent Fund was at first designed. We are so convinced of the vital importance of this scheme that we commend it to all who take a calm view of the matter under consideration, and who think with us that some more profitable means are to be devised for employing the accumulating surplus of that Fund than by allowing it to idly remain in the bank. At all events, the whole question could again be entrusted to the hands of an intelligent and competent committee, who might, by their verdict, so place the matter before Grand Lodge as to induce them to set it at rest for some time to come. By so doing not only would it inspire satisfaction, and promote a healthy stimulus to increased support on the part of those who subscribe, and who like to know that their money is being usefully employed, but it would also allay that irritation which is so continually cropping up, as we have lately seen, resulting from those who would, if they could, nibble at the tempting bait which is thus offered them, and to touch which, but for the objects originally intended, would be an act of sacrilege never to be tolerated by those who are entrusted with the responsible duty of keeping watch and guard over a fund subscribed, freely and gladly, to be "solely devoted to charity."

INCOMPLETE CEREMONIES.

THE amount of work which arises, month by month, at the regular assemblies of our Lodges precludes the possibility of the Master undertaking, at the stated meetings, any system of instruction in the ritual, or other important points of Freemasonry; his time mainly being taken up in conferring degrees on those eligible, or conducting the routine business of his Lodge. The press of "work" is so great in the Lodges of London, and other large towns, that no time is allowed even for the lecture on the tracing board, or the charge after each degree being given at the time the candidate is advanced. To such an extent have these omissions been carried of late that we question whether one-half of the brethren who have been introduced within the past ten years have ever heard, in a regular Lodge, either the one or the other. This is very much to be regretted, and the frequent repetition of the promise we are all familiar with is now almost treated as a joke. We are aware that a Master has his powers fully taxed when he is called upon to work the three degrees in one evening, and many brethren may urge that it is too much to expect him to give the lecture or the charge after each,

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but we would remind these that the two Wardens are available for the purpose, and that if they are competent, the recital by them of these portions of the ritual not only adds to the interest of the ceremony, but gives the Master a rest, which is very acceptable to him. If it is worth a brother's while to accept a Warden's collar, it is not too much to ask him to make himself proficient in these small parts of our ritual, which really play an important part in the ceremony, and the omission of which tends to make the conference of a degree incomplete.

The establishment of Lodges of Instruction has, in a great measure, provided the means for obtaining a better knowledge of the ceremonial portion of our proceedings, but the tuition there afforded falls far short of what is required, or what, from the constitution of these Lodges, might fairly be expected. The great aim of the conductors of many of the Lodges of Instruction seems to be to get through as much as possible—we will not say of bodily pain, but certainly, in many cases, of mental infliction—without any regard being paid to the impression made on the audience, or the instruction afforded the members. We have frequently urged that the proper rehearsal of one ceremony, with an explanation, and it may be repetition of a few parts, is far better than crowding the three ceremonies, or a number of the sections into the work of one evening in such a jumbled manner as to be alike uninstructive and uninteresting to those assembled. But even the best of the Lodges of Instruction omit the two points to which we have already referred—the lectures on the tracing boards, and the charges after each degree. Is it the Preceptors themselves are unaware of their existence, or is it that they are beginning to treat these parts of the ritual as unnecessary? The sections are in themselves most instructive, and we are of opinion they should occasionally be rehearsed, but we consider the first thing our brethren should be taught are the ceremonies, and these not in their mutilated, but in their complete form, which result can only be achieved by including the charge and explanation of the tracing board in each degree. We are convinced that if once the subject was taken in hand at the *Lodges* of Instruction, it would soon become the rule in the regular Lodges, where in a very short time there would be found several members competent to assist the Master in this part of the ceremony should the Wardens be unable or unwilling to perform what we consider a part of their duty to each candidate. If it was found that time would not allow of the charge and explanation of the tracing board being given the same night the degree was conferred, it would be easy to postpone them until the next meeting, when proper allowance could be made; but in no case should another degree be conferred without the ritual of the previous one being completed. By the time a candidate has been passed he begins to see, if these parts are omitted, that the promise made by the Worshipful Master is a farce, and thus receives an unfavourable opinion of the institution from the commencement. It is matters such as these, trivial as they seem, which form the foundation on which a newly-made brother's opinion of the Order rests. If, on his admission, a gentleman is favourably impressed with the solemnity of the ceremony and general deportment of the Master and brethren while the degree is being conferred, his first idea of Freemasonry can but be a credit to the Institution; and when later on he has the symbols further explained, and their moral advantages pointed out, he must respect the society which propounds such principles as are taught in our Lodges. To ensure respect any little item which may cast a slur on the Order should be studiously avoided, and when the ruler of a Lodge makes a promise to a candidate which he never intends to fulfil, we think a very great slur does arise. It is not so much at the time that the brother doubts the fulfilment of the promise—although the tone of voice in which it is made sometimes implies that it is a mere expression without any meaning—as it is afterwards, when he has had time to reflect on the ceremony, or perhaps on the first occasion he is present when a degree is conferred on another; then it is that he remembers the same promise being made to him; if he looks back he may think that no effort has been made to redeem this promise, or to complete the ceremony, although, perhaps, he may consider there has been ample opportunity to have done so.

We shall have pleasure in recording that some of the Lodges of Instruction have acted on this suggestion. We feel assured that were such the case, additional interest would be manifested in the ceremonies, and the candidates who in due course received the benefit of listening to the complete ceremony would become better Masons through having learned more of its symbolical lessons at the time of their introduction into the Order.

MASONICALLY DEAD

THIS expression has often been applied to those who have been expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry. We have now to apply it in another sense. A brother is in good standing in the Order, but says he has lost all his interest in Masonry. Why? Not because he is at fault, for he is an excellent man morally, intellectually and socially, but because of the inconsistencies of many who are members of the great Brotherhood. He has seen so much un-Masonic conduct that he has become disheartened and disgusted, and thus lost his interest in Masonry. Is there a remedy? It is human to err, and we are not to expect perfection in any one. Masons are human, and they err. We see their faults and foibles and we are grieved, or discouraged, or disgusted. Often their conduct is wilfully wrong. Admit that they all might be better than they are. What then? Are the principles of Masonry at fault, and should we lose our interest in them because there is a wide difference between theory and practice? Medicine, law, theology, are all good. Shall we ignore them because they are sometimes abused? Shall we have no doctors because quacks are around, and no lawyers because shysters abound, and no ministers because some wolves wear sheep's clothing? Not at all; we must uphold the good and reform the wrong whenever and wherever possible. We must not put our hands to the plough and then turn back, because it occasionally strikes an old corn stub, or a stone, or a stump, but must remember that the greater part of the field is free from such obstructions, and that no tillage no crop, no sowing no reaping. Whatever the errors of others, we are to go forward in the work of rebuilding the temple and house of the Lord. We are to continually exemplify Masonic principles, and so help onward and upward those less strong.—*Voice of Masonry.*

Obituary.

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The funeral of Bro. Seager, of the Marquis of Granby, New Cross-road, whose sudden death we recorded in our last impression, took place on Monday afternoon last, at Nunhead Cemetery. The *cortège* was joined *en route* by several of the brethren of the Chislehurst Lodge, of which the late Bro. Seager was a member, and of other Lodges in the neighbourhood, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Gloster W.M. 1531, G. Macdonald P.M. 1158, G. Andrews P.M. 841 and Preceptor of the Star Lodge of Instruction (held at the Marquis of Granby), Waterman P.M. 147, Hutchins J.W. 841, W. Fieldson S.D. 548, Lefevre, Godfrey, Hoskins, Redman, Kedgley, Wright, Pegg, J. A. Smith, and others. Amongst friends were Mr. Hobson late of the Marquis of Granby, and now of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, Messrs. Hubbard, Taylor, &c. On arriving at the Mortuary Chapel, the brethren formed in single file, the body and mourners passing through their ranks into the building, where the service was impressively read by the Rev. J. Merriott. At the grave a number of persons had also assembled, and here the burial service was concluded in the presence of a sorrowing concourse of friends. The coffin was of English oak, polished, and on the breast-plate was the inscription, "John Seager, died 3rd September 1879, in his 47th year." On the lid had also been placed, by Bro. Macdonald, on behalf of himself and Bros. Keeble and Andrews, a wreath of white dahlias, garderias, jassamine, and fern, whilst some other sympathising friends had adorned the bier with handsome bouquets of white flowers and ferns. As the mourners were leaving the graveside P.M. Brother Andrews threw his sprig of acacia upon the coffin, reciting the words, "As this evergreen once marked the resting-place of the illustrious dead, so let it mark the resting-place of our departed brother." The remainder of the brethren followed this example, and thus testified their respect for one who had been so long and intimately associated with them in furthering the interests of the Craft. In tribute of respect also, a number of the tradespeople in the locality partially closed their shops during the time of the funeral.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Bowel Complaints, Diarrhœa—When these diseases prevail immediate recourse should be had to this Ointment, which should be well rubbed two or three times a day upon the abdomen, and the intestinal irritation will gradually subside. All inflammation will be subdued and excessive action restrained. This treatment, assisted by judicious doses of Holloway's Pills; is applicable to all forms of diarrhœa and dysentery, attended by heart sickness, griping, flatulence, and other distressing and dangerous symptoms. After rubbing in the Ointment a flannel binder should be worn, and the patient should be restricted to a farinaceous diet for a few days till the urgency of the disease has been diminished by the preserving employment of these remedies.

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SUMMER OUTING OF THE FRIARS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1349.

THE members of this young and prosperous Lodge having determined to hold a summer outing on the 3rd inst., a committee under the acting superintendence of Bros. Musto Preceptor, Worsley Secretary, and Pavitt Treasurer, selected the Crown Gardens, Broxbourne, as the scene of their operations, and entered into arrangements with Bro. Beningfield, the host, to supply a banquet befitting so important an occasion. A more delightful spot could scarcely be found, and the brethren immediately upon their arrival devoted themselves with zest to the many healthy sports the grounds afforded. How some resorted to aquatic sports, others to archery, some to bowls, and others to lawn billiards, will be readily understood by those who have visited this famous hostelry. But the principal charm of the occasion (for what Mason can fail to be charmed with woman's grace and beauty?) was due to the presence of the ladies, whom the brethren had, according to express arrangements, brought with them to share the venal pleasures with their partners, and certainly the beautiful arrangement of the flowers and lawns was most enjoyable, and reflects much credit on the gardener, Mr. Scott, whose labour has been most successful in spite of the recent bad weather.

At the time appointed an excellent banquet was served, which did Bro. Beningfield great credit. Bro. Past Master Musto, by universal consent, acted as chairman, and Bros. J. Shepherd W.M. 1349 and Andrews W.M. 1227 occupied the S. and J. Warden's positions respectively. There were present the following ladies and brethren:—Bro. P.M. and Mrs. and Miss Musto, Bro. and Mrs. Fowler, Bro. Norman, Bro. and Mrs. Smith, Bro. and Mrs. Cull, Bro. and Mrs. Sadler, Bro. and Mrs. White, Bro. Shepherd, Bro. Barker, Bro. and Mrs. Rodham, Bro. Richardson, Bro. Cooper, Bro. and Miss Kidd, Bro. and Mrs. Andrews, Bro. Worsley, Bro. and Mrs. Taylor, Bro. and Mrs. Ellis, Bro. Stephens, Bro. and Mrs. Roberts, Bro. and Miss Blundell, Bro. and Mrs. Pavitt, Bro. Dunsmore and others, by whom ample justice was done to the good cheer. The scene at table was most charming, and reflected a pleasing variation on the prevailing black coat and white tie aspect of our more austere banquets. The desire, also, to have the pleasure of drinking Sister So and So's health was provocative of much amusement. After grace had been said, Bro. Musto rose and said:—Ladies and Gentlemen—On occasions of this kind it is the custom among gentlemen, and especially among Freemasons, to drink the health of Her Gracious Majesty. I feel sure the ladies will join us in this most pleasurable duty, for they can, like ourselves, fully appreciate the excellent qualities of the Queen, and rejoice at the manner in which she reigns over us. Therefore I invite you, ladies and gentlemen, to drink the health of the Queen.

Bro. Stephens sang "The National Anthem."

The Chairman then said:—The next toast I have the honour to propose is one all Freemasons receive with enthusiasm. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is justly a great favourite with the Craft. And, I may add, that he is also held in great favour by the ladies. As Freemasons we owe him a double tribute of respect, as our head and chief ruler. During the time he has governed the Craft in England we have been the recipients of many acts of kindness and consideration from our Grand Master, which we feel bound to acknowledge. In proposing the health of the Prince of Wales I ask you to drink a bumper, and with the toast I will include the rest of the Royal Family.

Bro. Stephens sang, "God Bless the Prince of Wales," which was heartily received.

After a humourous song by Bro. Worsley, the chairman said: I may inform you, ladies and gentlemen, that an outing of so delightful a character as the present, which is carried out so successfully, would be altogether impossible unless the arrangement of details were in the hands of able, energetic, and persevering stewards. Among those who have striven to this desirable end, I must name the two officers of the Friars Lodge of Instruction. To their untiring efforts this success is all due. We have, in Lodges of Instruction, but two officers, and it is necessary that they be good ones. The Secretary is the most important officer, and so is—the Treasurer (laughter), the one exerts himself to get the money, the other does his utmost to keep it. In our Bros. Pavitt and Worsley we have all we could wish, and I ask you to drink their health.

Bro. Smith sang the "Four Jolly Smiths," and

Bro. Worsley, in reply, said: Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen—I thank you for drinking my health so heartily, and giving me my first opportunity of speaking of the Friars Lodge of Instruction. Although it has been established but twelve months we have reason to be very proud of it. I am afraid we have of late had a tendency in our Lodge matters to think only of ourselves, and am the more pleased that to-day, in coming here, we have the ladies with us. Bro. Pavitt and I thought we ought to be so honoured, and we hope they will on many occasions favour the brethren of the Friars Lodge at their summer festivals. We have a very successful Lodge, a Lodge of which we are proud. I am pleased to say that under the able supervision of Bro. Musto it has reached such a state of efficiency as to be known throughout London as a thorough working Lodge.

Bro. Pavitt said—After the able and interesting remarks of Bro. Worsley, little need be said by me. I am rather surprised we are honoured in this manner. We, as a Committee, endeavoured to arrange for our comforts, and I am sure we have had a most enjoyable day, a great part of the success being due to the presence of the ladies; and I hope we may all live to enjoy ourselves on similar happy occasions.

Bro. J. Fowler favoured the company with a fine rendering of the old song, "Who deeply drinks of Wine," which was greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Pavitt next obliged the company by singing the "Minstrel Boy." Bro. Musto then said—The next toast I have the privilege of proposing is one I consider to be the toast of the evening. I am sure every gentleman will join with me in drinking to the toast of the Ladies. They are our partners in life, our comforters in distress; they are the sharers of our fortunes, whether it be for weal or for woe. I hope that on many future occasions we shall be similarly honoured with their company, and feel that we have no greater friends to Freemasonry than the ladies. Could we have them with us more frequently, I am sure much good would result from it. There are many of our secrets which could with advantage be shared by the ladies. I trust the success of this, the first summer outing of the Friars Lodge of Instruction, will be the means of introducing such happy occasions to other Lodges. That we may not incur, or deserve the charge of selfishness, I do trust the ladies may be induced to join our numbers on very many happy outings. I name Bro. Barker to respond for the ladies.

Bro. Barker: I am exceedingly surprised I am called upon on such an important occasion to do honour to this toast. I am sure there are others more qualified to speak of the merits of the ladies than I. I can only say we are only pleased to have the ladies here, and hope they are pleased in coming. It has long been a by-word that we, as a body, keep to ourselves. I hope I may in some measure prove such not to be universally the case. We read in sacred history that King Solomon, who, as everybody knows, took such great interest in Masonic labours, was far from being averse to the ladies, and I may assure them that of all men

No mortal can more
The ladies adore
Than a Free and an Accepted Mason.

Bro. J. Shepherd, W.M. of the mother Lodge, next gave the healt h of Bro. Musto, expressing his appreciation of the able manner in which that Bro. had presided; to his genial influence much of the pleasure of the day was due. This was received with musical honours, which were most heartly taken up.

Bro. Musto, having regard to the rapid flight of time, briefly acknowledged the favour done him, and gave as his next toast the Senior and Junior Wardens. They had discharged their duty with great credit. Bro. Shepherd, their W.M., was well known to them all, and appreciated; Bro. Andrews W.M. 1227, Upton Lodge, was also a great favourite. This was cordially received, and thanks returned by the brethren complimented.

The proceedings throughout were interspersed with songs; besides those already noticed must be mentioned a charming rendering of an old ballad by Miss Musto; while

"In happy moments day by day,"

Bro. Fowler had another opportunity of displaying the qualities of a fine voice.

After several other songs, the ladies and brethren dispersed to again enjoy the beauties of the gardens. In our rambles around we discovered a brother who had brought a party down to enjoy themselves; he, in a truly fraternal spirit, invited as many of our party as desired to join his in the pleasures of the mazy dance, and we have to thank Bro. Watkins of the Lebanon Lodge for some excellent dancing, to a splendid band. This was so much enjoyed that the company determined to stay till the last train, to avail themselves to the uttermost of the opportunity. Whilst some were dancing, others were enjoying the scenery, which was now lit up by the moon, whose autumnal rays cast their mild and beautiful light over the flower beds and walks, investing them with additional charm.

There must be an end to all things, however agreeable; so, despite the many attractions of the hour, the inexorable necessity of catching the last train to town caused us, most unwillingly, to leave the scene of so much pleasure, seeking some consolation from the thought that "as happy we had met, so happy we would part, and—*happy meet again.*" So mote it be.

PROVINCE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

We have received a copy of the programe of the proceedings to be observed on Wednesday next at the meeting of this P.G. Lodge, held under the banner of Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, at York. The Lord Mayor of York has lent the Guildhall and Mansion House for the occasion; the Dean of York has given permission for a special service in the cathedral, and accordingly a procession in full regalia will take place in the afternoon from the Guildhall to the glorious old Minster of York. A banquet is to take place in the evening at the De Grey rooms, and later there will be a conversazione, with music, &c., at which ladies will be present. The entire arrangements seem very perfect, as might have been expected from the brethren of a Lodge so favourably known as the Eboracum.

MARK MASONRY IN PLUMSTEAD.

The "Excelsior" Lodge, No. 226, of Mark Master Masons, held their regular meeting at the "Lord Raglan," Plumstead, on Tuesday evening last. Bro. John G. Holmes P.M., &c., in the chair, supported by the following brethren, viz., Smyth, Weston, Tolbé, Penfold, Keys, Palmer, Sculley, Moulds, Kennedy, Wilson, Tappenden, Deeves, Ovenden, Chamberlin, Hepburn, &c. The routine business having been disposed of, Bro. W. A. Tucker, of Lodge 913, was admitted with the usual formalities to the degree of Mark Master Mason. Several grants for charitable purposes having been made, the Lodge adjourned at an early hour.

The installation meeting of the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607, will take place this day (Saturday), at the Alexandra Palace, Wood Green. Bro. C. J. Perceval is the W.M. elect.

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THINGS ONE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I notice in your columns an advertisement, headed "London Masonic Charity Association," wherein it is stated that the Committee of that Association have selected six cases of applicants (namely Nos. 15, 30, 16, 73, 77 and 60) for admission into the Boy's School, and six cases, numbered 17, 27, 9, 8, 15 and 23 from the list of applicants desiring to be elected into the Sister Institution at Clapham, as worthy of their support. Is this a sign of the Association's previous success, or is it emblematical of weakness? I am myself strongly inclined to view the announcement under the latter phase, as it seems hardly credible that an Association, however strong its voting capabilities may be, has the power of electing *six* candidates from *each* list; unless it should happen that the selection has been made of cases having already high figures carried to their credit, and whose chances of return on the Scrutineers' list of successfuls are rendered almost certain by the previous exertions of friends apart from the Association, a circumstance which I trust for the credit of the executive of the L.M.C.A. has not been, by them, taken into account. It is within my remembrance that in the early days of the Association great stress was laid upon the fact that the cases to be taken up by it were to be those which, to all appearances, had been left out in the cold by friends instrumental in effecting their location on the list of accepted candidates; can it be that so large a number as *twelve* come at this time under that category?

I have been for some time past anticipating the publication of a report detailing what was done at the last election for boys and girls, with a statement of the Association's action at the election for annuitants in May last, but have hitherto failed to see it in either of the two Masonic weekly issues. It would be interesting to know the position of the Association as regards its liabilities for votes borrowed to secure the return of cases previously advocated, and to read an avowal of the means proposed to be taken to advance the welfare of the twelve cases above referred to: I sincerely hope that the numerical increase of the cases they purpose working for has not been induced by a desire to obtain assistance from the friends of the applicants whose causes they expouse, in order to carry weight before the Craft as a successful body of co-operatives, trusting to the prominence thus freely given of their respective candidature bringing in such a number of votes as will enable the executive to redeem outstanding pledges, and at the same time take to themselves the credit of securing the election of so large a number of applicants. Can you or any of your readers enlighten me herein?

Yours fraternally,

QUERIST.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have just received a circular, purporting to emanate from a body styling itself the "London Masonic Charity Association," in which I am informed that the Committee of the Association, "having carefully considered the respective claims of the London candidates," have decided upon recommending certain cases, of which a list is given, for the support of the London brethren at the ensuing elections, and my vote and interest are earnestly solicited on their behalf.

May I inquire what *is* this Association? and what claims it possesses to the confidence of the brethren? The signature of a well-known and highly esteemed brother is appended to the circular, and if I had received from him, as an individual, an application for my votes on behalf of any single candidate in whom he might be interested, I should certainly (unless my votes had been promised beforehand), give them in favour of that candidate, as I should assume, and no doubt rightly, that he was thoroughly conversant with the case, and considered it deserving. But an Association, whatever may be its constitution, sitting in judgment upon a number of cases, of the majority of which the members can have no personal knowledge, is quite another question; and I, for one, object to have "recommended" candidates thrust upon me by a body which must be irresponsible, and, therefore, open to influences likely to render an impartial selection impossible. How can I, for instance, tell whether or not each of the candidates selected is not the nominee of some member of the Committee, or of some friend of a member, who pulls the strings at second-hand?

Now, I have been solicited to support a case which I know to be most deserving—at least as deserving as any of the "recommended" candidates appear to be; and it would be interesting to know what is the process of "careful consideration" to which the claims of the candidates are subjected, when a genuinely deserving case is deliberately passed over and relegated to the list of the *not* "recommended."

I would advise the brethren not to entrust their votes to this Association until they are informed what process of inquiry was gone through before the twelve candidates were selected, and are moreover satisfied that their votes (if sent open, which I presume is the intention), are not given to one or more especially favoured candidates, instead of being equitably divided amongst those who have already met with the favour of the Committee.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

A P.M. AND LIFE GOVERNOR.

CURIOUS OLD TAPESTRY.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—During the annual meeting of the Cambrian Archæological Association they visited, on the 30th August, the old timbered residence called "Lymore" formerly belonging to the Lords Herbert of Cherbury, and which, by the courtesy of the present owner, the Earl of Powis, was freely opened for inspection. This old house, amongst other antiquities, boasts of its well preserved tapestry. One room is hung with a magnificent specimen of the art, depicting the "Visit of the Queen of Sheba at the opening of the Temple." The figures are drawn very large, and two of them are illustrative of the five points of fellowship. As this tapestry bears the date 1556, it evidently must have been removed from Montgomery Castle on its destruction in 1649 by order of Oliver Cromwell, the Herberts being stout Royalists.

Does any one know of other tapestry, bearing such evidence of the antiquity of our ritual!

D. P. OWEN, P.M., P.Z. 998.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday last, in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. There were present—Bros. Joyce Murray (in the chair), Donald M. Dewar, W. H. Perryman, S. Rosenthal, Arthur E. Gladwell, W. F. C. Moutrie, H. Massey, J. W. M. Dosell, James Winter, Frederick Adlard, Dick Radclyffe, and F. Binckes (Secretary). The minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed, two petitions were read, one from Oldham, Lancashire, and the other from Berkeley, Gloucestershire, and the children petitioned for were placed on the list for the election in April next. One outfit was granted to a lad who, since leaving the school, had obtained a situation and conducted himself well. Bro. Binckes read two motions, of which notice had been given for the next Quarterly Court in October. By Bro. C. F. Matier—"That in law 55, line 3, after the word 'seven' the word 'consecutive' be omitted." By Bro. J. A. Birch, proposed alteration of Rule 73, sub-section 2, to read as follows:—"The election and removal of the Secretary shall be vested in the General Committee: the voting to be by balloting paper duly forwarded to each qualified member not less than fourteen days before the date of election: such balloting papers must be signed by the party entitled thereto, and may be presented by a member of the General Committee on his or her behalf at the time of election." Bro. Dick Radclyffe's circular, asking the approval of the members of the Committee, as individuals, to the scheme for forming a 'Royal Masonic Schools' Pupils Assistance Fund,' was explained by Bro. Binckes, and the brethren having stated their approval, and given in their names, the Committee adjourned.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday last. There were present—Bros. Col. Creaton Grand Treasurer (in the chair), Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, Capt. N. G. Philips, Dr. Jabez Hogg, S. Rawson, Thomas Cubitt, C. J. Perceval, James Brett, L. Stean, Raynham W. Stewart, C. G. Hill, A. H. Tattershall, Thomas Good, C. G. Dilley, John G. Stevens, F. Adlard, Charles F. Hogard, and James Terry Secretary. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. Terry announced the death of one of the male candidates for election, who had been twice at the head of the unsuccessful list. The Warden's report announced the departure of some of the inmates of the usylum for a brief period, and their due return. Bro. Terry also read the Committee's report of their visit to the Institution, where they found the inmates in good health, considering their years, and the Institution in a satisfactory condition. They also recommended that a tool-house should be erected, as it would vacate a portion of the Asylum which might be adapted for the residence of one more annuitant. Bro. Terry read an estimate which had been given for the erection of a tool-house for £38. On the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, it was resolved to build a tool-house, and to accept the tender which had been read. One widow was granted half her late husband's annuity, and one candidate was added to the list for the May 1880 election, after which the Committee adjourned.

The Fifteen sections will be worked at the Corinthian Lodge of Instruction, No. 1382, commencing at 6.30 p.m., by the Members of the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862, at the George Hotel, Glengal-road, Poplar, on Tuesday, 23rd September. Bro. R. P. Tate S.D. 862 in the chair; H. G. Gush I.G. 1541 S.W., J. S. Brown 862 J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. McCullock, Kearney, Gush, Abell, Long, Brown, Thompson. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Pizzard, Marston, Fox, Hallam sen., Stacey. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Larchin, Snelling, Hallam jun. W. Long P.M. 435 Preceptor and Hon. Sec.

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EARL OF CARNARON LODGE, No. 1642.

THE regular meeting was held on Thursday, at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., under the presidency of Bro. S. H. Parkhouse the W.M., supported by Bros. E. M. Lander S.W., Samuel Smout sen. J.W., George Penn I.P.M. Treas., W. J. Murlis P.M. Sec., W. Stephens P.M., Rev. P. M. Holden P.M. Chap., Rev. C. Darby Reade S.D., S. Smout jun. J.D., F. Delevante Organist, J. Woodmason Steward, several brethren, and the following Visitors—Bros. J. Poulter 990. M. A. Maillard 435, W. Matthews 1489, E. P. Albert P.G.P., W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, G. Davis J.W. 167, J. E. Jones 704, W. W. Gray W.M. 704, E. Arrowsmith 733, H. G. Buss Assist. G. Sec., T. B. Linscott S.D. 55, W. R. Lister S.W. 145, J. Fisher 733, &c. The Lodge having been regularly opened, was advanced to the third degree, when Bros. Foskitt, Taylor, Huish, and Burgess were raised. The Lodge being resumed, Bros. Smith, French, Tanner, and Wadham were passed. The ballot was taken during the evening for Mr. Henry Hart as a candidate for initiation, and for Bro. William Binns as a candidate for joining. In each case the result was favourable, and in due course Mr. Henry Hart was admitted to the benefits of Masonic light. The next business before the Lodge was the election of Worshipful Master, Treasurer, Tyler and Auditors. In the first instance, Bro. Lander, the present Senior Warden, was unanimously elected to fill the chair for the coming year. Bro. Penn was re-elected to the office of Treasurer, as was also Bro. Schofield to that of Tyler; and Bros. Dr. Pocock Rogers and Rutherglen were appointed to audit the accounts. Each of the appointments was suitably announced by the W.M., and acknowledged by the respective brethren. Bro. Penn then, in accordance with notice of motion given by him, proposed that the sum of fifty guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; he considered it could but be the wish of the members to see their Lodge Vice President of all the Charities, and he considered this grant would be a good step toward attaining such an object. Bro. Murlis seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously, the amount to be placed on the list of the W.M., who has undertaken the duty of Steward for the next Festival. Bro. Penn next proposed that a jewel of the usual description be presented by the Lodge to the retiring Master, Bro. Parkhouse, who, he said, was to be complimented for the admirable manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of his office. The ability and kindness he had always displayed could but be conducive to the prosperity of the Lodge. Bro. S.W., in putting the vote to the Lodge, added a few words of approval. The vote we need hardly add was most unanimously passed. The W.M. suitably responded. He was exceedingly gratified, and looked upon it as a great honour to serve as Master of such a Lodge as the Earl of Carnarvon. He then proceeded to close the Lodge, the brethren adjourning to banquet. At the conclusion of the repast, and after grace had been said by the Chaplain, the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, paying, as is usual in this Lodge, especial compliment to the name of the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master. In introducing the toast of the Lord Skelmersdale and the other Grand Officers, the W.M. referred to the pleasure he felt in having two Officers of Grand Lodge at the meeting that evening. After paying a compliment to Bro. Buss, who was, he said, most efficient in his duties, the W.M. called upon that brother and Bro. E. P. Albert to respond. Bro. Buss, in the course of his reply, referred to the position that had from the first been taken by the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. The way in which its members worked in the cause of charity was most creditable, and entitled them to the greatest regard from all parts. Bro. Albert followed in a similar strain, especially mentioning the progress the Lodge had made in point of numbers. Three years since, he said, there were not more than 25 members; now the Lodge could boast of upwards of 100. This and other matters proved unmistakably the great success which had attended the efforts of the founders. The W.M. then proposed the health of the initiate. This was a toast always pleasing to propose and ever cordially received. It was usual at their meetings for them to have two or three gentlemen on whom to confer the privilege of Masonic initiation. On the present occasion, however, only one of those expected had arrived, and they had therefore but one whose health they were called upon to drink. As, however, they had that night received another brother into their Lodge, as a joining member, the W.M. had pleasure in coupling his name with that of Bro. Hart, as he would also do in the case of Bro. Flood, who, although balloted for and received at the last meeting had, by some oversight, been left out of the reckoning at the banquet table. Bro. Hart, after thanking the brethren, detailed his experience of what was usually put forth by "friends" as the Masonic initiation, he had not been quite so awfully treated as he had been led to suppose he should be, but the ceremony had greatly impressed him, and he felt assured would ever remain in his recollection. So long as he was able he felt that he should take a great interest in the brotherhood. Bros. Flood and Binns having replied, Bro. Penn assumed the gavel and proceeded to give the health of the W.M. This was the last opportunity he would have of bringing the toast under the notice of the brethren, and he should very much regret the loss of this pleasurable part of his duty. In responding, for the first time, to the toast of his health, the W.M. had stated that if the Lodge during his year of office was not a success it would not be his fault. The results that had been achieved were the best proofs as to whether the W.M. had kept his word, he (Bro. Penn) thought there was no question of it, and the brethren must admit that, throughout the term, their comfort had been studied, and the interests of the Lodge advanced. The W.M., in reply, assured the brethren that it was with great feelings of gratitude he listened to the marks of approval they expressed. He accepted the office of Master of the Lodge with great nervousness, but having been elected unanimously he was re-assured, and hoped that he might prove himself worthy. He should always look back upon the past year as one of the most enjoyable of his life. Throughout his presidency he had enjoyed the good wishes of his brethren and the assistance of the Past Masters. To the latter he was greatly indebted, more especially to Bro. Penn, who had not only rendered assistance in the Lodge but had taken great pains to see that all were enjoying themselves at the banquets. The three years which had passed since the foundation of the Lodge had been most successful, and a great part of this success was due to the brethren who had preceded him in the ruling of the Lodge. The W.M. expressed the pleasure the members felt in seeing Bro. W. Stephens, who had acted as Past Master during the first year of the Lodge's existence, rewarded by promotion to Provincial rank. He hoped that Bro. Stephens would long be able to enjoy the honours he so richly deserved. Of Bro. Murlis, the first Master, it was quite unnecessary to speak. He was so well known to all the members that the mere mention of his name was as great a compliment as could be paid him. The W.M. concluded by calling on the brethren to drink to the good health of their Past Masters. Bro. Penn briefly returned thanks, and was followed by Bro. Murlis, who said that he had, and ever should, take a great interest in the Lodge. Having been its first Master, he looked upon himself in a great measure as responsible for its good name being kept untarnished. He never saw an addition to the roll of members but he felt proud, and as long as such gentlemen as the one they had received that evening presented themselves, he could rest assured the Lodge would prosper. Bro. Stephens considered it a great satisfaction to be associated with such a Lodge as the Carnarvon, which not only maintained a foremost position in the Craft, but was to the front in the great work of charity. The Lodge had been represented by three or four Stewards at various Festivals, and each had outvied the other in the amount of their lists; this fraternal rivalry could not go on for ever with so successful a result, but he felt assured that their present W.M. would have a list that no one need feel ashamed of, indeed its present total, nearly £150, was a splendid one, but there was ample time for large additions, and he felt sure many amounts would be added before the day arrived for returning the list to the Institution. The W.M. now rose and proposed the health of his Visitors. They were not quite so numerous as they had been on many previous occasions. He assured such as were present that the members were at all times delighted to see them. Bros. Linscott, Davis, Lister, and Morgan replied, after which the Master proposed the Treasurer and Secretary, followed by the W.M. elect. Bro. Parkhouse tendered his regrets to Bro. Lander for having forgotten him until this late period of the evening, but hoped that the reception he felt sure would be accorded, would be none the less appreciated because a little late. For the past three years Bro. Lander had faithfully carried out the duties of the respective offices to which he had been appointed, on every occasion doing his utmost to support the Master and assist in the ruling of the Lodge. He had, likewise, systematically supported the Charities, of each of which he had become a Life Governor since the establishment of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. The W.M. trusted that a year of prosperity was in store for his successor, and that when the time came for Bro. Lardner to relinquish the post to which he had been elected, he would be able to look back on as successful a year as that through which the Lodge had just passed. Bro. Lander tendered his thanks for the way in which the W.M. had just proposed his health, and more especially for the kindness of the brethren in having elected him unanimously to the position of Master. He would do his utmost to conduct the duties of Master successfully, and hoped he should maintain the prestige of the Lodge. His predecessors had been so successful in what they had undertaken that he feared it would be a hard task to excel them, still he should endeavour to earn the approval of the members, and hoped that at the corresponding meeting of the Lodge in 1880, the brethren would speak as kindly of him as they had to-night done of Bro. Parkhouse and the others who had filled the chair of the Lodge. The W.M. now proposed the toast of the officers. The brethren who assisted him in the ruling of the Lodge were all deserving the thanks of the members, they one and all seemed to exert themselves to add to the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren and generally assist in maintaining the Lodge in its prosperous career. The J.W. not only attended to his duties in the Lodge, but formed the mainstay in the Lodge of Instruction. He hoped that in twelve months time the brethren would be called upon to drink the health of Bro. Smout as W.M. elect. Each of the other Officers were referred to in turn by the W.M., and the toast having been heartily received, each replied. The W.M. then proposed "Prosperity to the Masonic Charities." This toast he said was one they should always remember, although he hardly thought it needful to remind the members of the Lodge of their duty in this respect. He announced that his list for the Old People then reached a total of 150 guineas (which was afterwards augmented), and referred to the fact that in the course of the three years of the Lodge's existence they had contributed no less than £1000 to the three Charities. Bro. Morgan jun. having replied, the Tyler was summoned, and the brethren separated.

SEASONABLE HINTS.—The vacation season affords an excellent opportunity for Masonic house cleaning. Now is the time to give attention to the halls and apartments, and to see that they are put in proper condition for the meetings of the Craft when the call from refreshment to labor shall be made. The use of broom and brush; a little soap and water rightly applied; a few touches of paint; the addition, perhaps, of some long needed article of furniture or appropriate ornament will impart to the Masonic home a changed and more inviting appearance. Musty, disagreeable and ill kept halls are stumbling blocks in the way of progress. A cleanly and attractive Lodge room ranks among the essentials of Masonic prosperity and comfort.—*Repository.*

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BISHOP CANTILUPE, GRAND MASTER OF TEMPLARS.

From the "Keystone" of 23rd August.

So far as we are aware, there was during the middle ages but a single Bishop of the English Church who was also a Provincial Grand Master of Knights Templar. There were not a few examples of eminent ecclesiastics who were also architects and Freemasons and, as there are analogously now—one distinguished Bishop of this country, Sir and Bro. Rt. Rev. Wm. H. Odenheimer, D.D., D.C.L., having died only last week, and been interred on Monday, August 18th inst.; but we believe that Sir Thomas Cantilupe, Bishop of Hereford, is the only English Bishop who was a leading Templar, and whose shrine in an English Cathedral is conspicuously decorated with Templar emblems.

Sir and Bishop Cantilupe was a famous man in his day, as the interesting details of his biography which we are about to give conclusively prove; and yet, singular to say, you may search in vain in any general biographical dictionary, even the fullest, or any ancient or modern encyclopædia, for even the mention of his name! It is quite time that his memory should be rescued from this comparative oblivion, since it is only in certain special works that you may read of him at all, and we feel assured that all Freemasons, and especially all Knights Templar, will thank us for the accurate information we give below concerning one who played so distinguished a part in the history of Templarism, of the English Church, and of the English State. He was an English Bishop, a Lord Chancellor of England, and after his death was canonized by the Pope. To these distinctions he added the crowning one, to us, of being a Knight Templar, and a Provincial Grand Master of the Templars of England.

Thomas Cantilupe was of noble extraction, being the son of William Baron de Cantilupe, of an illustrious Norman line, whose name was derived from Champ de Loup, or Campus Lupi (field of the wolf). He studied at Oxford University, then went to Paris to the College of Sarbonne, where he was graduated M.A. Thence he went to Orleans, where he studied the civil law, under an eminent professor, and was so quick and able a scholar that in his master's absence he occupied his chair. Returning to Oxford he studied canon law, and received the degree of D.C.L. In 1262, he was elected Chancellor of the University of Oxford, in which position he distinguished himself not only by his learning, but also by his manly courage. A riot having arisen between the southern and northern students, Chancellor Cantilupe promptly suppressed it, but not without injury to both his garments and his person. During the "Barons' War," in February 1265, he was appointed, in the name of King Henry III., Lord Chancellor of England.* He held this high office until August of the same year, when the defeat of the Barons at the battle of Evesham caused the elevation of Edward I. to the throne, by whom he was removed. He then retired to Oxford, where he pursued anew his studies in divinity, and received the degree of Doctor of Divinity. But his connection with the insurgent Barons did not blind king Edward I. to his merits, who appointed him Archdeacon of Stafford, Canon of York, Canon of London, &c., to which he added other and "many fat benefices," being quite a pluralist. He received his chief ecclesiastical dignity in 1275, when he was appointed Bishop of Hereford,† and presided over the See until 1282. During his Episcopacy he had a dispute with Peckham, Archbishop of Canterbury, who went so far as to excommunicate him. The intrepid Cantilupe, fearing nothing, however, and relying upon the justice of his cause, proceeded to Rome, and laid his cause before Pope Martin IV., by whom he was paternally received, and who, espousing his cause, decided the dispute in his favor. On his return journey, and before he had passed out of Italy, the good Bishop was seized with a mortal malady, and died in 1282 at Civita Vecchia.

His remains were strangely treated—probably by his own dying request. The flesh was separated from his bones, by boiling, and interred in a church at Orvieto; his heart was transported to the monastic church of Ashridge, in Buckinghamshire; and his bones were taken to his own Cathedral of Hereford. As the latter were taken into the Cathedral, the Earl of Gloucester approached, and touched the casket containing them, when, the story runs, that they "bled afresh," whereupon the Earl was led to make restitution to the Church of all the lands that Bishop Cantilupe had, in his lifetime, justly, but ineffectually, claimed from him.

Cantilupe was a man of great learning, of humility, and yet of a manly courage and of blameless life. His friend, Archbishop Kilwarby, when Oxford conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity, even went so far as to say that "he was never guilty of any sin which he could judge to be mortal." His succeessors in the Bishopric of Hereford specially honoured Bishop Cantilupe, by taking his family arms as the heraldic bearings of their See.

In the view of many, the crowning honor of his career was his canonization, in 1320, by Pope John XXII. He was the last Englishman canonized before the Reformation. *He would have been canonized sooner had he not been a Knight Templar.* In this connection, we may mention that Cantilupe's first patron, King Henry III., in the tenth year of his reign (1226), granted a charter to the Templars, confirming them in all their possessions, and granting them many additional privileges.

In 1307 the Templars were arrested throughout England; in 1310 they were condemned, and two years later the Order was formally dissolved by the Council of Vienne. The bones of Bishop Cantilupe were interred at first in the Lady Chapel of Hereford Cathedral, but afterwards, in 1286, they were removed, in the presence of King Edward II., to the north transept, which appears to have been rebuilt expressly for the reception of the magnificent Templar shine which was there erected to his memory, and still exists to excite the admiration of every visitor to the Cathedral. The "brass" that surmounted it is gone, but the shrine remains. We will describe it, since all Templars, and also all Freemasons, will be interested in it. It is a worthy memorial of Provincial Grand Master Cantilupe.

This Templar altar shrine is constructed entirely of Purbeck marble, in the form of a parellogram, with two divisions, the lower solid, the upper of open work. On this once rested the actual shrine, containing the relics of the saint. "Cantilupe was Provincial Grand Master of the Knights Templar of England; and round the lower division of the pedestal are fifteen figures of Templars, in various attitudes, placed in the recesses of a foliated arcade. All are fully armed, in chain-mail, with surcoat, shield and sword."‡

We need not be surprised to learn that it was asserted that miracles were performed at the shrine of this canonized saint; Fuller says, "no fewer than four hundred and twenty-five miracles are registered, reported to have been wrought at his tomb * * yea, it is recorded in his legend that by his prayers were raised from death to life threescore several persons, one-and-twenty lepers healed, and three-and-twenty blind and dumb men received their sight and speech."§ This Knights Templar's bones, if we have faith in this long catalogue, have been quite efficacious in healing the ills of humanity. And it would seem also true that a Lord Chancellor of England, a Bishop of the English Church, a Chancellor of Oxford University, and a canonized saint, to say nothing of a Grand Master of Knights Templar, is worthy of at least a passing mention in the biographical dictionaries of our day.

Cantilupe came of an heroic race. His uncle, Walter Cantilupe (sometimes styled Walter Normanus, or the Norman), was Bishop of Worcester in 1237, and was a brave champion of English liberty as against the Pope. Before the battle of Lewis, he absolved the entire army of the Barons, bidding them fight boldly against the King's forces, and with as much certainty of salvation as if they were fighting in a crusade! He, too, was excommunicated by the Pope, and was only reconciled and absolved on his death bed.

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* Campbell's *Lives of the Lord Chancellors.*
† Foss's *Judges of England.*

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IT is much to be regretted that the dissensions that occurred four months ago within the Symbolic Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council here are far from being adjusted; and that the conflict between the authorities of that rite and some of its subordinate Lodges threatens rather to take the proportions of a revolutionary movement than any thing else. The question at issue is, no less than that of a complete reform of the fundamental basis upon which the government of the rite now rests, and by which it has been able, hitherto, to live.

It is true that question has been raised by only sixteen Lodges out of some seventy-nine or eighty that are under the sway of the Supreme Council. But it remains to be seen how far the cry raised for an autonomous Grand Lodge, independent of the Supreme Council of the 33° degree, is effectively or morally supported by the other Lodges that have up to this moment, for motives of their own, remained either neutral or silent; also, how could the authorities of that body possibly comply with such a demand, in the event of its becoming unanimous or that of a majority, without upsetting their own principles, weakening their own authority, disorganising the whole fabric, and eventually to remain with a name and wondrous title as vain and heterogenous to some as perhaps it would seem already unnecessary and objectionable even to many of their own brethren.

It was in the year 1871 that the General Assembly of the Grand Orient abolished the Grand Mastership. It did so with alacrity, and wisely too; not so much, as it might have been thought, against the institution of the Office itself, for the latter had then very little of the pageant-like left to it, but for obvious and very sound motives bearing upon the independence of the Order. French Masonry had, in 1862, been shamed and mortified, as it were, by the Emperor Napoleon III. stepping profanely into the mystic Temple, and ordering, by a decree of his, the French Masons to accept as Grand Master one of his Marshals, who like himself was a profane. The mortification no doubt was great, and, besides, there was no other alternative than to submit passively to it. So they did, but they seized upon the first opportunity that presented itself at the Grand Orient, to abolish altogether the Office of Grand Master, leaving the functions of the latter to be exercised by a Council of the Order, or virtually by a president. This Board was at that time, as it is now, composed of 33 members, elected by the Lodges at their general assembly. A democratic spectacle in Masonic management was then given to the fraternity, viz:—A Grand Master descending from his throne to occupy the simple chair that was expressely vacated for him by the fraternal courtesy of our much esteemed Brother de Saint Jean, then, as now the President of the Council of the Order.

But the other French power, called the Supreme Council of the 33° of the A. and A. Scottish Rite for France and its dependencies, though then affected by the same Imperial decree, instituted no reform, underwent no change; and is now under the Grand Mastership of the illustrious Brother Cremieux S.G.C. of the Sup. Council, just as it was, in 1862, under that of the academician Bro. Viennet.

There are between that Power and the Grand Orient two great characteristic peculiarities that distinguish the one from the other as Masonic organisations, and most strikingly too. In the former, all authority or power, administrative or executive, is vested in a Supreme Council of the 33°, self-elected, of course, as Supreme Councils generally are. While, in the latter, the General Assembly of all the Lodges is the Supreme power, whence the executive authority of the Council of the Order comes; for the members of that Council are the elected delegates or representatives of that Assembly, to act for it when not in session.

The first gives pre-eminence to the so-called Hauts Grades, and exclusively leaves to them the management of all the rite (Symbolic, Capitular and Cryptic Degrees bound together) in a hierarchical manner. Whereas the second ignores altogether such preeminence and hierarchy, and, like the United Grand Lodge of England and all other Grand Lodges in the Masonic world, altogether confines the whole administrative and legislative power of the Craft to Symbolic Masonry; that is to say—to the mass of the Lodges working the three first Degrees; and that quite independently from any other whatsoever.

These explanations might be considered necessary for the information of those of our English brethren who are not conversant with the constitutional organisation of these two French Masonic bodies, and who, judging from their own, might be led to believe it an erroneous anomaly to ascribe to any Supreme Council whatever the management of the affairs of Blue Masonry, and to have it placed under the sway of the S.G. Principal of the thirty-third degree.

These organic peculiarities being made plain to all, it will not therefore seem very hard to understand the difficulty of the situa-

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tion, and, perhaps, it will make it comparatively easy to judge of the extent and importance of what is sought to be obtained from, or enforced upon the authorities of the Supreme Council by those sixteen refractory Lodges, and the awkward position into which they have likewise dragged their parent Lodge, and out of which, however, there must be found some satisfactory issue for both parties, without infringing the rights of either, nor hurting the feelings of any. It must here be added, to the particulars above given of the constitution and government practice of the Supreme Council, that there now exists in that rite a kind of Grand Lodge, under the denomination of *First Section of the Central Grand Lodge of France*. It is composed of the delegates of the Lodges chartered by that jurisdiction, and it is presided over by the Supreme Council, or some of its members, to which Supreme Council must be submitted for ratification or confirmation all resolutions passed, and also to which alone, it would appear, belongs the privilege of determining the nature of the business that may be transacted, and the questions that may be discussed by that Grand Lodge when it is called upon to meet.

This being understood, the facts referring to the present discord can thus be briefly stated :—

In April last some members of the Lodge Justice, holding office as delegates of this and other Lodges to the First Section of the Central Grand Lodge, set down for discussion, at the next meeting of the latter, a proposal for decentralisation of the rite; and, to this effect, addressed a circular to all the Lodges of the obedience, which advocated the immediate creation of a Grand Lodge composed of the Deputies only, and entirely invested with the power of governing all Lodges of symbolic degrees.

Of course the Supreme Council, startled by the action, struck out of the order of the day, by a well-seasoned decree, so obnoxious a subject for discussion, which consequently terminated by some very un-Masonic and reprehensible proceedings. And eventually the Lodge Justice and its five officers, signatories of that circular, were by another Decree of the Supreme Council suspended from all Masonic rights and privileges.

Thus far it might have been thought that the authors of the agitation, having been suspended, and the Lodge from which it had emanated being closed, it would have been easy to wipe out the traces of that character of effervescence assumed at first, and to consider coolly and calmly what was best to be done to avoid similar outbursts of an intemperate cry for reform, by giving at once some satisfaction to reasonable demands. But whether the authorities in the Supreme Council did or not show tact in striking promptly at the agitators, or whether they overrated the offence against Masonic discipline, and failed to show, in the first place, a little forbearance is, perhaps, what no one outside their Standing Committee can positively assert. However, one thing is certain,—the infliction of punishment has not yet produced the effect that might have been looked for in prompt severity: as the sentence does not now appear to hold good against the condemned Masons and the shut up Lodge. Indeed, it seems, on the contrary, that they have derived from that sentence a more countenanced attitude against the Supreme Council, so far as can be judged from the number of protests issued, the publication of pamphlets with narratives more or less reliable, the printing of circulars more or less un-Masonic in their form and tenor, the insertion of articles in one of our contemporaries, to be annotated and reprinted here for circulation in the Lodges, and so on.

Yet, the worst feature of this lamentable conflict is not there, nor is it in the public charge of untruth brought against the Supreme Council by those suspended Masons who—in reply to an official statement declaring them *unauthorised* as Lodge delegates in their contention against—boldly published fresh confirmation of their powers and ratification of their recent acts, by the Lodges of which they were, and would consider themselves to be, still the lawful delegates. Nor is it again, in the mere act of affixing their names to pamphlets against the Supreme Council, the rank and title which they held in the G.L., just as if they had never been suspended by any regular authority. But surely it is the more apparent, we should say rebellious, countenance given them at the elections in the Grand Lodge Centrale, in July last, by the votes they polled in three successive ballots for the vacant offices, notwithstanding their open hostility against the Supreme Council, and the decree of the latter making known to all that they were suspended from all Masonic rights and privileges for the term of two years, and therefore were, to all intents and purposes, ineligible to any Masonic Office for that period.

Of course the votes so polled were declared to be *null and void*, for reason of evident ineligibility or informality.

Now, in whatever light one looks at the proceeding of the electors in the Central Grand Lodge, we cannot help declaring it something more than unseemly. One would have thought that, out of simple deference to the authority of the Supreme Council, the Brethren would have refrained from recording their votes for those whom they knew to be regularly suspended for an offence against Masonic discipline, or rather for their hostility against the governing body of the jurisdiction under which they all were, and to whose decrees they were bound to show, in true Masonic spirit, complete submission.

But is there not a warning to be found in so open an opposition, that sets, as it were, at complete defiance the responsible authorities of the rite? At any rate it looks very much like it. For we find almost at the same time of those strange elections sixteen Lodges combining together to issue to all the Lodges a circular, whereby they affirm that any deliberative assembly has a right to make its own order of the day; declare that the mandate of delegate cannot exist, unless it be allowed to be freely exercised; contend that they are fully authorised by the Lodges to vindicate their rights against the Supreme Council; and, protesting against its last decree, give notice "to the authors of the rite" (?) of their determination to bring forward for discussion in the First Section of the Central Grand Lodge,—"the only competent authority" upon the matter,—that very same question—"which is of the greatest importance for the development here of Scottish Masonry, and which, by Supreme Council's decree, had been struck out of the Grand Lodge Centrale's agenda.

As a reply to that hostile circular, the Supreme Council, on the 28th of July last, and through its Great Chancellor, issued a communication to all the Lodges of its jurisdiction, asking pointedly those Lodges whose delegates are signitories of the circular to inform the Supreme Council whether it had been by the express wish or special power of the Lodge that its Deputy had attached his name to a document giving, as it were, to the brethren "*the signal of war against the fundamental principles of our association.*"

What answers have the Lodges made? what support do they thereby afford to the Supreme Council? is what we cannot positively say, as there has not been, since that time, any official publication made by the authorities (save an appeal to Concord), nor any meeting of the first section of the Central Grand Lodge called. But, if we take for truthful the various statements that have been made here and there, and judge from what has transpired, it would seem that the Appeal of the Supreme Council to the Lodges under its jurisdiction has not proved altogether beneficial to its authority; and that many of those Lodges that had remained silent have seized upon the occasion to make replies which are not entirely free from blame, couched in expressions more or less respectful, when they were not strong monitions and protests, expressing at the same time bitter feelings and hostile views. We have before us a copy of the letter sent in by the Venerable of the Lodge "Prévoyance," one of the most flourishing of the rite. In that Lodge sit brethren of distinguished ability and great Masonic zeal and moderation; yet that letter does not refrain from accentuating the principles and asserting strongly the views of the members of the *Prévoyance*, which are, by no means we should think, at all in harmony with those of the Supreme Council. And as regards those among the sixteen Lodges that have taken the lead in the movement, and which are aimed at in the official communication, it is said that they have *all* maintained the attitude assumed by their delegates, and have, even by many, been joined in their manifestations and protests against the decrees of the Supreme Council, and their cry for reform—by the immediate formation, *with* or *without* the sanction of the authorities, of a Grand Lodge, *with sovereign power in the administration and jurisdiction of the three symbolic degrees.*

If it is a sign of weakness to show alarm, it is surely a worse sign to disregard timely admonitions around us. Should all that is said above prove true—which we sincerely hope will not—we could not then, with truly Masonic sentiments, escape feeling uneasiness about the outcome of it all. Much as we stand for principles and rights, we must, however, deprecate and strongly too, any means of advocating or pushing them that may tend to produce warfare, discord, disunion, and to end afterwards (let us make use of the word) in SCHISM. For, of all people in the world, Masons should be the last to disagree and fight, and the first to pay respect to just rights and principles as enforced by their own laws.

It must not be overlooked that, to all rank and file in the brotherhood, there are Masonic obligations that must be fulfilled, contracts and ties that cannot be broken without penalty, promises of oath of allegiance to parent Lodge that must be adhered to so long as the Mason wants to be acknowledged everywhere as a brother, so long as he wishes to enjoy all those rights and privileges that are the common stock of the fraternity wherever extant. Unhappily, most of the strifes and troubles in our Order have come precisely from a disregard, either from high or low, of those just rights and principles; and not seldom, too, from a certain tendency to believe that Masonry might be capable of being assimilated to a kind of "state," wherein vanity, according to honours and degrees, could fancy and try with the "selected few," a mode of government upon the old pattern of "royal will and pleasure."

Looking seriously at these matters relating to the Supreme Council and its Lodges, all true Masons, we doubt not, would cordially deprecate any solution that should not conciliate the rights and interests of all concerned, so far as those interests and rights concur with the guiding spirit of the principles of our fraternity. It is useless to speculate upon the possibility of a secession of the subordinate Lodges from the parent power by persistent hostility. No such thing should be contemplated; indeed, as far as we are concerned, we decline to believe in that severance, unless some tangible proof or support be given. The Initiative Committee, composed of the Venerables of the five Lodges that *will* establish the Grand Lodge, shall meet with insuperable difficulties, even "financial." Besides seceders, if any there should be, would have to labour under the double disadvantage of being branded as *illegitimate and rebellious*, and deprived of any chance whatever of recognition by Masonic powers by the Grand Orient of France. It is also equally useless to consider, through an improbable rigidity of the Supreme Council, its remaining still unmoved and firm to the purpose of not giving way to the wishes of the Lodges, and to resist, by all means, the demanded forms.

All rights and interests must, of course, be taken into consideration, all privileges and authority must not be ignored. It is through their adjustment alone that we must arrive at a satisfactory settlement of the present lamentable dissension. But then arises this question :—

"Is it possible for the Supreme Council to grant a Charter of Grand Lodge to its subordinate Lodges, or rather permit them the formation of a Grand Lodge, with *exclusive and sovereign power over the administration and jurisdiction over the Symbolic Degree*, and, if so, could it *advisedly* do so, or allow such a thing to be done.

We frankly say that, in our humble opinion, we do not think it at all possible for the Supreme Council to charter a Grand Lodge, with *the rights and privileges demanded*, without committing itself to a suicidal course. And, among various reasons we have for so believing, we will simply state we do not think its Capitular and Cryptic elements, as now extant, at all important enough to allow it to suffer such a loss of members of the rite, and yet maintain itself as Supreme Council alone; unless a great adjunct from without be made at the same time

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to its present ranks of "Hautes Grades." Besides, a Supreme Council is a *Supreme Council*, and should remain so, but with all the usual paraphernalia.

If the Supreme Council of England and Wales, though comparatively of recent date—(its definitive formation in London dating from 1845)—now flourishes and works successfully, by the side of the Grand Lodge, its splendour and success are, no doubt, mainly attributable to the English enthusiasm for all Capitular and Chivalric Degrees, and, consequently, their natural leaning towards Orders of distinction. But, in France there no longer exists any such feeling or disposition; and a revival of it, at any time, must at once be considered an impossibility. Moreover, the Supreme Council of England owes a great deal of its present influence to the circumstance of its having exalted in the Offices of the "Hauts Grades" many of the High Dignitaries of Grand Lodge, and thus made with the latter the close connection—now so happily felt—that most of the great offices are filled by officers of Grand Lodge. And it is, then, under such auspicious circumstances that the Supreme Council can best afford to make to its adepts the well-known declaration which we find in our R. Croix Constitutions running as follows:—

"This Council does not interfere with or militate against the authority of the Grand Lodge governing the Three Symbolic Degrees, but distinctly recognises such authority, admitting none to the higher Degrees unless previously raised as Master Mason in some regularly constituted Lodge."

Now, could or would the Supreme Council of France, after the organisation and chartering of a Grand Lodge composed of all the Lodges at present under its rule, make on behalf of the newly created Grand Lodge a similar declaration. The answer to that question goes of itself, without saying—as the French phrase would have it. However, it must be observed that there cannot be any Grand Lodge *proper* without such exclusive rights and sovereign power as claimed. And it might be objected that the Supreme Council could, in no way, forfeit its rights and privileges, nor alternate the power and prerogative of its M.P. Sov. G. Com. who rejoices also in the title of Grand Master, *ad vitam*, is, *de jure*, the head and chief of any Grand Lodge that may be chartered by him, or allowed to be formed with the subordinate Lodges now under his rule.

Under these circumstances there may be some excuse for us to look for a practical solution of the difficulties of the situation. And we think, we may venture here to suggest, without in the least presuming to give counsel, such opinion as history itself seems to point to us, and the conclusion at which the very facts of the case irresistibly bring us. The institution of the Supreme Council, with all its apparent anomalies, has already lived upwards of seventy years, and now, if it does not languish, it is, at least, charged with falling short of fulfilling the just expectations of the brethren under its rule. Exercising co-ordinate jurisdiction with the Grand Orient of France, it seems, despite the zeal and emulation shown at different times, that its progress and development, when compared especially to that of the latter, have been really impeded, its onward march checked. In fact, it has remained a much smaller body, though it may boast of having had, and still possesses at its head brethren of great ability, men of high social position. Well, looking for the cause of that striking difference in the respective progress of these two co-existent French powers, we are inclined to attribute it solely to the question of organisation. The evidence of the present movement, and that of similar agitations for reforms and constitutional changes will fully justify them our thinking so. However, be the cause what it may, we are concerned only about its effect; the glaring and undeniable facts.

Now, why should not an alliance, or amalgamation, embodying the two powers, like that made in 1813, between the two English Grand Lodges, and since by some American Grand Lodges, be made, at once, under auspices as favourable as at the present time, between these two French jurisdictions? Why the Supreme Council, without losing anything of its authority, influence, or credit, would, on the contrary, turn the tables, and put an end to the strifes and intestinal troubles, and, increasing its strength and prestige, by the adjunction to its own of all Chapters and Councils under the Grand Orient's rule, become presently, as it should long be, the acknowleged chief of the "Hauts Grades" of Masonry for France and all its Dependencies. Why, then, settling with true fraternal amity all difficulties, and wiping out of memory all past questions of dissension, should not the Grand Orient, by the free will and accord of the Lodges of the Supreme Council, and with its friendly concurrence, become a Central Power, the Head, as naturally it would be, of all the Lodges, working the Three Symbolic Degrees in France and its Dependencies.

Thus the Supreme Council would indeed have done a good work, and would realise the greatest achievement that might be left for its own furtherance as a French Masonic Institution in the present day, by affording to its brethren, without disparagement to itself, that Grand Lodge and those rights and privileges which they insist upon so sternly, and by procuring them, at the same time, the much coveted advantage of living henceforth under a Masonic constitution adapted to their wants and aspirations, and bearing, in the spirit and conception of its mode of government, the national democratic stamp. Thus fully resolved to "dwell in unity," French Masonry would grow wiser and more powerful, both jurisdictions alike; the term would be universal, and its works and deeds uniform under one banner and one governing authority.

It is surely a matter of special and momentous interest to French Masons as a body, and perhaps also, in some measure, to Freemasonry at large. But it is no novelty; the wish and desire of such a *unification* has long since been expressed, and great efforts towards this commendable end have, at different epochs, been made. Since 1801 it has been the almost constant aim of the Grand Orient to gather into its midst all the French scattered members of the fraternity, and to give to French Masonry "unity in all." Most French Masons are favourable to that idea, the realisation of which has long been considered only a question of time. We believe that the time has at last come, and the opportunity is now very propitious. But there has been, and we are sorry to say there are still, great influences at work to prevent so pleasing a consummation. The love of power and office which is inherent to all human societies, and which often clothes itself in popular form, and does great homage, and pays all honours to the principles of liberty, equality, and fraternity, if not for it, takes occasion to betray them, at least if by so doing it can serve its own selfish design and interest; those petty jealousies about influence and success; about individualities and names, all these miserable motives have done, for many years, a great deal to engender bitter feelings and create a spirit of dissension between the Supreme Council and the Grand Orient, thus preventing constant harmony and stifling concord and progress. Therefore, what a matter for mutual congratulation it would be if the unpleasant struggle between the Supreme Council and its subordinate Lodges was to resolve itself, and happily end in the delightful consequence of the "reunion" under the same banner of all French "Sons of the Widow!" And for them with double propriety to apply, but feelingly to the occurrence, that verse already borrowed by Masonry:—

Ecce quam bonum, ecce quam jucundunt.

With reference to that great idea of amalgamation or union of the two rites, in order to gather all French Masons under the same government, and thus produce for them a bond of Adamantine qualities with national currency, we may appropriately, we think, copy here an extract from a report made by the Grand Orient in 1865 to its Grand Master, which document we find printed in a pamphlet published by the Grand Secretary. That report, which is also a respectful protest from the Grand Orient, refers to a decree suppressing the Supreme Council as a Masonic body, which decree was then issued by Marshal Magnan in his capacity as Grand Master of French Masonry, so appointed to the office by the Emperor's dictum, as affirmed above. In this historical and authentic writing it is said:—

"The existence of the Supreme Council is not a question of Masonic tenets, but simply one of organisation; not an affair of dogmas, but solely one of individualities. So much so, that no principle different from ours would prevent the Lodges of the Supreme Council coming and taking their place under our obedience in the Masonic family of the Grand Orient, should the course of time and events deprive them of their present central power. And we have no hesitation in saying that they would then find therein (as evidenced by the subjoined historical notice) the real elements that constitute the true Masonic Family:—'An organisation more liberal, under a discipline more fraternal, an application more complete of the principles of brotherly love and equality, together with the exercise of more real and direct rights, left to individual initiative, and all that under the sole obligation of never failing to the binding duties of *solidarity*, and, therefore, never to compromise by any un-Masonic action the common responsibility. When the opportunity will present itself, it shall be then time (and a meritorious work to do) to put all these incontestable truths under the eyes of all French Masons in order to get them back, but entirely out of their free will and accord, to the parent family, from which they had no cause to be separated, no fundamental reason to live isolated. And, for that moment, we can already point to Peace and Concord coming back to all our temples doubly adorned by Strength and Beauty; our works resumed with Force and Vigour; our minds and hearts filled with Masonic zeal, and our columns guided by true Light. May they soon see also our inheritance reconstituted and secured by the efforts of a wise and firm will; our symbols embellishing temples, the undisturbed possession of which being secured to us.

"Then, the moment will have come, M. Ill. G.M., to make a solemn appeal to our brethren of the Supreme Council, and to cordially open our ranks to them, wherein are beforehand marked out their places. And what a memorable date for French Masonic History; what a red-letter day for its annals, the day in which, setting a great and noble example, by giving up all those pompous titles created after the hour by the vanity of men, added to the simony of powers, the Grand Orient shall then call back the Great Masonic Family to the fraternal simplicity of our former days, and thus finally link the whole fraternity in one and the same bond of union."

In conclusion, we can only repeat, while watching passing events with a careful eye, that in our opinion the moment to carry out the desirable FUSION has definitely come, and very cordially do we hope that it will soon prove most available.

M. B.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

THE Annual Convent of the Grand Order or General Assembly of the delegates of all the Lodges under the Masonic jurisdiction was opened on Monday, the 8th instant, at nine o'clock in the morning, about two hundred Lodges being represented. Grand Lodge was opened in the usual manner, the delegates sworn in, and the assembly divided into nine Bureaux or Committees, for the expedition of business. At the afternoon meeting the assembly proceeded to the election of its President, who, according to article 34 of the Constitution, must be taken from among its members. Bro. Ledlé was elected, by 132 votes, President of the Assembly, owing to the fact of the Excellent and most esteemed Bro. De Saint Jean requesting the brethren to kindly release him from the arduous work of office this session, on account of his present bad health. The compliment it is customary to pay annually to the President of the Council of the Order (or G.M.) was dispensed with, all of them, out of deference for Bro. De Saint Jean having declined to stand as candidate, so that the brother elected as President is simply the Venerable of the Lodge l'Avurn of Paris.

The meeting of Tuesday was exclusively devoted to the reading

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of reports from several Committees, on various proposals of the Lodges, and to the discussion thereof. This also comprised what was transacted on Wednesday.

To-day (Thursday) among other business on the agenda, we have the election of eleven members of the Council of the Order.

It is known that the Council is composed of thirty-three members, elected by the Assembly of the Grand Order, and chosen from among its own members. They are elected by the majority of votes, virtually for three years, but are renewable by one-third every year; so to-day the Assembly accordingly proceeds to the election of *eleven* members to fill the vacancy in the office of those eleven displaced by lot.

To-morrow (Friday) the various accounts for this year, and the budget for the next, will be presented; and the reports on, and discussion of which, will doubtless occupy the whole meeting.

Saturday's meetings will be held at ten in the morning and four in the afternoon, and then the Session will be closed, with the usual banquet.

I beg the kind favour of space for particulars in your next issue.

PARIS, 11*th September*.

M. B.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.
R. A. 308.—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.
K. T.—Faith, Masonic Rooms, 20 King-street, Wigan.

MONDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER.

45—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8. (Instruction).
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-st reet, E.C., at 7. (Inst ruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-st eet, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
238—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
382—Royal Union, Belmont Hall, Uxbridge.
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
822—St. Cuthbergn, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
723—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New street, Birmingham.
944—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
985—Alexandra Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1040—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport.
1057—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1449—Royal Military Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn.
R. A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth.
R. A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
M. M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.

TUESDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth. (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-st reet, 6.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30.

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
415—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
452—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
969—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1096—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1059—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
R. A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.

WEDNESDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER.

Committee, Royal Mason'c Benevolent Institution, at 3.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 3 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1521—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, North and East Yorkshire, Guildhall, York, at 12.30.
20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire.
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem.
537—Zetland, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw.
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks.
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1129—St. Chad's, Rochuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall.
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston.
1341—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe.
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom.
R. A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston Lane.
R. A. 580—Unity, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.
R. A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury.
R. A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth.

THURSDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st reet, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury-lane.
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
208—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn.
397—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge.
623—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
690—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
695—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
683—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1014—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1298—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool.
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath.
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town.
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry. (Installation.)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
R. A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
K. T.—William de la More, Town Hall, Bootle.

FRIDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 165 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 8.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)

152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
903—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme.
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds.
1393—Hanover, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
R. A. 105—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford.
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham.
M. M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
K. T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
K. T.—Jacques de Molay, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

SATURDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At 119 Leadenhall Street, E.C., on Thursday evening. Bros. Hogarth W.M., Da Silva S.W., Beedell J.W., King S.D., Forss J.D., Kahn I.G., L. Norden Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, Maidwell, Valentine, Moss, Poole, Weige, Bingemann Preceptor of Constitutional Lodge of Instruction No. 55, Shorey 16 Montreal, Leman 1572. After preliminaries the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Toole acting as candidate. The first, second, third and fourth sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Moss, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Bingemann No. 55, Poole 764, and Leman 1572, were unanimously elected members.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at Bros. Spurgin's, the Sportsman, City-road, on Monday, the 8th inst. Present—Bros. Hallo W.M., Wing S.W., Cook J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Edmonds S.D., Pelikan J.D., Pearcy I.G.; also Bros. Hallam sen., Hallam jun., R. H. Halford Treas., Hirst, &c. Lodge was formally opened, and advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Fenner worked the first section of the lecture. Lodge being resumed, Bro. Pelikan answered the questions, and was entrusted. On the resumption of the Lodge, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Pelikan acting as candidate; the ceremony was ably performed by the W.M. Bro. Pearcy worked the second, Bro. Hallam sen. the third, Bro. Hallam jun. the fourth, and Bro. Tolmie the fifth sections of the lecture. Lodge resumed. Bro. Fenner, the Secretary, was elected an hon. member. Bro. Wing was appointed to preside next week. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—The first meeting, after a short vacation, was held at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Tuesday the 9th inst. Present:—Bros. C. Daniels W.M., Chicken S.W., Valentine J.W., King S.D., H. Caton I.G., also Bros. Maidwell, Chivers, &c., &c. The Lodge was opened in due form. Bro. Chivers answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Chivers candidate. Bro. H. Caton answered the questions, and being entrusted, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Lodge was closed in due form. Bro. Chicken was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. This Lodge of Instruction will now meet regularly at the above Tavern for Instruction, at 7 p.m. every Tuesday evening. The attendance of brethren is earnestly requested. Ceremonies only are worked.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—At the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on 10th September, this Lodge was favoured with a good assemblage of the brethren. Bros. Hunt W.M., Walker S.W., Valentine J.W., McDonald S.D., Caton I.G., Moss acting Preceptor, Cundick, Johnson, Pitt Secretary, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Johnson, a candidate for passing, answered the questions, was entrusted and duly passed. The first four sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. McDonald, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cundick added much value to the evening's exercises by assisting those who needed help in the more difficult passages. A vote of thanks was recorded to the W.M. Bro. Hunt. Bro. Walker will preside on Wednesday next at seven o'clock.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held its first meeting of the season on Saturday last, at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmer's, Southgate-road, at 8 p.m. Bros. Fidler W.M., McMillan S.W., Ros J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Sec., C. Lorkin S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Spencer I.G.; also Bros. J. A. Powell, J. Millington, Carr, McDowell, D. Moss, Valentine, Garrod, Greene, Popham, Fysh, Halford, &c. Formalities were strictly complied with, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Carr acting as candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture. Bro. Fidler resigned the chair in favour of Bro. McMillan, who rehearsed the formal investiture of Officers of the Lodge, after which Bro. Fidler resumed the chair. Bro. Percy worked the fourth section of the Lecture. Bro. Popham of the Zetland Lodge 511 was elected a member. A vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. Fidler for the efficient manner he had discharged the duties of the chair, this being the first time in this Lodge. A vote of congratulation was passed to Bro. Peacy on his recovery from his late severe illness, after which Lodge was closed.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on 5th September. Bros. W. Goss W.M., Acworth S.W., Tucker J.W., Gunner S.D., F. Botley J.D., Blasby I.G., Roe P.M. Preceptor, Becket. C. Botley, &c. After preliminary business, the ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed, Bro. F. Botley candidate. Bro. Acworth was elected W.M. for the 12th inst. After an instructive evening Lodge closed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road Dalston. Bros. Carr W.M., Christian S.W., Johnson J.W., Polak S.D., Wardell J.D., Greenwood I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treasurer, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. King, C. Lorkin, J. Lorkin, Morgan, Atkinson, Brasted, &c., were also in attendance. Lodge was opened, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Giller answered the necessary questions. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Giller as candidate. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed its Masonic duties. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the third section of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. The sum of £3 3s was voted to assist the widow of a deceased brother. Bro. Westfield of Lodge 1382, and Bro. Payne of Lodge 1324, were elected members. Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for next Tuesday evening.

Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178.—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. The Lodge was opened at five o'clock punctually, by Bro. Joseph Stock W.M., assisted by Bros. F. Garbett I.P.M., J. A. Smith P.M., T. Simpson S.W., J. J. Bell J.W., R. Challoner Sec., J. Quincey S.D., G. H. Forder J.D., E. Bridges I.G., and W. Y. Laing P.M. Tyler. There was a numerous body of brethren present connected with the Lodge. The list of Visitors included Bros. James Stevens P.M. 1426, &c., P. Stevens 1426, R. Nelson 1471, W. B. Trisk 1366, and T. E. Davis 1471. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and Bro. D. Murdoch was raised to the sublime degree. Bro. W. E. Kelsey was afterwards passed to the degree of F.C. The manner in which the two degrees were worked was highly creditable to all concerned, from the W.M. downwards. This being the election meeting, the bye-laws were read in open Lodge. The brethren then proceeded to ballot for a W.M. for the ensuing year. The result was declared unanimously in favour of Bro. T. Simpson S.W. The ballot for Treasurer then took place, Bro. F. H. Ebsworth P.M. being unanimously re-elected. Bro. W. Y. Laing P.M. was re-elected Tyler. It was resolved that the sum of five guineas be taken from the funds of the Lodge for the purpose of purchasing a jewel, to be presented to Bro. J. Stock W.M. on his retirement. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form, when the brethren retired for refreshment, provided by Bros. H. J. and W. J. Roberts. The usual toasts having been disposed of, Bros. W. Royal, R. Challoner, J. A. Smith, J. Stevens, and others amused the brethren, until ten o'clock, when the Tyler's toast was given, and the company separated. The installation meeting will take place on Thursday, the 2nd of October.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction. No. 1278.—At the usual meeting of this Lodge, on the 10th inst., at the Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, Bro. Finch W.M. was ably supported by Bros. Clark S.W., Hubbert J.W., Chitson S.D., Stephens J.D., Smith I.G., Christian acting as Preceptor; also Bros. Lazarus and Loveday. Preliminaries were carefully observed, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Loveday candidate. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Christian worked the first and fourth sections of the lecture (Bro. Stephens dictating the answers). Bro. Clarke was elected to the duties of the chair, and the brethren, who had passed a profitable evening, closed the Lodge.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—A meeting was held on Friday, 5th September, at the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury. Present:—Bros. Rowley W.M., Boaz S.W., Hunter J.W., Dickinson Sec., Eldridge Treas., Forge S.D., Pelikan J.D., Cull Preceptor, Chant I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Wright, Shackell, Byng, Yeomans, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Greenwood candidate. Bro. Cull worked the first, second, sixth, and seventh sections of the lecture. Bro. Lee gave the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. Thomas Gardiner, of Lodge 1446, having been elected a member, Lodge was closed.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 9th Sept. Bros. Smith W.M., Johnson S.W., Rawe J.W., Myers S.D., Musto Preceptor, Pavitt I.G. and Secretary; there were also present Bros. Moss, D. Moss, Barker, Power, Sadler, White, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Moss answered the necessary questions and Lodge opened in the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. D. Moss worked the five sections of the lecture. Bro. Johnson was elected W.M. for ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. It was announced that the Fifteen Sections would be worked at the Israel Lodge of Instruction on the 28th inst.

Royal Leopold Lodge, No. 1445.—The career of our Lodges, should an universal record of their history ever be prepared, will be found a very chequered one. But few will be found who have not, at some time or other, had to meet and overcome the pressure of adversity in some shape or form. In one case it has been brought about by misfortune, in another by reckless extravagance, while not the least responsible of the elements that work disaster is the want of power displayed by so many who have taken on themselves the reins of government. This Lodge, the installation meeting of which we attended on Thursday the 4th inst., has not been without its "bad time," but if we may augur from this successful meeting, the doings of which we are now about to record, we may truly say a happy future lies before it. The Lodge was opened at the Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 4 o'clock by Bro. Joseph Clark W.M., who was assisted by his Officers, a goodly number of the members of the Lodge and visitors, among whom may be mentioned:—Bros. Peter de Lande Long P.G.D., H. G. Buss Assistant

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Grand Secretary, W. T. Howe P.G.P., J. Miller 22, John Green P.M. 27, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, B. Cundick P.M. 1421, E. Somers P.M. 1602, Archer 1426, and E. C. Harbery 1670. After the minutes of last meeting had received confirmation, it was announced that an engagement would prevent the candidate for passing, Bro. Henry Seymour Clarke, from attending the Lodge at the time fixed for that ceremony. The report of the Audit Committee was then received and adopted. Bro. Joseph Clark now vacated the chair in favour of Bro. P.M. Myers, who had kindly undertaken to act as Installing Master. The W.M. elect, Bro. Samuel Love Green, was presented and duly obligated. Lodge was advanced, a Board of Installed Masters formed, and the ceremony proceeded with. On the readmission of those below the rank of I.M. the new W.M. was saluted, and he proceeded to invest his officers :—Thos. Goddard S.W., W. D. Partridge J.W., W. H. Myers P.M. Treasurer, G. E. Walters P.M. Secretary, S. Lewis S.D., W. Macdonald J.D., James Robson I.G., G. C. Young Org., Vaillaume D.C., H. J. Rayner W.S., J. J. Marsh Tyler. Bro. Myers then delivered the addresses to the Master, Warden, and brethren, and resumed his seat amidst the congratulations of all assembled. Routine work was then proceeded with, the proposed resignation of two members was considered, and the name of a gentleman as a candidate for initiation at the next meeting of the Lodge was handed in, after which the W.M. received the hearty good wishes of the visitors, and the Lodge was closed. To our excellent Brother William Grist had been entrusted the duty of providing the creature comforts, and, under so able a caterer, the brethren did justice to a capital banquet. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts. With the Grand Officers he associated the names of the three who were present, who, in due course, replied. Bro. De Lande Long was gratified at the way in which mention had been made of the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters. He regretted he had not been present at an earlier stage of the proceedings, but he was much impressed with the way in which Bro. P.M. Myers, the Installing Master, had explained the working tools of the three degrees. He congratulated the Lodge on having so competent a Past Master, and thanked the brethren for the hearty way in which they had received him and his fellow Grand Officers. Bro. Buss followed ; he had attended most of the installation meetings of the Lodge, and was intensely gratified to see the spirit of harmony now prevailing. He congratulated Bro. S. L. Green on attaining his present position, and trusted he would have a prosperous and happy year. Bro. Howe said he had been first W.M. of the Lodge, and Bro. S. L. Green was its first initiate. It was a great pleasure for him to be present at his installation meeting, which had been conducted in so impressive a manner by Bro. Myers, who must be complimented for the ability he displayed. The next toast was the health of the W.M., which duty was gracefully performed by the I.P.M. Bro. Clark, and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Green. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Visitors, and to this responses were made by several of those present. The Past Masters were next honoured, and Bro. Clark was presented, in the name of the Lodge, with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of the ability he had displayed in conducting the proceedings during his year of office. Bro. Clark hardly knew how to express his gratitude for this mark of their regard. He had taken office with a certain amount of diffidence ; but, with the assistance of the Past Masters, he had had a very pleasant time. He felt himself an unworthy recipient of their bounty, but assured them he appreciated the many kindnesses he had received at the hands of the members of the Lodge. Bro. Myers, in replying, briefly referred to the past history of the Lodge, and drew a favourable comparison as to its future. He felt the Officers who had that day been appointed would strive most energetically to advance the interests of the brethren, and was much gratified at the honour conferred by the attendance of so many Grand Officers and Visitors. After a few words from Bro. P.M. Wilkinson, Bro. Harbery, who throughout the evening had been most energetic in his exertions for the entertainment of the guests, gave a most forcible reading of "A Tale of the Sea," which was greatly applauded. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, and paid both these worthy Officers high compliments for the zeal and ability they displayed. Bro. Myers acknowledged the compliment, and then Bro. Walters remarked that this was the fifth time he had been invested with the collar of Secretary ; however, he would take this opportunity of intimating to the brethren that he aspired to the Master's chair of the Lodge, and he trusted that while serving them in his present capacity, they would not overlook his claims. Several other toasts followed ; the olive branch for peace-making was not disregarded during the evening's proceedings, and we hope and trust the happy feeling that was re-established by those who strove to act as peace-makers will bear goodly fruit, and that the Royal Leopold Lodge has now inaugurated a career of happiness and prosperity which may last for many, many years—indeed, for all time.

Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507.—An emergency meeting of this Chapter will be held by direction of the M.E.Z. Comp. Willing, at the Metropolitan Club, 269 Pentonville-road, Kings Cross, on Thursday, the 18th inst., to take into consideration the necessity of removing the Chapter, as the proprietor has di-posed of the premises. This will no doubt affect the Kings-cross Lodge and the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, which are held at the same place.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the "Feathers" Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 4th Sept. Bros. E. C. Porter W.M., Rickwood S.W., Wright J.W., Coop S.D., Hamilton J.D., Yewens I.G., Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, Burr Secretary; Bros. Fernee, Seward, Stephens, Wells, Tink Brown, H. Kasner, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of meetings on the 14th and 28th August were read, confirmed, and signed. The ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed, Bro. Wells candidate. The Lodge resumed to first degree. Bro. Burr explained the circumstances under which he felt compelled to resign the position of Secretary. It was then proposed that the resignation of Bro. Burr be accepted, with regret, and on the motion of Bro. Burr, seconded by Bro. Coop, Bro. J. Wells was unanimously elected Honorary Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Burr for the many services he had rendered. Bros. Seward, H. Kasner and E. C. Porter were elected to audit the accounts for the past year. On the motion of Bro. Tucker, seconded by Bro. Seward, a sum of 40s was voted to Bro. Mansfield, Belfast Lodge, 88 I.C., founder of Lodge No. 1037 Timaru, affiliated to English Constitution with Lodge No. 1066, whose case was brought forward on the 14th of August by Bro. Yewens. Bro. Rickwood was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

Royal Wye Lodge, No. 1807.—At a meeting held at the Masonic Rooms, Builth, Breconshire, on Thursday, the 4th inst. Present—Bros. H. C. I. Rich W.M., A. Gwynne Vaughan S.W., J. W. Coulthard J.W., B. Davies Treas., J. A. Whittle Sec., H. Carr S.D., Wm. Price I.G. Visitors—Bros. F. H. Price, H. C. Rich jun., Sweeting ; and a large number of members. The Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Two candidates were proposed for initiation, and two brethren as joining members. Three brethren having been passed to the second, and four raised to the sublime degree, the Lodge was lowered and closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment. This Lodge, which was only consecrated in April last, promises to be one of the most flourishing in the province of the Eastern Division of South Wales—fifteen "good men and true" having already been initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry.

PRACTICAL MASONRY.

IN glancing over the pages of our Masonic exchanges, and in wading through the lengthy and learned addresses annually delivered to their flocks by the out-going Grand Masters at Annual Communications throughout the States, we are struck forcibly by the apparent unanimity with which practical subjects are avoided, and attention almost wholly turned toward Utopian flights into the impossible and impracticable. Instead of teaching men and Masons how they should apply their knowledge of Freemasonry to the everyday experiences of their existence, and utilizing their superior wisdom by imparting practical knowledge to those subordinate to them, our "wise men" fall into a beaten track, and with one accord indulge in orations replete with beautiful sentiment, and with an eloquence which would put to shame the veriest Grecian orator, but of no possible utility to those seeking after a method by which to apply Masonry to their lives. In our mind Masonry is practical, or it is nothing; it is a blessing to man because of its adaptability to the wants of his nature, or it is a useless ceremony which takes both his time and attention, giving no adequate returns for the demands which it makes on both. To our thinking, Masonry was designed as a blessing to its professors, and as a means of lightening the load which we have to bear in this life. How shall we avail ourselves of this blessing is a subject which should command the attention of those chosen for great office on account of their superior wisdom. How much better it would be for our orators to confine themselves to practical subjects, avoiding the high-flown style so generally adopted, and taking especial pains to impress upon their auditors the importance of leading Masonic lives.

The want of this age is a proper interpretation of the duties which are incumbent upon those taking the obligations of the Craft; a proper appreciation of the weight and force of those obligations, and a clear perception of the end and aim of the Institution. These subjects are to be understood only by study and close application upon the part of the newly-made Brother, and where books or documents fail to clearly present the subject, it becomes the manifest duty of lecturer and Grand Officer to interpret for the seeker after knowledge. The elevation of a Brother to a high office imposes upon him solemn and important duties ; he assumes something more than honour—responsibility and accountability for the faithful discharge of its obligations, one of which is that of *teacher*, both by example and precept, to those who wait, in a measure, upon his ministry. We suggest therefore, "to make Masonry more practical" is a question which demands the attention of our Masonic scholars, orators and Grand Officers. We do not excuse the journalist from the proper appreciations of this duty ; they are also teachers, and should be careful, at all times, to faithfully fulfil the obligations of their peculiar vocation.

We desire that the tenets and precepts of the Institution may be applied to our daily work, that by the benign influences of Masonry the journey through life may be rendered a pleasant one, and that we, dying, leave behind us the unspeakable gift of an irreproachable and blameless record.—*Masonic Newspaper.*

The *Keystone* is not surprised that the "hard times" should lead brethren, in certain jurisdictions, to consider the per diem and travelling expenses paid to representatives to Grand Lodge as an extravagance that ought to be abolished. The last *Masonic Newspaper*, with reference to the expense of Grand Lodge Annual Communications in New York, argues in favour of biennial instead of annual sessions, and says :—

"There is no corporation or association, civil or elemosynary (outside of Masonry) whose records will show such gross extravagance, and such wasteful expenditure, with such poor results. Let us consider this well, and while we are solving the problem of *how to do it*, it may be that we shall see that the abolition of the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge, and the substitution of fewer sessions, is one step in that direction."

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THE course of training followed by the Masonic Educational Charities, in common with many similar institutions in various parts of the country, is looked upon as more or less successful in proportion to the results that can be shown as emanating from the pupils themselves. It is not only necessary that a girl or a boy should receive a good education, but it is likewise desirable that they should prove that such education has been of service to them in after life. Indeed, that it has been the means of their securing a position which without such education they could not have attained. With a view to assist in this object the committees of very many of the English Charities make it a part of their duty to interest themselves in the future of the pupils who have been educated under their care. This they do by obtaining for those whom they deem deserving situations in offices presided over or belonging to one of their number, who they are assured will act as parent or guardian to their charge, and by apprenticing or otherwise starting in life those who, being orphans or from other causes, may need more aid than is forthcoming from relatives generally. The practicability and success of such a scheme can be vouched for in numerous instances where it has been in work for years past; and were it necessary the records of some of our largest Charities would give ample evidence of the satisfaction derived from keeping an account of each scholar's proceedings in after life. It has frequently been found that a little advice, counsel or help has proved to be the starting point of success.

With regard to the Masonic Institutions, it has often been regretted that some further surveillance has not been exercised over those who have been so fortunate as to receive therein education and early training; and it is felt that without something be done to watch the future of those who leave the Schools, and, if need be, lend them a helping hand, the work of Masonic Charity is incomplete. This want may perhaps best be expressed in the words of the Right Hon. Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, K.T., Past Grand Master of Scotland, who, as President at the Eighty-first Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, brought the question particularly before the Craft. The Right Worshipful Brother, in proposing prosperity to the Institution, after detailing the advantages and benefits which were derived from the School, said:—

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It is now proposed to raise a fund which shall act as an adjunct to the two Masonic Schools, and be the means of supplying the want set forth above; and for this purpose your support and aid are earnestly solicited

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DIGNITY OF PROCEDURE.

THE account of the creation of the universe, as given in the second section of the second lecture is introduced as a part of the Masonic system to serve "as an example to man that things of moment ought to be done with due deliberation," and to teach us that in all our undertakings we should observe due order and regularity. The beautiful language of this section renders it one of the most impressive parts of our ritual, and its delivery cannot fail but to remind the listener of the necessity of observing the great truths it is intended to teach. Having this lesson in view, the founders of modern Freemasonry acted wisely in stipulating that in all matters which concerned the Craft, as a body, timely notice should be given of any intended proposition; this previous notice of contemplated proceedings has, by the laws of the Craft, to be given to each member of a Lodge at such a time prior to the meeting as shall enable him to deliberate on the course proposed, and, if need be, collect materials either in support of, or in opposition to the proposition. Were it not so ordered, we should find men initiated into Freemasonry with whom it would be impossible for us to associate, Lodge funds would be spent in a way objectionable to the majority, and the whole standard of Freemasonry would be lowered; but so long as each individual member of a Lodge is allowed to express his views on every question brought forward, these evils will, in a measure, be obviated, if not wholly prevented. In recognising this principle, however, it must not be forgotten that free discussion is the foundation on which the whole superstructure rests, and unless a brother is allowed to express his views in a reasonable way, the whole system is upset, and the question merely resolves into a trial of strength between two parties.

We are aware matters frequently arise in Lodges, which, from first appearances, may seem to require little or no consideration, but no question should be deemed so insignificant as to be beneath notice. It is the small items which require to be carefully adjusted, and although they may usually be left to the Master, with perhaps the assistance of the Past Masters, to arrange, it is absolutely necessary for the good of a Lodge that they should be carefully considered. For this reason it is better for a Master to bring every item of business before the Lodge by giving it due publicity on the summons, and however paltry some of the questions may appear, such a course will prove of great benefit in years to come. By this means the brethren will learn to take an interest in the working of their Lodge, and by each taking a part in its management, will materially add to its general prosperity; while in the opposite case a feeling of indifference frequently arises which results in the work being settled by the Master or Past Masters in a somewhat dictatorial manner. It is contrary to the teaching of Freemasonry for a section of a Lodge to have the power of deciding questions which affect the whole of the members other than at the regular meetings, when it is expected the majority will decide what is best to be done. Discontent is certain to be engendered when questions are brought forward that are virtually settled outside the Lodge. Of course even when these objectionable circumstances do occur, it should be possible for a brother to express his opinion, but it may happen he is unable to get the ear of the Lodge, or the party who has already laid out the course may be strong enough to prevent his speaking, on the plea either of want of time, or that further discussion is unnecessary, or some other of the many ruses it is in the power of an organised opposition to adopt. Again, it may be urged that if the few brethren who had, so to speak, settled the question before the time of meeting are strong enough, or can enlist support sufficient to carry their point when it is put to the vote, they are representative of the general body, but it must be known that unless the members take personal interest in the work of the Lodge, it is very easy to carry any question, especially if the Master and a few of the Past Masters can be got to lend their support. We are of opinion that far too many vote with the majority, without taking the trouble to form an opinion of their own. This course naturally saves time, a very important matter in some Lodges, where if a brother speaks for more than a minute or so he is reminded on all sides that banquet is ordered for six or for seven o'clock, as the case may be. It is sometimes amusing to notice the interest taken in the flight of time on these occasions were it not for the feeling that everything is made subservient to worship of knife and fork. and that no regard is paid to the maintenance of dignity and deliberation in our proceedings. We are aware that to attempt any reform in this quarter would be to undertake a Herculean task, still we do not despair of making an impression on some of the offending brethren, if not in a quiet and friendly way by pointing out to them how ungentlemanly they make themselves appear. It is true that the pangs of hunger will, in many cases, serve as a sufficient excuse for a man replying somewhat hastily, but is it really the case that the members of a Lodge are so near the verge of starvation that they cannot allow an extra half hour for the proper discussion of any subject that may be brought under their notice? We hope not, but the fact remains that cases have lately been mentioned to us which will admit of no other solution. We think it unnecessary to give our opinion on this subject, we would rather leave it to the judgment of our readers. One course we would suggest to prevent its recurrence is the one we have referred to,—that every item of business be placed on the summons. The brethren would then come prepared for what was to transpire, and if they felt they would be unable to restrain their impatience, might so arrange their attendance as to avoid the discussion, reaching the Lodge just in time to sign their names and proceed to the banquet room. The brother who brought the question forward would likewise benefit by such a course, and it would surely be no trouble to him to inform the Master of what he intended to do, at least long enough before the meeting to allow of its appearing on the summons; if, however, any cause of emergency should arise which would not allow of previous notice, it should be left to the Master to decide whether it should be considered at that or the following meeting.

In matters of this description Grand Lodge could, and should, set an example, but we fear that undue haste may be said to characterise the proceedings at its Quarterly Convocations, while the same lack of dignity is apparent in many of its actions. The ruling body of English Freemasonry, in order to maintain that amount of respect which is due to it, should be so conducted as to earn the esteem and regard of every brother, and this can only be accomplished by assuming a certain amount of command, and by demanding that its edicts are obeyed; and until this is done with a greater amount of regularity than at present is the case we fear that private Lodges will not have so perfect a pattern to work on as Grand Lodge ought to present.

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MASONIC TRADE-MARKS.

From the Masonic Newspaper.

THE not infrequent use of Masonic emblems in outward display has rarely met with the approval of right-thinking members of the fraternity, and when an exhibition of this nature presents itself, we are at once led to suspect the good faith, if we might not add the good sense, of the exhibitor.

To such an extent has this weakness progressed, that but recently two applications have been made to the U.S. Patent Office to adopt the symbol of the Square and Compass as a trade-mark to distinguish a certain brand of flour. As this matter must necessarily interest the fraternity, it is deemed not inappropriate to present the exact text of the opinion pronounced by the able Commissioner of Patents in rejecting the application.

In the first the following opinion was delivered:—

"It is proposed to adopt the 'Masonic emblem of the Square and Compass,' and thereby to transform into a legal trade-mark certain words which have hitherto been refused recognition as such mark. Can such an emblem be exclusively appropriated? Can it be applied to the purpose of traffic? Is it calculated to answer the purpose of a mark to be affixed to merchandise, so as to denote origin or ownership? These questions can best be answered after an inquiry into the meaning of the emblem. It is the symbol of a fraternity that is known throughout the world—pervading all classes and conditions of society,—and which claims for itself a continuous existence from pre-historic times. As an ideogram, it virtually proclaims its possessor to be a member of a certain order of men, whether such be true or false. It is an ideographic appeal to fraternal feelings. It has been anathematized by the followers of one religious faith, at least, and has for centuries been regarded as the distinctive badge of a peculiar body. If now placed upon the head of a flower-barrel, as proposed by the applicant, what would the purchaser understand thereby? Would he be apt to associate it with the industrial product of a certain person? No. He would naturally think that the person who had applied it to such a purpose meant it to be taken in its legitimate and ordinary sense."

In the second the following decision on appeal was made:—

"Applicant is a manufacturer and vendor of flour in the city of St. Louis, Mo. He has two establishments upon different streets, and he seeks to register as trade marks to be used upon the barrels containing his flour, the words 'Cherry St. Mills" in one case, and 'Market St. Mills" in the other, combined respectively with a well-known Masonic emblem, the Square and Compass. These combinations of words and symbols, it is strenuously maintained, embrace all the requisites, and come within none of the negative exceptions or limitations of the law defining a legal trade-mark. Applying the comprehensive test laid down by the Commissioner in *ex parte* Dawes and Fanning, Official Gazette, vol. 1, p 27, it is said that neither of the combinations claimed is the name of a person, firm or occupation, or is calculated to deceive the public as to the true origin or character of the article to which it is applied, or is generic or descriptive of quality; and, finally, it is asserted that each when applied to the commodities for which it is adopted as a trade mark, will distinguish them from others of the same class. The essence of these alleged trade-marks is the Masonic symbol, the Square and Compass. It has already been determined that the words alone do not possess the characteristics of a legal trade-mark, and, in order to make it appear that the addition of the Square and Compass do confer these characteristics, it is also insisted that this Masonic symbol is not used with its ordinary signification. If this emblem were something other than precisely what it is, either less known, less significant, or fully and universally understood, all this might readily be admitted. But considering its peculiar character and relation to the public, an anomalous question is presented. There can be no doubt that this device, so commonly used and employed by Masons, has an established mystic significance universally recognized as existing; whether comprehended by all or not, is not material to this issue. Considering the antiquity, the traditional origin, the profound secresy, the magnitude and extent, the flourishing condition, and the permanent character of the Masonic organisation, I seriously question whether its emblems are not to be regarded as its property, at least in such a sense, that no person can monopolize them as trade-mark devices. It is not proposed, however, to do more than raise the query, without entering upon the discussion here. The ground for this decision lies in another direction, and to my mind is obscured by no cloud of doubt. In view of the universality of Masonry—the mystic tie that binds all nationalities in one common fraternity,—and the unchangeable characteristics of emblems appealing with the same force to the brotherhood in all parts of the earth, it is impossible to divest these symbols, or at least this particular symbol, perhaps the best known of all, of its ordinary signification whenever displayed, either as an arbitrary character or otherwise. It will be universally understood or misunderstood as having a Masonic significance, and therefore as a trade-mark must constantly work deception. Nothing could be more mischievous than to create as a monopoly, and uphold by the power of law, anything so calculated, as applied to purposes of trade, to be misinterpreted, to mislead all classes, and to constantly foster suggestions of mystery in affairs of business. There was a time when the cross and crescent, and the red and white roses of the houses of York and Lancaster, possessed as symbols such a significance, and occupied such a place in the public mind, in portions of the old world, as would affect common affairs, and could not properly be disregarded under whatever circumstances they should appear. If they were now held in the same estimation in this country, who imagines that they could be divested of the general significance so that they could successfully be adopted to constitute trade-marks, and be displayed before the public in that capacity? The case of their use in the manner proposed. I am clearly of that the proposed combinations cannot properly su a trade-mark. Among Masons, with whom this t significance, its use in that capacity would undoub as a base prostitution of it to mercenary purposes, its mystic force would often dissipate its virtues as perhaps in some instances place the article it appe ban. Thus, if these trade-marks could be sanctio tend to defeat the fundamental object of the trade is an offshoot of the ancient "law-merchant," and li to advance trade and manufactures."

We cannot too highly commend the perusal opinions, and trust that the lessons which they tea with those members of the fraternity who think i make public exposition of Masonic jewelry to the that thrift may follow.

MASONIC REFRESHME

From the "Voice of Mason

FREQUENTLY, I think, sufficient attention is n facetiously termed "The Knife and Fork De very well to say Lodges can't afford refreshment ev they convene; but this, I fancy, is a mere excuse. poor that it cannot extend slight hospitality to the br visiting it. In so doing, the warmth of hospitality wise formal reception, which, in so many instances, visitor. It makes him feel *at home*, and this shou great objects of our Fraternity.

How cold has been the reception we have too fre tended to the visiting brother! He has come, perchanc land; has proved himself a Mason, is formally int mally welcomed, and told to take a seat amongst the one speaks to him; he sees the work; the lodge is left to find his way back alone to his hotel. What brother think of his welcome in a strange land? Has amongst his brethren as he anticipated, or is he to purposes a sojourner in an unknown land? Surely, Lodge with feelings very akin to disgust, and, in all formed an unfavourable impression of the Institutio loved so well.

On the other hand, how different it is if, on sendin committee of *gentlemen* wait upon him, and by their teous manner prove to him the welcome he will rece to these followers of Hiram that he is a true Son o brethren are too well versed in Masonry universal t puzzle him, as I have seen many do, with *catch* ques sonic conundrums, but rather dwell upon the cardina grand landmarks that characterize Freemasonry in not upon the peculiar verbiage of their own Grand Lod In so doing, examiners and examined alike glean info the close of the examination the brethren cordially we tor, and, after formally introducing him to the Wor take the first opportunity of making him acquainted w individually.

The Junior Warden, after a time, calls from labour and then around the social board the charms of free i pleasant sallies of wit and fun, the free interchange hearty toast of welcome, the song, the whole-souled diality, the jokes and laughter, and the genuineness of greeting, make him feel himself something more than a in truth and reality—*at home*.

The hour of refreshment is over, and again labour is finds himself doubly interested in the proceedings; h of the brethren by name, several have invited him to vis whilst others have promised to call upon him in the mo him either advice or assistance, if he proposes to settle or if not, to render his sojourn amongst them pleasant The Lodge is closed, and, with a hearty shake of the h and mutual expressions of good-will, the brethren se leaves them, after a pleasant walk to his hotel with with an innate feeling that he has fallen amongst bretl appreciate the tenets of the Fraternity as exemplifie love.

Now, how easily all this has been accomplished. It i that the festive board should groan, as our porters sa weight of costly viands, cut-glass, and massive silver, cracker and cheese, a few strawberries, or fruit in seas of chocolate, coffee, or cocoa, suffice as well as sumptu expensive wines. It is the *social* welcome that the and it is not only the visitor that enjoys "the good thi kindly words" that necessarily fly to and fro durir refreshment; but at this season brethren are drawn cl and if unfortunately there have been little differences, jealousies amongst a few individual members, they are gotten when all is joy and happiness around them.

By all means, then, brethren, do not neglect "the K Degree," and sometimes improve upon it by initiating you into its mysteries, by teaching them its charming symbo freshment-room amidst the songs of birds, the bloom a flowers, and the notes, if possible, of instrumental and Do this, brethren, and Mrs. Caudle's lectures after L not be so apt to disturb your peace of mind upon returni the Lodge.

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West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction.

PRESENTATION DINNER TO BRO. THOMAS AYLING.

ON Friday evening last a very gratifying meeting of the staff and other sergeants of Royal Marines took place in the Mess Room, South Barracks, Walmer, for the purpose of expressing in a substantial and public manner their esteem for their late comrade Bro. Thomas Ayling, on his retirement from the Corps after a lengthened service of twenty-five years. Bro. Ayling has held the responsible post of superintendent of the Commissariat establishment of the Walmer Depot for the last seven years, and has now retired from the Service on his gaining the appointment of master of the Eastry Union. It was thought that the high regard in which he was held could not be better testified than by the presentation of some *souvenir* from the whole body of sergeants. The idea was not long in assuming a practical form, and this was visible in the shape of a pair of handsome ornaments under glass globules — the one a timepiece and the other an aneroid, each on gilt pedestals, and surmounted with a skilful piece of handiwork in the shape of a golden acorn, with hanging leaves. The presentation took place publicly at 7.30, after which adjournment was made to the dinner table. Among the guests of the evening were Sergeant-Major Rendell, Quarter-Master-Sergeant Park, Schoolmasters Botting, Richardson, Hore, Sergeants Revell, Watkins, Jackson, White, Rust, Laggett, Warren, Barton, Chandler, Burgess, Burns, Jefferies, Wood, Cole, Johnston, Hutchinson, Kernson, Holt, Kirby, Blacker, Marsh, Sparkes, Bush, Haslip, Stewart, Bailes, Lake, Digon, Thompson, Carpenter, &c., as well as several civilian friends. The cloth having been removed, the circulation of the punch bowl was duly observed, and the usual loyal and patriotic toasts given and responded to. The health of the Commanding Officer and Officers of the depot met with an enthusiastic response from all present. Sergeant-Major Rendell then proposed the health of Bro. Ayling, the guest of the evening. He said:—Brother comrades: It is with the greatest pleasure I rise to propose the health of our late comrade in arms, Bro. Ayling. We have this evening testified, by the presentation of a trifling mark of our esteem, to the estimation in which he is held by us all, so that I need not enlarge upon his many good qualities to obtain from you a hearty response to the toast. I, together with every one present, cannot forget the invariable courtesy and urbanity of manner which have characterised our comrade in his dealings with every one with whom he has been brought in contact, and I am certain I am only expressing the wish of all here when I hope he may be long spared to his family and the community in the new sphere into which he has entered. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm. In thanking the sergeants for the hearty way in which they had drunk his health, Bro. Ayling paid a fitting compliment to the Sergeant-Major and those who had honoured him that day. He had known Sergeant-Major Rendell for many years, and could testify as to his value as a non-commissioned officer. Those who did their duty under him he would assist in every way that laid in his power; but it was no use a man shirking his responsibilities. That, he thought, was as it should be. He had a difficult and peculiar position. A serjeant-major at a division as a rule always had the same non-commissioned officers to deal with, and knew their tempers and peculiarities; but at a depôt it was different—corporals and sergeants came and went, who belonged to all four of the other divisions, and their ways and manners, their fitness or unfitness to deal with young soldiers, had all to be learned over and over again. But, notwithstanding, his experience was, that both Sergeant-Major Rendall and the other staff sergeants had always carried out their duties with much ability and discretion. He concluded by thanking them for the high mark of esteem exhibited for him that day, which he should cherish as long as he lived, and which would, he hoped, be an incentive for his children. (Applause.) Serjeant-Major Rendall suitably responded, and the proceedings were brought to a close at 11 p.m., with the toast of "The Visitors," which was answered by one of the civilian gentlemen present. During the evening some interesting music was discussed, with Mr. Doorne at the piano; and Sergeants Blacker, Johnston, Holt, Chambers Marsh and Arnold ably represented the vocal ability of the gallant corps.

LODGE OF PERSEVERANCE, No. 1743.

THE Installation meeting was held at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, on Saturday, 13th Sept., when Wor. Brother Louis A. Leins W.M. opened the Lodge in due form with solemn prayer. The minutes having been confirmed, the balance-sheet was read and adopted. Bro. Bridgman answered the questions leading from the first to the second degree, was entrusted and he retired. The Lodge was then opened in the second, and Bro. Bridgman was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Tickner answered the questions, and was raised to the sublime degree. The Lodge then resumed, for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect. The Right Worshipful Bro. Wm. Kingston, D.G.M. Malta, was nominated to officiate as S.W., and Bro. Charles Daniels as J.W., while Bro. J. L. Mather acted as D.C. Bro. A. Barker, the W.M. elect, having been presented, was installed by W. Bro. Louis A. Leins in a manner that must have been both interesting and instructive to those present. Afterwards the following brethren were appointed and invested:—Bros. F. Kearney S.W., E. Martel J.W., J. L. Mather P.M. Treas., W. H. Mollindinia P.M. Sec., J. B. D. Wall S.D., L. G. Sparrow J.D., C. Robinson I.G., A. Eade D.C., C. Reid W.S., F. Goodchild A.W.S., R. Goddard Tyler. The Lodge was closed in the usual manner, and adjourned to the second Saturday in October. The brethren then repaired to the banquetting room, and sat down to a substantial banquet, provided by Bro. A. Begbie, of whose catering too much praise cannot be said. After grace had been sung by professional brethren, Bros. Cozens, Ashton, and Hubbard, the usual Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. The R.W. Bro. Wm. Kingston, D.G.M., and Bro. F. Crockford responded for the Visitors, in very appropriate terms, after which Bro. A. Barker proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. Louis A. Leins, and presented him with a very *récherché* Past Master's jewel; and as a further token of the high esteem in which he is held in this Lodge, also handed him a massive gold chain with locket, on the one side of which was the Lodge arms, beautifully enamelled, and on the other a diamond set within the five points. The I.P.M. responded in a very earnest manner, and expressed his surprise and pleasure at receiving so handsome a testimonial. The rest of the toasts followed in due course; they were interspersed with some really good music, and so happily ended this the first anniversary meeting of 1743.

Strawberry Hill Chapter, No. 946.—The regular convocation and installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at Pope's Grotto Hotel, Cross Deep, Twickenham. Comps. W. Smeed P.Z. as Z., J. Wright H., R. Whitley J., W. Platt P.Z. S.E., and several Companions. The Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. The election of Principals and installation took place. Comp. J. Wright was elected Z. (on account of the death of the late respected W. Barrell), W. Morphew H., F. Holland J.; they were severally installed by Comp. W. Smeed P.Z. in his usual faultless and impressive manner. Comps. W. Platt P.Z. S.E., D. Argyle S.N., J. M. Steadwell P.Z. Treas., Hancock Janitor. Bros. F. Forss 1585, and Weston 1585, were ballotted for and duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. Letters of apology were read from two brethren, expressing inability to attend. The report of the audit committee was read and adopted, and a vote of thanks accorded them. The same compliment was paid Comp. W. Smeed P.Z. for the excellent manner he had performed the ceremony of installation. A very elegant jewel was presented to Comp. Alfred Wright, which he suitably acknowledged. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by the worthy host. The usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were given with complimentary speeches. Some excellent singing emanated from Comps. J. M. Smeed and D. J. Pope. The two latter Companions were present as visitors. In due course the Janitor's toast was given and the Companions separated.

Tidings reach us of the death, from yellow fever, of Bro. Jones, Chief Engineer of H.M. Steamer Boxer. Bro. Jones was elected a joining member of the Phœnix Lodge, Port Royal, Jamaica, on 5th August last.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire was held on Wednesday, at York. We are compelled to hold over our report of the proceedings in consequence of the pressure on our space.

A Correspondent of the *Portsmouth Times*, writes:—

It is often said that Freemasonry is a secret society. So possibly it may be, but at all events it has been professed publicly in England by a long line of noble and royal personages. The Prince of Wales is a Mason, so were the late Dukes of Sussex, York, Clarence, and Cumberland, and the Prince Regent; so in the previous generation were the Dukes of York and Gloucester. So, too, were the Emperor of Germany in 1735, and our own King William III. fifty years earlier. And to go back further still, I find that King Henry VI. was instituted a Freemason in 1450, that nearly a hundred years earlier still King Edward III. revised the Constitution on Masonry, and, mounting higher still up the path of history, I learn that Prince Edwin formed a Grand Lodge at York in 926, the very year in which King Athelstan granted to the Freemasons a Royal Charter.

NOT VERY FLOURISHING.—Freemasonry is excellent, and ought to be the very salt of the earth; wherever it exists there decay and rottenness ought to be unknown, and health and growth, and strength and beauty, and peace and harmony, ought to prevail. But do they? Not invariably, for time and again comes the word: "The Lodge here is not in a very flourishing condition," and then follows a recital of why it is not. And ever the story is, "Masonic duty is not performed;" "this or that brother is delinquent," or "the Lodge is at fault." The fallibility of human nature has intervened, marred the work, and vitiated all its qualities, so that it is no longer perfect in symmetry or beautiful with life. Why not change all this? Why not all so act that growth and vigour shall not be retarded or impaired? Why not lay aside selfishness and unholy passion? why not discard all vice and immorality, and practise Freemasonry in all its beauty and perfectness, and thus drive away from it all blight, and make it the most flourishing, most beneficent and loveliest association on earth?

STOKES'S HISTORICAL CHRONOMETER.—Bro. William Stokes, Professor of Memory at the Royal Polytechnic Institution, has designed a simple contrivance for assisting the mind in retaining facts and dates. A circle is divided into twenty black and white spaces representing five years each. The 25th, 50th, 75th, 100th, or any other year being thus easily indicated, and affording the means of attachment for the fact. Time is thus represented by space, and the distance from one fact to another can be carried without effort in the memory. Geography and chronology are truly "the eyes of history," and Professor Stokes's Memory Globe, which we have previously noticed, and his Chronometer now under consideration, will very much sharpen historical sight.

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NOTICE OF MOTION AS TO THE ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I find from your last publication that Bro. J. A. Birch has given notice of motion, to be brought before the next Committee Meeting of the Boys' School, giving, in effect, the privilege of voting by proxy to the duly qualified subscribers of the Institutions.

Now, I should like to know *when* the right of a member of the General Committee to vote by proxy ceased to exist? for, on reference to my old "Freemason's Magazines," I find a few records, from which I give extracts below, showing undoubtedly that this privilege has existed for a very long period; and for the life of me I cannot see why the power to do so has been abrogated, unless on the occasion of election of the Chief Executive Officer of the Institution some gross abuse has taken place, and the offenders and their successors disfranchised, like some of the rotten boroughs, for their peccadilloes.

Extract from *Freemason's Magazine*, August 1793.

Royal Cumberland Freemason's School for *Female Children* on Qualification of Governors.

IXth Clause.

That every nobleman, member of Parliament, Lady, Master of a country Lodge and Governor not residing within the Bills of Mortality shall have a right to vote by proxy at all ballots and elections.

£1 1s per annum constitutes a Governor so long as he contributes that sum.

£10 10s per annum constitutes a Governor for Life and Member of the General Committee.

£1 1s contributed annually by a Lodge constitutes a Governor during subscription; and a further sum of £10 10s within the space of ten years, to be a Governor and Member of the General Court so long as Lodge exists.

The Governor to have a right to vote at all General and Special Courts.

Later, and nearer my own time, I find in the "Masonic Review," 1841, that at a Special Meeting, 11th February, the office of Treasurer of the *Boys' School* was declared vacant; at another Special Meeting, dated 22nd February in the same year, it is recorded—

Brother WILLIAM HARRISON *Grand Registrar* in the Chair.

A discussion arose on the reception of *proxies*, which was opposed by Bro. Rowe, as calculated to influence the election by votes of Governors, who gave from solicitation what they might withhold if present; and further, that there had not been time for a vast body of the subscribers to know even of the vacancy.

The Chairman, in reply, stated that the voting by proxy was the safer mode, as it prevented the meeting being packed.

Mr. Rodbear pointed out the absolute necessity there was, according to the bye-laws, for the votes by proxy being taken, to which Dr. Crucefix hesitated, but assented *on being informed by the Secretary that on his (the Secretary's) election proxies were admitted.*

Also at a General Court 12th July 1841—

Brother RODBEAR in the Chair.

The word "children" being omitted in the 36th Rule, Governors and Subscribers generally may vote by proxy at all elections.

And further, in the same publication—

Girls' School General Committee, 29th July 1841.

Election of Secretary.

Present about one hundred and fifty subscribers.

The Provincial Grand Master for Sumatra in the Chair.

The ballot commenced at twelve o'clock and closed at two, when there appeared for—

Brother Crew	122
Brother Patten	86
Majority in favour of Brother Crew ...	36*

* The numbers polled were 208, but of these were probably *fifty proxies*, chiefly from ladies.

I am not in possession of any later particulars of Election of Secretaries beyond one recorded in the "Freemason's Magazine" for 8th June 1861.

The election of Secretary to each of these Institutions took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, when Bro. E. H. Patten P.G.S.B. was elected as Secretary to the Girls' School, and Bro. Binckes Secretary to the Boys' School.

We all know, however, that Bro. R. Wentworth Little succeeded Bro. Patten as Secretary to the Girls' School, and on the occasion of his lamented decease I, along with many other brethren, was compelled to travel, when not in the best of health, nearly 200 miles, and put to considerable expense thereby, in order to record my vote on behalf of the brother I thought at that time best suited to fulfil the duties of the office.

Brethren who had contributed liberally according to their respective means and station in life then complained strongly at the unfair position in which they were placed, and friends of another of the candidates, who had come from the South, also expressed dissatisfaction on the question.

If it was proper in 1793 and 1841 to confer this privilege, and brethren could be entrusted with it, surely we have not so retrograded as to deserve virtual disfranchisement in this manner. The fact is, London brethren are unnecessarily susceptible as to the influence of their country fraters, as I think if a vacancy was to occur to-morrow they would continue, as metropolitan brethren, to have great influence in the selection of the official, and by giving the old privilege to the country brethren the latter would feel they were properly treated, and the former would come to no harm.

Yours fraternally,

G. P. BROCKBANK.

Bolton, 15th September 1879.

A MASONIC MEDICAL CHARITY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—I so entirely concur in your editorial remarks upon the proposal of a P.M. to make "Freemasonry applicable to the wants of the outer world, by affording assistance and relief" in times of sickness and suffering amongst the lower classes of humanity, that I am tempted to ask you to permit me to occupy a small portion of your valuable space with a few general observations on the question of medical relief. I trust it will be understood, that in saying what I have to say on charitable relief in times of sickness, that I have not the least desire to see a bridle put upon charity, but I do most sincerely wish to see a check put upon the vice of eleemosynary indiscriminating charity. I quite agree with "A P.M." that our Royal Masonic Institutions—for educational and other purposes to which they are devoted—are institutions that Masons may well be proud of, but I should greatly regret to see our charity extended in the direction he proposes, or have it supposed that Freemasonry is neither more nor less than a huge "benefit society," or that Freemasons desire to run-a-muck "with the outside world" in ministering to "all the ills that flesh is heir to." When, however, it is known to the brethren that in so doing they would but increase the evils with which gratuitous medical relief is at present surrounded, I feel sure this will not be the case. First, with reference to "A P.M.'s" proposal to add a new wing to the Royal Free Hospital; this our brother will I am sure be glad to hear has been done quite recently by the bountiful liberality of the public, whence all good things of the kind should emanate. The additional number of beds provided have not been occupied, and he may take it from me as a fact that the central part of this great city is already amply provided with hospital accommodation—is, indeed, said to be *over-hospitaled*—not more than one-half the beds of St. Thomas's Hospital are at present occupied, and the actual proportionate number of the other eight large hospitals supported by voluntary contributions, as I gather from their annual reports, must be set down as not exceeding three-fifths of the whole. The explanation of this probably is, that only fit and proper cases (accidents and emergencies at all times excepted) are admitted, after careful investigation has been made into each case. In the out-patients' departments the reverse holds good; here we find a very plethora of miscellaneous cases, all-comers obtaining without stint any amount of indiscriminate charitable relief.

Here then, our good brother will say, is an outlet for charitable help, and if a new wing is not required at the hospital let us have "a Masonic Dispensary added to the existing Charities of the Order," and we shall be showing to the outer world, "a general desire to diffuse our charity." But here I would ask him to pause, and look a little deeper into the mysteries of the out-patient growth of the hospitals and dispensaries. It is only about half a century ago that out-patients' departments sprang up in connection with hospitals. In 1830 eight of the principal hospitals, St. Bartholomew's, St. Thomas's, Guy's, the London, Middlesex, St. George's, Charing Cross, Westminster, Royal Ophthalmic, and the Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, relieved together 46,435 out-patients. In 1869, the number rose to 277,891. During that period, 39 years, the population of the metropolis had only rather more than doubled, whilst the attendances at these eight hospitals had increased more than five-fold. But it will make the rate of increase still more apparent if I mention that at the same eight hospitals there were in 1870, 43,368 more out-patients than in 1869. These eight hospitals I have chosen simply because they were in operation in 1830. If I had been minded to select examples in which the increase from 1869 to 1870 had been greatest, I might have made my figures more telling, and if I had carried them on to a still later date, I might have shown that St. Bartholomew's alone relieved 137,000 cases last year, a number about equal to one-half of the whole of those relieved by the eight hospitals enumerated in 1869. Suffice it to say that, in round numbers, at the present time it is fairly estimated that one out of every four persons of the whole population of London, receive gratuitous medical relief. The enormous number of one million out of the four million inhabitants, and this, be it remembered, is quite irrespective of an especial provision made at the cost of the ratepayers to provide for the sick poor, and mostly of the pauper class,—with the exception of those suffering from infectious diseases,—at a very considerable outlay. During the last fifteen years, the various parishes have built and provided I know not how many dispensaries and palatial hospitals for the really indigent poor, where they may at all times and seasons obtain the best medical and surgical advice as a matter of right, and simply by asking for it. To what cause, then, must we attribute the rapid and unhealthy growth of the out-patient departments? simply to a desire on the part of hospital managers to outbid each other in touting for public support. Hospital authorities believe that an appeal, couched upon the thousands of patients relieved, will be more successful to extract money from the pockets of the benevolent than it otherwise

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would if sensationalism were entirely suppressed. The chairman of the Metropolitan Royal Free Hospital, when appealed to by a deputation of gentlemen desirous of putting a stop to the abuse of hospitals, said, "The difficulty of limiting the numbers was, that the institution was *free*, and its doors are open to all comers, and it based its grounds of support upon the fact that it relieved 78,000 persons a-year. That although the greater part of these patients only had a single *minute* of the medical officer's time, it should be remembered that the bulk of the cases were probably unimportant, and would occupy little time, for people with little ailments came, and the more important cases were few in number." This may be taken as an average specimen of the kind of argument generally put forth by hospital managers when asked to try some scheme which shall bring about hospital out-patients reform.

It is quite out of the question to believe that the bulk of the patients partaking of relief at our hospitals and dispensaries are fit and proper objects of charity. In truth they are not; at a moderate estimate fully two-thirds of them are in a position to make a payment for the great benefits they receive. If only an effort were made to discover them, and point out the meanness of obtaining charitable relief under false pretences, they would at once do so, I am quite sure. I cannot think so meanly of the artisan class as to believe that if it were explained to them that the charity was solely intended to relieve the really indigent, they would ask for gratuitous advice and take away a bottle of medicine without paying for it. The skilled artisan class is rapidly moving into independence and into political importance; it has become more self-reliant and prepared to meet the incidence of sickness, one of those contingencies of life to which we are all alike exposed, and which it is as necessary to provide against as fire, or any other calamity common to our humanity. The average amount of sickness is uniform, and although it cannot be so exactly estimated as that of the average number of deaths at a given period of life, nevertheless a fairly accurate estimate can be made of the amount of sickness which is likely to occur in a given number of persons of known ages, occupations, and conditions. That calculations of sickness cannot be based on such precise laws as those of death, are due to the simple fact that death is an absolute reality, and can be weighed accordingly, while sickness is, more or less, a matter of degree and opinion. Furthermore, no one can attempt to deceive in the case of death, but, in the case of sickness, there may be many reasons which will induce one person to think more seriously of his own ailment than his neighbour will do. Nevertheless, with proper supervision, it is perfectly true that the average per centage of persons who will be visited with illness may be calculated upon in advance from year to year. Hence, then, we have a means by which the wage earning classes, and those who cannot afford to incur a doctor's bill may exercise thrift and show themselves as above partaking of the doles of charity, for it must be a very small minority of them who are unable to pay eight or ten shillings a year to enrol themselves members of a Provident Dispensary. That the great body of artisans are well able to make provision against sickness may be gathered from what has been repeatedly stated by one who is looked upon as the poor man's friend. Lord Shaftesbury has carefully ascertained that the aggregate receipts of the wage-earning classes of this country amount to no less a sum than £1,000,000 per annum, and that of this sum at least one-quarter is expended upon beer, tobacco, and things that could easily be dispensed with. This fully shows that they can, if they will, perform a duty to themselves and their families in providing medical relief in all ordinary cases of sickness.

It is perfectly clear, however, that something should and must be done to put a stop to the great abuse of medical charity. The evils inseparable from the out patients' department must be met by an appeal to the good sense and justice of those who so thoughtlessly run to them on every trifling illness. It should be clearly understood, also, that while the medical officers are quite prepared and willing to do a certain amount of work out of pure benevolence, and from the same feelings that lead the public to give their money to support hospitals and dispensaries, that it is impolitic and contrary to common sense to call upon them to render arduous services in the cause of charity and give gratuitous surgical and medical advice indiscriminately and to all comers. I refer to this because it is not so generally known as it should be that those who perform all the hard work of hospitals receive no remuneration whatever for their valuable services. I sincerely trust, therefore, that "A P.M." will not waste his energies in an endeavour to set on foot a new Masonic Dispensary, unless it be one on the *Provident principle*. He may confidently afford encouragement to this system, which is a right one, founded on the principle of *mutual assurance*. At the present time, however, most of those in operation about London are conducted partly on a commercial footing, and partly on that of mutual assurance. This arises from the fact that scarcely one of them are yet able to pay their way and compete successfully against the free hospitals and dispensaries. Indeed, it is scarcely in human nature to suppose that either the artisan class or "the lower class of humanity" shall voluntarily offer to pay for that which they can so easily attain for nothing.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

JABEZ HOGG.

1 Bedford-square, 10th Sept. 1879.

THINGS ONE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Since sending my last communication I have received my Girls' School voting paper, and have carefully gone through the list of candidates for the purpose of testing the manner in which the London Masonic Charity Association has carried out its frequently expressed intention of selecting such cases for its organised support as were friendless or deserted. Of the six cases enumerated in their circular one is a second and last application, with 546 votes recorded at the previous election, two are third applications with 557 and 194 votes brought forward, two are second applications with 75 and 15 votes polled in April last, and one is a new case. Of the foregoing two can in no sense be considered either friendless or deserted, why, then, were they chosen for recommendation to the exclusion of a similar number of the three other *last* applications which are left by the Association unrecognised and unaided? Fortunately two of them have high numbers standing to their credit, namely, 646 and 459, but Ada Hodgson, No. 46 on the list, must succeed at the ensuing election, or her only parent, her mother, must bear the burden of her education and sustenance in addition to that entailed by the maintenance of *four* other dependent children, until time or circumstances release her from the obligation. I am bound to admit that the three *last* applications *not* recommended are from the provinces; I refer to their omission as, in my opinion, evidencing a spirit of antagonism to such cases as are not recommended by London Lodges in forgetfulness of the fact that many of them are provincial only in the Masonic identity of the father, Metropolitan as regards his initiation.

The Association should, in order to maintain its philanthropical character announce to the Craft its reason for this change of front, and that soon; meanwhile subscribers desirous of assisting the cause of either of the recommending cases can fill in their proxies before transmitting them to either the Secretary of the Association, or the Secretary of the particular institution.

Yours fraternally,

QUERIST.

"UNIFORMITY OF WORKING;" AND "WHICH IS CORRECT?"

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As you are personally aware, my time has been so much taken up lately in the preparation and completion of the work "Uniformity of Masonic Ritual and Observance," that I have been unable to continue my letters on the several diversities of formulæ which have attracted my attention, and which will be discussed in continuation of the correspondence under the heading of "Which is Correct?" I shall now soon be enabled to resume the subject, as, to my very great satisfaction, my book is before the Masonic public, and can be obtained by them either through the Tylers of their several Lodges, or, in the ordinary manner, of all booksellers.

I take this opportunity to thank most heartily those brethren who, by their kind support, have secured the private disposal of nearly the whole of the first edition (1,000 copies), before even the date of publication, and even more especially those of our Order who have made the work as profitable to me as I hope it may prove to themselves by advertising therein. Hitherto, as I have been led to understand, Masonic publications generally have been considered most unprofitable undertakings, and the support which would have been frequently given by those who would otherwise gladly advertise their wares or business in such works has been withheld in consequence of the disinclination to have reflections cast on them for,—as the term goes,—"trading on Masonry." I cannot see that any public announcement of a man's business address, and the trade he carries on, in whatever respectable publication it may appear, should subject him to any imputation; nor why, because he happens to be a Mason, he should be precluded from bringing himself under the notice of others connected with the Masonic body.

However, as will be seen, many of my Masonic friends have no such scruples, and consequently they have made my work a successful and profitable venture, for which I heartily thank them, and am quite prepared, in return for their assent to my solicitation, to bear any reflections which may be cast on either themselves or myself as "traders on Masonry." I present the shield of common sense against any such attacks, should they be made, and from the standpoint of success declare that it is better for myself, and I hope for the Craft generally, that the book is published and being thoroughly well circulated, because of their hearty and liberal support, than that I should have failed in producing it on the score of too great a cost.

It is to be hoped that at least all the members of Grand Lodge, Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens, will make themselves conversant with the contents of the work without delay, for it is my intention to raise the question of "Uniformity" at the ensuing Quarterly Communication by notice of motion in the prescribed legal manner.

A second edition will at once be issued, and meanwhile I can, as also can you, receive the names of subscribers. The advertisement of the book will be found elsewhere in your columns.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607.—It has frequently been remarked—Where you find a good Master, you may look for a prosperous Lodge. We are prepared to endorse this statement, and to it we will add,—Where such a state of things prevails year after year, you may look further, and it will be recognised that the brethren who comprise the Lodge so favourably circumstanced are not unmindful of the claims of those upon whom the hand of misfortune or calamity has fallen more or less heavily. The Lodge of Loyalty was consecrated in May 1876, and its first W.M., Brother John Newton, is a Mason well known for his skill in the science, and equally well known as a firm and consistent supporter of our Institutions. After a singularly prosperous year he was succeeded by Brother Frederick Brown, who ably continued the work his predecessor had happily inaugurated. The third W.M. who graced the chair was Bro. C. H. Webb, and he, on Saturday last, brought the labours of a most successful year to a close by installing as his successor Bro. Chas. J. Perceval. We had the pleasure of attending this Lodge on the day of its consecration, on which occasion Bro. Perceval was appointed Senior Deacon. Moreover, he is well known to our readers, not only in connection with this Lodge, but also in association with Sincerity, No. 174, from the ranks of which the Lodge of Loyalty may trace its origin. Bro. Perceval, we understand, has been twenty-six years a Mason, and brings to bear upon his labours great experience, derived from an activity he has displayed in all questions that have been brought under the notice of the Craft, not only in this country but abroad, where he has spent the greater portion of his time. This fact called forth some expressions of surprise that he had not earlier attained the post of honour. Still, though not able to fix the much coveted letters P.M. to his name, he has for a considerable period been qualified as a Vice-President of each of our Institutions, and we trust will long continue the yeoman service he still so favours on behalf of our great Charities. The brethren assembled at headquarters, the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, at three o'clock, and at 3.15 Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. C. H. Webb. There was a large attendance, and among the Visitors were:—Bros. Col. John Creaton Grand Treas., R. H. Blatchford W.M. 1196, E. W. Braine P.M. 1471, J. Miller 174, Jas. Freeman W.M. 1426, John G. Stevens P.M. 554, Thomas Hamer S.D. 1426, A. E. Gladwell J.W. 172, Wm. Musto P.M. 1349, G. H. Stephens 1623, Thomas J. Barnes P.M. 933, F. Brener 205, Charles Searell P.M. 1382, G. T. H. Seddon W.M. 174, Thomas Slaiter 804, E. C. Massey P.M. 1297, Charles Lacey P.G.D. Herts, J. Egan P.M. 453, G. C. Coles, W. D. Hodges 1287, F. R. W. Hedges Sec. R.M.I.G., Henry Corlett 620 I.C., F. Binckes P.G.S. Sec. R.M.I.B., W. D'Oyley 1457, M. L. R. Duquenoy 72, T. J. Maidwell P.M. 27. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and then the auditors presented their report, which was unanimously adopted. Bro. Webb now addressed his immediate Past Master, Bro. Frederick Brown, and begged his acceptance of a Past Master's collar with insignia, in recognition of the kind assistance he had given him during his term of office, more particularly at a time when other duties pressed on him. This unexpected gift having been suitably acknowledged, Bro. Webb signified his readiness to proceed with the ceremony of the day; accordingly, Bro. James Terry, acting as Director of Ceremonies, introduced Bro. Perceval as Master elect. The Senior Warden's chair was taken by Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, while Bro. Charles Lacey took position in the south. Bro. Perceval was presented, and duly took the obligation; a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the ceremony proceeded. On the readmission of those below the rank of installed Master, the new W.M. was saluted, and he invested the following as Officers:—E.G. Legge P.M. S.W., E.C. Beedell J.W., F. Brown P.M. Treas., John Newton P.M. Sec., G. Knill S.D., Jones J.D., F. Carr I.G., Newham W.S., Roberts D.C., J. Very Tyler. Some routine business was transacted, and the name of a member of Lodge who had left this country for an indefinite period was transferred to the list of country subscribers. The Visitors tendered their good wishes and Lodge was closed. After a somewhat tedious "wait" banquet was served, and Bros. Bertram and Roberts must be complimented on the way in which they placed the repast upon the table. On the removal of the cloth the Loyal toasts were proposed, and were followed respectively by the National Anthem and God bless the Prince of Wales. On again rising the W.M. said, in consequence of the pressure of time he would incorporate the two next toasts. The Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of Grand Officers. Bro. Perceval referred to the zeal displayed by the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale; in their duties they were ably supported by the Grand Officers. He regretted Col. Creaton had been compelled, in consequence of illness in his domestic circle, to leave them at an earlier stage of the proceedings, this he was sure all present would regret. Without further remarks, he would offer the toast for their acceptance. After a spirited performance on the pianoforte by Bro. Seddon, Bro. Webb rose to propose the health of the W.M. He remarked that this was the first time in the course of his Masonic career that this pleasing duty had devolved upon him, but this now fell to his lot as the Immediate Past Master. Of Bro. Perceval he could speak in the highest terms of praise. It was generally known that their W.M. gave much of his time and means in aiding the cause of Freemasonry, and he felt he was giving utterance to the sentiments of his heart when he stated that under Bro. Perceval's direction the Lodge could not fail to go on and prosper. He (Bro. Webb) did not possess the gift of speech, but if he had the ability he was assured no speech of his was wanted to commend the toast to their notice. After a spirited rendering of "Hearts of Oak," by Bro. Jones, Bro. Perceval rose to reply. After such an ovation as he had been received with he hardly knew how to express his thanks He felt himself singularly fortunate in having three such Past Masters on his left, brethren who could not be excelled as Craft workers. For his Senior Warden he had secured the services of one who had already passed the Master's chair, and on whose assistance, should he require support, he would not have to look in vain. Bro. Perceval then alluded to the loss the Lodge had sustained by the death of Bro. Wyatt, but in consequence of this sad event his Junior Warden brought with him the experience he had acquired during the six months he had already filled that office. Under the existing regulations of the Lodge he was not in a position to advance Bro. Beedell to the Senior Warden's chair, though the way that brother had performed his duties fully warranted such a step. He would now say a few words about himself. Well, he had been twenty-six years a Mason, twenty-two years of which time had been spent abroad. He had never aspired to office until his return to this country; but since the date of his affiliation he had endeavoured to do his duty to the Craft, to the utmost of his ability. Two of his sons were already initiated, and had he a dozen he should like to see them taking the same course. He sincerely thanked all present for the way they had responded to the toast. The health of the Visitors was the next toast brought to the notice of the brethren. Nothing tended more to the proper conduct of business than the experience gained by visiting from Lodge to Lodge; where good work was to be seen this should be copied, and where their own was faulty, they should strive to amend it. Bro. Perceval then recapitulated the names of the Visitors present, and called on the members to honour the toast, with which he would associate the name of Bro. Binckes. Bro. Past Master Brown sang, in a spirited manner, "Welcome, ever welcome, friends," after which Bro. Binckes rose to reply. In recognising the W.M. as the energetic stage manager who had allotted him the part he was called upon to play that evening, he would venture to thank him for according him a "line" other than his own. However, in his present capacity of walking gentleman, and on behalf of the other Visitors, he would tender his best thanks for the unbounded hospitality displayed. He had been under the impression that this was not the first time the W.M. had held supreme power in a Lodge, but he found that in this assumption he had been in error. Bro. Perceval had spoken in graceful terms of the homage due to our Sovereign, and he could not help being reminded of the Prince of Wales's remarks upon the relation of loyalty and charity, when considering that in Bro. Perceval's position of Worshipful Master of the Loyalty he illustrated and exemplified the Grand Master's sentiments by becoming a Vice-President of all the Charities. However, he must not forget that he had been selected to respond for the Visitors. He sincerely thanked the W.M., the Past Masters and Officers for the goodly service they had done in the past, and trusted the Lodge of Loyalty might enjoy a long career of prosperity, and that it might never be presided over by a less worthy Master than he who now so ably filled the chair. The W.M., in proposing the health of the I.P.M., said that if Bro. Webb had felt any pleasure in proposing his health, he need scarcely say what he felt in being able to return the compliment. He would ask Brother Webb's permission to allow him to place on his breast the P.M.'s jewel; on no more sacred place could it be affixed; and he trusted it would be worn there for many years to come. Bro. Webb expressed his sincere thanks for the way in which his name had been received. He had striven to do his duty. He entertained a high opinion of the expression of goodwill displayed by the brethren, and much as he prized the jewel they had presented him with, he would rather not have received it did he think the other was lacking. If hitherto he had deserved their esteem, he trusted he should always retain it, and he would ever look back upon the happy hours he had spent in the Loyalty Lodge. With the toast of the Masonic Charities, which was the next proposed by the W.M., was associated the name of Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Terry tendered his thanks. It was well known to himself and his brother Secretaries what the Lodge of Loyalty were capable of doing for the Charities. They were first represented by their present Treasurer, who, Bro. Terry believed, collected over £100 on behalf of the Boys' School. Since then other members had undertaken the office of Steward, with varied success; but he considered it only necessary to refer to what Bro. Beedell, the newly-appointed J.W., had done at the last Festival of the Benevolent Institution, when a list amounting to £150 represented the contributions from the Lodge of Loyalty. He (Bro. Terry) had been present at the installation of many Masters, but he had never known a brother, before he was installed, to have qualified himself as Vice-President of all three Charities. Bro. Terry did not deem it necessary to detail what the Masonic Institutions were doing; the work they accomplished was well known to the members present. He feared the Charities would never have more money than they knew what to do with, as there would always be contingencies to absorb surplus funds, even if they should be so successful as to accumulate any. He then referred to the proposed scheme for assisting pupils after they left the Masonic Schools. He objected to the proposal, on the ground that it was demanding from the Craft more than could reasonably be expected, as many men who might subscribe to the fund would do so to the detriment of their own children. He hoped the brethren would never allow the Institutions to be placed at a disadvantage. He likewise referred to the proposal to increase the amount of the annuities, and pointed out that it might be more advantageous to increase the number of recipients rather than the amount each annuitant received. Bro. Binckes desired, after the remarks made regarding the Pupils' Assistance Fund, to state that it was not intended that the establishment of the Fund should in any way compete with the existing Charities. The Fund was intended to assist deserving pupils, and he thought it a great pity that after a boy or girl had exhibited special attainments, he or she should be unable to cultivate them for want of means. Doubtless there were as many cases in the Girls' School as there were in the Boys', where pupils had proved themselves capable

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of attaining a high position in life, and he considered it sad that no help could be afforded to assist in their advancement. After a song by Bro. Morgan, the health of the Past Masters was proposed from the chair, to this Bro. John Newton, the father of the Lodge and its Secretary, responded. As long as the members desired his services he would be proud to continue his exertions for the benefit of the Lodge. The toast of the Officers was acknowledged by Bro. Legge, and after a song by Bro. Giller, the Tyler closed the proceedings. In addition to those we have specially mentioned, other of the members of the Lodge exerted themselves to entertain the company. Their efforts were ably sustained by Bro. G. T. H. Seddon, whose ability as accompanyist is well known.

Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 732.—The regular meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. Bennett. Bros. J. Capon S.W., Dr. Hankswell J.W., Ridley P.M. Treas., H. Jenner S.D., S. Soper J.D., Histed I.G., Rose Steward; P.M.'s Alderman Davey (Mayor of Brighton), Alderman Martin, S. Solomon, Freeman P.G. Sec., G. Smith P.P.G.P., J. Reed P.P.G.D., Kidd P.P.G.D., G. Reed P.P.G.D.; Bros. C. Vaughan, Armstrong, Dash, and several others. After preliminaries, ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. T. Fowler and S. Denham, which were unanimous in their favour. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. G. Reeves-Smith jun., son of the popular and respected manager of the Aquarium. He was duly initiated into the Order by the W.M. Bro. Solomon effectively delivered the charge, and Bro. Dr. Hauxwell J.W. descanted on the moral teachings of the tracing board. The W.M. announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex would be held at the Royal Pavilion on the 6th October, the R.W. W. W. Barrell Provincial Grand Master, M.P., in the chair. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. Sayers and Marks, that gave great satisfaction. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. In speaking to the toast of the R.W. the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, he said: Since he had the honour to be W.M. he had had an opportunity of witnessing the proceedings of Grand Lodge, and how efficiently those distinguished brethren filled their various chairs, to the satisfaction of the whole Craft. This evening they had the honour of the company of a talented brother among them, Bro. Kuhe P.G.O. He is not only welcome here as a Brother, but also as a friend; all know him and all respect him. Bro. Kuhe felt a great pleasure in responding to the toast; the W.M. had eloquently spoken of the manner in which the Grand Officers performed their duties. He had great pleasure in meeting the members of the Royal Brunswick Lodge. He regretted he was unable to be present at the initiation of a son of his esteemed friend, Bro. G. Reeves-Smith. He begged to thank them for the reception of the toast. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Walter Barrell, M.P., the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers; he spoke of the able manner in which the Prov. G. Master discharged his duties and the respect he is held in in the Province. He regretted his absence from home, or he would have been with them that evening. However, they were honoured by the presence of several brethren, Provincial Grand Officers, whom they all knew; he would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Freeman P. Grand Sec. Bro. Freeman thanked the brethren for the manner he had been received; he assured them the P.G.M. fully appreciated their kindness. The Deputy G.M. is a member of this Lodge; all hoped he would soon be present, in renewed health. What Bro. Kuhe had said with regard to the Officers of Grand Lodge would equally apply to the Officers of this Province, which was a very united one. In the name of the Provincial Grand Master and Officers he begged to thank them. Bro. Alderman Davey I.P.M. would ask them, he might say, to drink the toast of the evening; that was, the health of the W.M. We generally have a Master of the Lodge whom we are proud of, and whom, like a band of brethren, we support. They had seen how ably Bro. Bennett had performed the ceremony of initiation, and in fact every duty required of him. He is competent to make the Lodge one of the best in the Province; he would ask them to give the toast the reception it merited. The W.M. thanked Bro. P.M. Davey for the kind manner in which he had spoken of him. When he undertook the duties of the chair he hoped he should have work to do; he found he had it. He was pleased to see so many brethren present, and heartily thanked them for the manner in which the toast had been received. Bro. Alderman Martin P.M. said he had permission of the W.M. to propose the next toast, and he felt great pleasure in so doing. It was the health of the Visitors, whom he was pleased to see. From his knowledge of them, he could say they had distinguished themselves in the Order, and rendered good service to the Masonic Charities; he would call on Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Dr. C. J. Smith 1446, and C. Hudson W.M. 315 to respond. Those brethren in replying, thanked the members for their kind hospitality and the great Masonic treat they had experienced in the working of the W.M. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters, each one had done his duty to the satisfaction of the Lodge. He spoke of the loss they had sustained by the death of their respected Bro. Bacon, who, twenty years ago, founded the Lodge and was its first Master. Still we have good Past Masters, all working Masons and respected. Bro. Alderman Davey P.M. responded. The W.M. then said, Lodges could scarcely go on without initiates, they are the Masters in embryo. On a former occasion he had initiated a son of Bro. Nell P.M. of the York Lodge; and to-night they were pleased to initiate the son of a Brother whose talents are appreciated by all. Bro. Geo. Reeves-Smith jun. paid great attention to the ceremony and would become a credit to the Craft. Bro. G. Reeves-Smith jun. briefly and appropriately returned thanks. He felt it an honour to have been initiated in this Lodge; he would do all in his power to merit the kind remarks of the W.M. In giving the toast of the Officers the W.M. said they were thoroughly proficient in their duties. He could congratulate himself on having such brethren to assist in carrying out the working of the Lodge. Bros. Capon S.W. and Dr. Hauxwell J.W. responded. The Tyler's toast followed, and thus a very agreeable and harmonious evening ended. Among the Visitors were Bros. C. W. Hudson W.M. 315, S.W. 1540, G. Reeves-Smith 200, Nell P.M. 315, P.P.G.P. Sussex, C. Wren P.M. 315, W. Kuhe P.G.O. P.M. 271, 1636, Newsome 1820, Godfrey 1821, C. Smith W.M. 1466, Cockburn 1466, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Royal Military Lodge, No. 1449.—A meeting was held on the 15th September, at the Masonic Hall, 38 St. Peter-street, Canterbury. Present:—Bros. Lagden W.M., Tyler S.W., Blamiers J.W., Beer P.M. Treas., Naylor Acting Sec., Vautier S.D., Price J.D., Vile 972 I.G., Ewell Tyler, also Bros. Naylor P.M., Shaxby. Visitor—Bro. Vile 972. Lodge was opened and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in second degree and the working tools explained by Bro. Lagden. Lodge was opened in third degree, and the tools explained by Bro. Lagden W.M. The lecture on the tracing board was given by Bro. Blamiers. The Lodge was then regularly closed.

Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717, at Tunis.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Tunis, on Saturday, the 6th September, for the purpose of electing a W.M. for the ensuing year. Present—W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, Barrister-at-law, D.D.G.M. Malta, W.M.; Dr. A. Perini as S.W., G. Pentecost as J.W., M. Lambroso Secretary, A. Blanch Treasurer, Professor Souiller as D. of C., V. Finzi as S.D., V. Memmi as J.D., J. Bavotti, L. Curletto and C. Fogetta Stewards, M. Le Gallais I.G., J. Eymon Tyler, W. Bros. Barker W.M. 1835, Dr. Magnani 32°, and Professor Vais 33°, together with a very large attendance of members and visitors. A letter was read from Bro. J. H. Stevens, acting British Consul General, declining candidature for the chair of K.S., on account of his manifold official duties, and his approaching departure from Tunis. The claims of the J.W., Dr. Perini, to the honour were urged by the D.D.G.M., who explained that he himself was no longer eligible, having served for two years. Bro. Dr. A. Perini was then unanimously elected by ballot W.M. for the year 1879-80. Cavaliere A. Blanch was unanimously elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. Professor Souiller, Officier L'Academie, alluded in eloquent terms to the immense exertions of W. Bro. Broadley during his term of office, and stated the members of the different Masonic bodies under his control had determined to present him with a substantial mark of their affection and esteem before he vacated the chair of No. 1717. He called on the Secretary to read an address signed on behalf of over 100 Masons, and engrossed on vellum. Bro. Lambroso read the address as follows:—"To R.W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, P.G.M.M. Malta and Tunis, D.D.G.M.. Malta, &c. R.W. Sir and Brother:—The subscribing and honorary members of the various Masonic bodies under your rule are desirous of testifying their sense of your Masonic merits before you quit the chair of the 'Ancient Carthage' Lodge, which you have occupied with honour to yourself and advantage to the Craft for the period of two years. Your elevation to the rank of Provincial Grand Mark Master of the United District of Tunis and Malta affords them an appropriate opportunity for so doing, and of expressing at the same time their high appreciation of your untiring zeal and energy in the discharge of your duties in governing the several Lodges and Chapters, to the presidency of which you have been called by the suffrages of your Brethren. Not only have you won thereby the affection and regard of every one of them, but you have succeeded in reawakening in the Regency of Tunis that Masonic enthusiasm which had remained dormant for years, and in founding under the banner of the United Grand Lodge of England Masonic Institutions in this country, of the stability and endurance of which they entertain the strongest hopes. As long as these Lodges last, you may rest assured the remembrance of your exertions for their prosperity, your uniform courtesy to your officers and brethren, and the tact with which you promoted harmony and brotherly love amongst them, will always be one of their most cherished memories. They, therefore, ask you to accept, as a tribute of affection, this casket and the jewels and regalia it contains, and they trust that the G.A.O.T.U. will long preserve you to assist in raising and beautifying that edifice of which you have so well and so ably laid the foundation.—Tunis, 6th September, 1879. (Signed) S. Souiller, Secretary of Testimonial Committee." (Here follows a list of upwards of one hundred subscribers, including the D.G.M., P.D.D.G.M. the W.M.'s of Lodges 349, 515, and 1835 E.C., and several P.M.'s, all the Officers of Lodges 1717 and 1835, and nearly the whole of the members). The Director of Ceremonies, assisted by Bros. Pentecost and Carriglio, then carried round the Lodge a magnificent mahogany casket ornamented with brass (and bearing a lengthy and appropriate inscription, engraved on a massive silver-plate inserted in the lid), which contained a superb set of regalia as P.G. M.M.M. and three valuable gold jewels, viz., those of P.G.M.M.M., D.D.G.M., and P.M.W.S. (the latter being enriched with precious stones). This costly testimonial was then presented to W. Bro. Broadley amidst general and hearty applause. On the W.M. resuming his seat, after thanking the brethren, in feeling terms, a Masonic salute was accorded him, on the proposition of the W.M. (elect) Dr. Perini. A similar honour was paid to the newly elected W.M. and Treasurer, the Honorary P.M., the W.M. and Officers of the new English Lodge, "William Kingston," No. 1835, at Goletta, and the Visitors, all of whom returned thanks for the honour done them. The charity collection having been made, the Lodge was formally adjourned till 4th Oct., when the D.D.G.M. will instal his successor, Dr. Perini.

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"IL TEGAME," OR A MASON'S HOLIDAY.

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I AM about to commit—yes, commit—an anachronism, and attribute to my holiday of last year episodes of a previous one; yet I trust to be pardoned.

Having already crossed the Alps, we will for a time retrace our steps, like Cæsar, "summa diligentia," visit Lake Leman, the Allobrogi, and their town, the modern Geneva, retrograding also our thoughts to the year 1865.

The journey from Paris to Geneva seems long, dull, and flat, as is nearly all central France, until you arrive at the Valley of the Rhone and Chamberry, when suddenly one gets among the mountains, and all is changed,—the valleys, often divided into fields, give it a home aspect abounding in fine views.

Here many English people have summer residences; the guard of the train pointed out to me one of these, overlooking the Youn, which a hermit or a lover of taste might alike have envied; and a gentleman of the neighbourhood assured me that to any one watching the opportunity, a reasonable château and property might often be obtained on quite moderate terms; the land, although light, is good, and the wine good and strong.

However, my object was not Chamberry, with its images of the Virgin on every hill, but Geneva, in what was once good old Protestant Switzerland, where I set my foot on 20th August; compelling, as it does, recollections of its glorious lake, its William Tell, its Calvin, and all the other things, false and true, they tell of it; and, above all, it should be described as a glorious part of that land which the sun of the South endows with beauty, and the breezes of the North with liberty.

One soon finds that one is no longer in France, although the language is the same; for, going to church next morning, the first illustration of the subject, which was Faith, was drawn from what the preacher called the glorious English army, and its heroic defence against the modern Jugurtha, Nana Saib, when he described the well-known story of the soldier's wife hearing in faith, rather than in reality, the pibroch's music of the "Campbell's are coming."

In France they only know the English army as the fellows who were running away at Waterloo when Blucher with his host luckily compelled them, in spite of themselves, to gain a victory. I am very sorry to say that Crimean glory they claim all for themselves. It was, however, Waterloo which freed Geneva from France, and next week will be the 50th anniversary of the return of the Swiss army and the abolition of French sway. But France is a great country—nearly five hundred miles have I journeyed, and yet in fifteen minutes can get into French territory, in consequence of the recent annexation of Savoy, from whose huge ramparts of rocks the French eagles seem ready to pounce on the much coveted Canton.

I have talked with many of the Swiss officers, soldiers and others, and they really look with a friendly feeling to England, and declare it was not the Prussians, but Wellington with his British soldiers who fought, and died, and conquered at Waterloo; and if you want to hear of the glories, alas departed, of Nelson, Trafalgar, and Aboukir, come and talk with Switz soldiers and old Switzmen. Fortunately there are many glories, and we may celebrate our own without envying those of France.

Sunday, the day after my arrival, came off an Election, strongly contested. The Radicals are now, and have, since the Revolution of 1847, been in a majority, when the last traces of the old Protestant supremacy, established by Calvin, disappeared, and a pure Radical democracy reigned in its stead. A Conservative was however returned.

The elections are by ballot, and the suffrage much as in English boroughs; when, however, the poll is closed, the urn is sealed up and left all night in the midst of the Hall, so that no tampering can take place as has been imputed in France. At six o'clock next morning the first arriving have the right to unlock the box and break the seals thereof. On this occasion they were all Radicals, who had kept their stations the night through. The counting being ended, and finding the majority against them, they declared the Election void, and refused to make the legal declaration of the numbers. The Conservatives, however, had been able to obtain sufficient proof of the numbers, and claimed the victory.

Great altercation followed. The Conservatives almost unconsciously mustered together, and headed by a few banners and music, formed a procession down the Rue Mont Blanc. In the meantime the Radicals stormed a "*Caserne*" or barrack in the Rue des Cendriers, a small street running at right angles near the lower end of the Rue Mont Blanc, seized some muskets, erected a kind of barricade, and as the Conservative procession approached, fired deliberately into it. It was a disquieting scene. As I had joined in the procession, I heard the firing and screams, the cries to arms, and even the "que se sauve qui peut," and saw the alternate swaying, and the running and rallying of a day of battle.

The drums beat to arms for the battallions of the quarter, but they

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could get no ammunition. A cannon was, however, soon brought out by the hastily gathered soldiers, and was ready to fire, when wiser counsels seemed to prevail; fifteen or more were killed or wounded; I saw them carried off, and the Rue Mont Blanc was red with blood. It did not last long; in less than an hour a strong patrol of soldiers paraded the place, and tranquillity returned. "Stupid fellows," said an intelligent soldier to me afterwards, "I was in the front all the time, they did not hurt us, but killed the poor innocent lookers on."

Happily it soon ended, for it was soon rumoured that "in the interests of order" the Imperial spider had already telegraphed to the French troops near, and, as if by magic, the hotels seemed instantly crowded with French uniforms, evidently to favour any pretence for intervention.

It should be explained, in order to illustrate the modern history of Geneva, that when the French took possession of it after the great revolution of 1780—that they interfered but little with the municipal arrangements Calvin had instituted, and at the fall of Napoleon I. the Swiss troops were immediately welcomed back, and re-entered Geneva amid general rejoicing, much as the Italian troops recently entered Rome, although no fighting was necessary, and a monument erected near the lake still records the place of their landing. The Calvin constitution then regained its full sway, and for 50 years again, until the new revolution which brought back the Napoleons, asserted its primeval hold upon the people.

This was the signal for the advent of immigrants and refugees of all parties and from all parts, filoux, deserters, rogues, Italian, German, French, so that the ordinary Genevan population of 40,000 soon became more than doubled. A revolution was inaugurated, and Calvin's constitution finally overturned. Liberty of conscience brought with it, if not all the good, at least all the evil it necessarily entails. Thus rendering Geneva, if only on a small scale and for a season, "The land of freedom and resort of crime."

Calvinism it is not my place or intention to discuss, but we will take a passing glimpse of its successor, the Genevan Radical. There are different kinds. I went into a "Café" national on the evening of the strife, so as to learn at headquarters the news and feeling. On sitting down, a respectable looking man offered me his newspaper, and made some remark, to which I replied I did not like universal suffrage. He then said, "Then you would not have allowed Jesus Christ to have a vote." In response I said, "I don't know, but there was no Jesus Christ with you to-day, my friend, or you would not have fought, since he tells us in his writings, to live at peace with our neighbours."

My friend, "Do you believe in that stupid book, the Bible?" "Yes," I said, "and its morals are most excellent." *My friend*—"How can that be when it begins with a lie? How did Cain get his wife, when just before we are told that Adam and Eve, beside himself, were the only existing beings. It is a bad book; an eye for an eye is its doctrine, a tooth for a tooth, and more desolations and bloodsheds have its doctrines caused than man can tell. I borrowed my neighbour's Bible the other day,—he keeps it to write in the births of his children, and so on; placing my finger on a verse, I said to him, 'Do you allow your children to read such wickedness as that? it is enough to corrupt any one.'" I replied that the new French editions had modified many old and objectionable expressions of the translators, and that what he referred to related only to the Levitical ceremonies, and not to its moral teaching, which was all that concerned us; but, he replied, "It was the origin of superstition, and what was bad in its origin must be bad in its fruit, and so it is."

"What!" he continued, "do you believe in the God as described in the Bible?" (then he proceeded to argue on the doctrine of which Lucretius treats so fully, and which Lamarck and Darwin have modernised and rendered popular). "I believe what I see, and I believe nothing else. I have studied the doctrines of Brahma and Confucius, and Mohammed; they all teach me to do good to my neighbours, and that is my doctrine. I daily see the evils of Christianity, and I would rather have Mohammed than Christ." I told him I liked his philosophy of doing good to his neighbours; he ought to go one step further, however, and the Bible would instruct him, "Why we ought to do good."

The man had really been civil to me, so I asked him to join me in some wine, which he did, changed the conversation, railed against Napoleon, and told me he was a Frenchman from old Armorica (Little Britain), as I was from Great Britain. So much for a Philosophical Radical.

Soon another scene came on. Two men came into the room, fine tall fellows, almost giants, dressed in blouses, and evidently labourers. "I tell you," said one of them, looking at me, "there must be a change, the rich must be put down. How is a man to live on fifty sous a day, and maintain his family? on a hundred, perhaps, he might." Now, if any one could have seen this man's manner as he stalked the floor of that long room, and have seen his countenance, he would have had a true picture of the Red Republican. He had just come in, wild with excitement, from the place where he had helped to kill and wound the fifteen who fell. I became rather uneasy as I looked at him, so I begged him to do me the honour of accepting some wine at my expense, and soon slipped off. My philosophical friend had, however no predeliction for him, and sneered at him in every way so far as he fairly durst. Here, then, is an example of the Red Republican Radical.

The Philosophical Radical is a hollow, stupid fellow at best, but (as I wrote at that time) some day society will come face to face again with the Red Republican, and with his question, "How is a man to live on fifty sous a day?" That is the question which, in some way or other, in some form or other, will be the upper one of social questions.

I may, however, remark that I met my red friend afterwards in a more sober mood; he told me he was a Savoyard, and had fought through all the campaigns which had expelled the Austrians from Italy; he complained that his education, now so important, had been neglected by the government, and that is what we chiefly wanted there, and which, said he, is to be had here at Geneva. Things will, no doubt in time, arrange themselves, but Victor Emanuel will soon find that in leaving Savoy he has changed his white bread for black bread.

I have endeavoured here to reproduce the actual conversations, and except for condensation have not varied a word.

But to begin again; the next day, or rather evening, I recommenced my excursions in the environs, and got as far as Veyrier, a pretty frontier village near the bridge which crosses the river Arve, and lying just beneath the Grand barrier of France formed by the Grand and Petit Salève. There, at an auberge, seeing some gentlemen seated outside the door, I saluted them, and, taking my seat, called for some wine. Introducing myself as a stranger and a doctor, I soon got into conversation with a proprietor of the neighbourhood who was in company, the all-absorbing theme being the recent election. The election excitement was still extant, and at this moment a large party of horse and foot, with a band of music and banners, strode triumphantly along. We all saluted them; it seemed, indeed, an English rural celebration; yet how strange it appeared beneath the frowning barriers of France! We were comparing the English Volunteers with the Swiss army. "We are all soldiers here," said my friend, turning to a gentleman dressed in uniform then entering; "and here is our doctor with us: none are exempt."

I found the doctor a very nice fellow, simple-minded, but well-informed; we talked of Nelaton and Velpeau and Lawrence (alas! now all departed), and drank a health to all those who bled for their country. The conversation again became more general; in England we talk much of the three R's, but in travelling the three W's are more in vogue—the wine, the wars, and the women. Of the latter all I can say is, that where the ladies are truly virtuous, they are always truly beautiful; and that where they are truly beautiful, they are always truly virtuous.

As the evening draws on, it is strange to observe the dark, heavy shadows, which these rocks, the frowning barriers of old Savoy, rising at one bound to the height of Cader Ideris—4,000 feet—produce on all around and on the observer. Fortunately, as their evening shadows lengthened and darkened, the moon arose, and I returned to Geneva with pleasant reminiscences of the evening thus passed.

Having thus made so far an exploration, I resolved two days afterwards to ascend this mountain, the Grand Salève, forming a hill of the grand chain of the Voirons, and in due course again arrived at Veyrier, the scene of my evening's chat, four miles from Geneva; crossed the bridge with some little difficulty, and traversed the broken ground which intervenes between the bridge and the Pas d'Echelles, or ladder path, by which one mounts the rock.

The Pas d'Echelles resembles a plank placed edgeways against a house, and turning at certain angles to mount to the roof. It is very steep and narrow, and soon wearies even a resolute pedestrian. About half way up it enlarges at one place, and there the Lord of the country, as Bunyan would say, has placed some pleasant seats for travellers to sit and muse over the wonderful panorama spread out beneath one's feet. Here I was joined by a countryman, who pointed out to me the different Communes, Catholic or Protestant, which lay around. "Ah," said he, "in 1815, Geneva might have had all three Communes, which wished to be united to it, but it would not have them because they were Catholics, and when they so much wanted us, at the giving up of Savoy to France, it was all too late, and now in Geneva itself half or more of the people are Catholics." He was a labourer from one of the Communes, and by no means destitute of intelligence. It was burning hot, and near the top of the Pas I was rejoiced at finding a little fountain, fed with water springing from the rock, bright as the fountain of Blandusia, when I gladly refreshed. I strongly, however, advise all persons travelling in Switzerland to be cautious of hill fountains, and never to travel without a pocket filter.

At the termination of the Pas d'Echelles one arrives at the Grand Gorge, on the left the Petit Salève, on the right the Grand Salève, which gorge opens into a pretty plain containing the village Monnetiet. Here a woman in a cottage balcony was singing a pretty song, something like "Traveller, rest, thy wanderings o'er;" but finding it was an auberge I passed on, exclaiming *excelsior*. A little further brought me full in view of the Mont Blanc range, so inquiring the right path I mounted higher, when, at every fresh turn, the prospect became more extended, especially on the Genevan side, and here again has the Lord of the country provided ample seats, in good places, from which you may see below Lake Leman, with its brilliant blue and placid surface; the steamers and boats, with white sails as in miniature; trace the courses of the Arve and of the Rhone, and make out the sites of towns and villages for many miles.

Again I mounted, and coming at length to an undeniable view of Mont Blanc, felt rewarded.

> "My parched tongue, my wanderer's lot,
> My aching feet were all forgot."

There it stood, white and venerable, like the ancient of days; insensibly I took off my hat, and exclaimed—

> "Mont Blanc is the monarch of mountains,
> They crowned him long ago,
> (His vassal hills around him)
> With a diadem of snow."

It was a bright day for my first actual recognition, since although I had dimly imagined its outline, both from Lyons and from Mount Cenis, I had never actually made its acquaintance; but now all was clear and plain, its venerable head and coronet of feathery mist, and its vassal hills all were there, distinct and clear, at a few leagues distance.

It is lonely here in this lofty spot, the silence wonderful; no birds are to be heard, only the cicada chanting its cricketty song, all else was still as a wilderness; and having accomplished my object, prepared to return.

On getting to Monnetier again I obtained some goat's milk, fearing to take wine, and as I went on forgot not to refresh at my old friend

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the fountain. I got home after eight hours of continuous hard hill walking, under a burning sun.

Society in Geneva is naturally divided much into cliques; mutual friends associate in what are called "Cercles," with admission much as in our clubs. I was invited, for my stay, to one connected with the legal profession and my name entered on the books, thus I had the advantage of their spacious library, reading rooms, &c., supplied with the leading journals and reviews of Europe, whilst it further gave me opportunity of acquaintance and converse with the cultivated native classes.

One thing I soon learnt, viz., that the abstentation of England from the affairs of Europe had greatly lessened its prestige, and even filled them with alarm. England, they said, was formerly looked up to as the defender of the weaker states against the tyranny of the strong, but now to trust to England would be to build Chateaux en Espagne (castles in the air); we must, in Geneva, now trust only to ourselves, and sooner than France should have it, we would make it a wreck without one stone upon another. It was, however, generally acknowledged that the open demands of Napoleon III. were less disquieting than the intrigues of Louis Philippe.

This opinion was not however general with the newly arrived tradesmen, who on being asked, would reply, "Monsieur, ca ne me regarde pas,"—I don't care which.

It was here also I made the acquaintance of a Russian gentlemen who told me he had commanded the advance body of troops in the Russian invasion of Turkey in 1829. "Now tell me," I said to him, "why the Russians retreated so suddenly after the victory of Adrianople? Was the retreat caused, or not caused, by fearful losses in the Russian army, and by the breaking out of the plgaue ?"

He replied to me, "Certainly not; I assure you we could readily have gone on to Constantinople, and the plague did not break out until after we had retreated. It was not the policy or intention of Russia to do more than she did, whatever people may say thinking Russians do not desire Constantinople, it would dislocate the present condition of Russia, and render it a divided empire. Had we really wished for Constantinople we could have had it in 1829."

One day, when seated in the public garden overlooking the Lake, a body of Polish political refugees, just arrived, were ostentatiously promenading. "These men," he remarked "are playing the Patriot, but it was the trust of the Russian government in Polish honesty that led to the first rebellion. They had a Viceroy devoted to them, a separate administration and army, and were treated rather as an allied than as a subject nation, and rarely has such treachery been seen as was there exhibited. The '*Robot*' of the Polish nobles was always heavier than the Russian 'Rabot,' and the serfdom more abject. The nobles, when they had a king, could not agree, for the people were nothing, and it was only when Poland became a centre of anarchy that Russia and others assumed the government."

I recollect in a theological discussion to have made a sad admission on the doctrine of the Trinity, and only discovered my heterodoxy by referring on returning home to the Athanasian Creed.

He was, however, a kindly man, simple as an English gentleman, his general information wide, his judgment earnest and correct, his only failing being that he was ever making "*Tartarean*" jokes on Napoleon III. Politeness apart, Russia and France can never be permanent allies. I think, however, his word may be taken as to the *contested point* of the condition of the Russian army after the battle of Adrianople.

Whilst detained thus idly at Geneva, with injured feet from mountain climbing, the time was occupied as best it could be by promenading, "summa diligentia," on the top of a diligence, and especially by having produced a series of water-colour drawings of interesting spots—amongst them is a view of the mansion and church:—

> "Of him who to the bane of thousands born,
> Built God a church, but laughed His word to scorn."

The house is just as he left it, the little chapel also, the front still bearing the legend, "Deo erexit Voltaire," yet on entering by the vestry door I found its present use to be that of a barn.

Near to Fernez is also the village of Bossy, where J. J. Rousseau spent part of his infancy, and of which he tells so amusing a tale in that strangest of all strange works his "Confessions."

I might continue a narration of actualities without end, but recommend my Masonic friends on visiting Geneva to study expressly the lovely lake, whose beauty cannot too much be extolled. Its perpetual blueness has that effect on the eye that it never seems dazzled with its lustre, nor satiated by its sameness. Look at it by daylight or night-light, at morn or eve, it seems ever joyous, ever now—

> "An endless fountain of immortal drink,
> Pouring unto us from high heaven's brink."

About this time I made a journey on foot to Mont Blanc, but must cut short the narrative. The valley of Chamounix is grand, grand by day, grander as the shades of evening fall and night is coming on.

I had arrived (next morning) at the foot of the mountain, near the glaciers, and sat down far from where the river Arve issues from its cavern of solid, nay eternal ice, and musing said, "I will now drink at the source of this, my friend, along whose banks I have travelled so many miles." Placing my hat down, I rose and moved towards the stream—at the same moment, with a noise of thunder, a large stone, of probably half a ton, shooting down the glaciers, and striking the stone on which I had an instant before sat, glanced only a few inches from me. I gave myself up for lost as it rebounded, but it passed harmlessly by. A gentleman in one of the hotels was still insensible, and in a state worse than death from a similar accident two days previously.

In the evening, the "Brigadier," an Alsatian, called upon me at the hotel to sign the police visitors' book; he spent some hours with me, sipping coffee, and told me his thoughts as a Frenchman and Alsatian.

Other Frenchmen, rich and poor, never forget the glories of their own provinces; they are provincials first, and Frenchmen afterwards; but the German origined Alsatian was like a bird who had quitted his nest and had forgotten all in his newly found human sympathies. He was kind and friendly in his manner, yet Waterloo was his theme—a theme, however which Sadova has finally banished from French recollection. He explained, however, the mystery of the stone, for hearing of the accident to the gentleman, he had ascended the glaciers, and pushed down all the boulders he could find. This incident cooled my courage to ascend the extreme heights, so I clomb the monster to its icy sea, and then desisted.

The remainder of my journey in La haute Savoy was interesting but too long for narration. They assented to the then recent change of government with pain, but resignation. One lady said to me, "It was very hard; we who were always so loyal to the House of Savoy; it has cut us to the heart" ("Ca nous a donné sur le cœur"). But human ties are not for ever; even friends may part.

Talk as we will, however, of French occupation, it has not been without its benefits. Its influence on Germany was most salutary; even Northern Italy owes it much, and had French occupation endured in Spain for twenty years, Spain would have become a regenerate nation.

But holidays, like all things else, must come to an end, and with them the finale the retrospect.

What changeable beings we are? Twelve months ago, almost to the day, I was kneeling at the sacred shrine of Genuario and kissing his miraculous blood, and indeed it needs a week of calm retreat in some Calvin's library to recover one's self from the follies of Southern heathenism. Yet, let any one visit Italy, with Virgil, Horace, and Dante for text-books; let him visit old temples, recovered cities, chambers of Venus when she sprang immortal from the waves; tombs of poets; let him visit towns founded before Ulysses, and carry himself back to the wars of Troy; wander about fields where Æneas roamed, where Hercules strangled the giants; burn his feet at descents into hell, and drink of the waters of its river. Let him give his fancy flight into the region of fable over all these things, and in six weeks he is fit for a lunatic asylum. All seems so known, so new, so true, so passing wonderful.

Now, there is to be found in many southern cities a horrible pit, opened each night, into which are thrown naked the dead bodies of the poor of all ages, all sexes, headlong. In one of these cities I was at that time seized with fever, and whilst half delirious a kindly attendant, to amuse me, gave me the narration, with all its horrible details. Then, through nights of delirium, with a taste of blood in my mouth, did I roam in imagination these fearful abysses, these valleys of the shadow of death, with no Beatrice, no heavenly guide to direct my steps. May God in his mercy deliver all I love from such another time.

How different now seemed the calm of Calvin's library. Yielding to the genius loci, I entered the beautiful Gothic church, formerly the cathedral of its ancient bishops, and there received the sacrament at the hands of Calvin's successor.

> "Sunt certa piacula, quæ te
> Poterunt recreare."

W. Viner Bedolfe, M.D., P.M. 1329.

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(*To be continued.*)

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE September meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice President, was in the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice President, in the chair of Senior Vice President; and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Past Grand Pursuivant, in the chair of Junior Vice President. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, being away on his holiday, his duties were performed by Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary. Bros. A. A. Pendlebury and Neville Green were also in attendance. Among the other brethren present were Bros. S. Rawson Past District Grand Master of China, Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, H. Garrod, W. H. Perryman, C. F. Hogard, H. Massey, W. Stephens, Louis Hirsch, W. Mann, J. Knight Smith, J. H. Matthews, John Lee, J. Smith W.M. 1158, J. N. Hall, A. J. Timothy, Allan C. Wylie, T. Edmonston, and Bro. Henry Sadler Grand Tyler. After confirming recommendations to the Grand Master made at the last meeting, to the amount of £155, the brethren proceeded with the new cases, and out of eighteen which were on the list made recommendations of grants to fifteen of them, to the amount of £390. Two cases were deferred, and one was dismissed.

JAMAICA.

A very interesting ceremony took place on Monday, 11th August, at the Friendly Masonic Hall, Hanover-street, Kingston, when Mr. Rudolph de Cordova, of University College, London, was, as a Lewis, initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by his father the R.W. Bro. Altamont de Cordova P.M. of the Friendly Lodge and Deputy District Grand Master of East Jamaica. There was a large attendance of the members of the Lodge under W. Bro. Moses Delgado, and among the Visitors were W. Bro. Dr. Allen of the Jamaica Lodge, W. Bro. Dr. Ogilvie of St. John's Lodge S.C., W. Bro. Captain Portlock Dadson, District G. Deacon, of the Jamaica Lodge, Bro. I. W. Anderson, M.D., of the Jamaica Lodge, and several others from the various Lodges in the Island.

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ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL.

ON Monday morning the sixteenth annual meeting of the friends and supporters of St. John's Hospital, Leicester-square, an institution specially devoted to the treatment of cutaneous diseases, was held at the Westminster Palace Hotel, Victoria-street, the Right Hon. W. N. Massey, M.P., in the chair.

The Report of the Committee of Management stated that energetic efforts were being strenuously persevered in to add to the efficency of the hospital, but inasmuch as the building was an old one constantly needing repair, it was a source of unceasing anxiety and expense to the Committee, and on the pressure for additional accommodation the board-room had been converted into a ward and fitted up with six beds. The sanitary condition of the institution had been greatly improved, and it now possessed the following accommodation, namely, three waiting rooms for out-patients, medical officers' consulting room, in which each patient is seen separately, a dispensary, bath-room, and battery-room, and 17 beds. The bathing system has been rendered as efficient as possible, for in addition to the vapour bath, constructed of slabs of enamelled slate, a new reclining bath has been provided, which is supplied with both hot and cold water. The Board hope soon, if provided with the necessary funds, to largely increase this accommodation. During the last three years the number of beds had increased from 1 to 17, the number of new in-patients from 5 to 60, the number of new out-patients from 1,442, to 2,955, the number of out-patients applying from 14,415 to 22,769, and the receipts from £369 to £1,483. Until last year the institution had not been recognised by the managers of the Hospital Sunday Fund; but a deputation of the governors having waited upon the Distribution Committee, they got awarded to the hospital the sum of £26 0s 10d, an award which had this year been increased to £51 11s 3d, being an increase of £25 10s 5d. The Committee had from the commencement co-operated in the collection of the Saturday fund. The number of in-patients admitted to the wards last year was 60, as against 34 in the previous year. All the cases were of a most serious nature, necessitating unremitting and watchful care, and had been of particular interest to the medical world, from the malignity or rarity of the diseases. Three had terminated fatally. A coachmaker's labourer, affected with a fungoid cancer of the skin; a slaughterman attacked with glanders, contracted in the exercise of his avocation; and the wife of a soldier suffering from leprosy in its most hideous form, making the second patient suffering from veritable leprosy that had died in the present year. Amongst the other serious cases might be mentioned one admitted by the command of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, the Patron, and another continued in the wards at the instance of Henry Cecil Raikes, Esq., M.P., an earnest friend of the hospital, and who for several years did such good work as treasurer of the charity. This patient had occupied a bed in the hospital for over six months. In the out-patients' department 22,969 attendances of patients had been registered in the past year. With reference to these statistics the Board noticed that whilst the total number of attendances at five other special hospitals taken together amounted to but 23,026, or about the same number as were treated at St. John's, the aggregate receipts of the five hospitals were £5,755 in excess of the hospital of St. John's, viz., at the five hospitals £7,238, St. John's £1,483. These hospitals had been taken at random from the last return of the Hospital Saturday Fund. The institution of the hospital had proved a boon to all classes of the community, but especially so to the class of domestic servants, who when afflicted with infectious skin diseases were, as a rule, summarily dismissed from their situations, and might, but for this hospital, become veritable outcasts. The efforts of the Board to increase the utility of the hospital had not been confined to providing in the institution relief for the afflicted, but in their desire to help in prosecuting both directly and indirectly the alleviation of the sufferings of humanity attacked with skin diseases which were in many instances of a most frightful character, they had thrown the practice of the hospital open for the inspection and investigation of medical men of all nations who had a desire to study dermatology, and many members of the profession had availed themselves of the opportunity. In furtherance of this object clinical lectures were delivered during the medical sessions by the members of the medical staff of the hospital on diseases of the skin, to which medical men and medical students were admitted gratuitously. The Committee appealed to the subscribers of convalescent homes to place at their disposal for the use of patients cured at the hospital as many letters of recommendation as they could spare, under the assurance that all recommendations entrusted to them would be used with circumspection. The statement of liabilities showed a debt at the present time of £534. This, however, would not occasion surprise when it was remembered how much the Board had had to do in bringing the hospital up to its present state of efficiency. The Board, though disliking debt, saw no necessity for alarm. Painstaking economy had been and would be practised; and, as the institution must continue to grow in public favour, an endowment fund of goodwill and sympathy would be established, and no doubt the money to meet any pressing emergency would be subscribed. One of the sources of gratification during the past few months had been the intimation that the late Rev. Samuel Ashby bequeathed the sum of about £21,000 to be divided in equal proportions, on the death of his widow, amongst the principal charitable institutions of the metropolis and of Norfolk. St. John's Hospital was included in the list, and the amount which it would receive was estimated to be about £900. It was earnestly hoped that other philanthropists would generously remember the claims of St. John's Hospital when making their bequests. In the meantime they had to express their gratitude to the members of the Nelson Dramatic Club for a donation of £50 13s, the proceeds of a performance for the benefit of the hospital.

Mr. F. Gould, in proposing the adoption of the Report, dwelt upon the importance of special hospitals in general, and of this in particular, calling particular attention to the medical classes, whereby the experience gained by the hospital found its way into private practice.

The merits of the institution were also advocated by Mr. A. Gilbert, Mr. Edmond Beales, Dr. J. Mills and several others and the proceedings terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the chairman.

FREEMASONRY IN THE EAST.

THE *Times* has been favoured with the following extract from a letter written by an Englishman of high position in Egypt:—

"CAIRO, Sept. 8.

"You will remember, of course, the name of Sheikh Jamâl ed Din, whose violent articles against England were translated by Dr. Badger. This man has been lately delivering most revolutionary lectures, and has gotten together a number of disciples, in whom he has instilled principles of atheism and communism. About a fortnight ago the Sheikh was arrested and sent off to Suez, where he was placed on board a steamer bound for Jeddah. All his papers were seized by the police, and a day or two afterwards a paragraph, communicated by the Prefecture of Police, was published in the native journals. This paragraph alluded to the exile of the Sheikh, to the revolutionary principles he had taught, and to the secret society he had founded, and warned the Egyptians of the peril incurred by following such a leader, &c. Jamâl ed Din had been W.M. of our Lodge, and, in consequence of his unmasonic conduct, we had applied to the Grand Lodge for his expulsion. But the native Masons were filled with fear and trembling on reading the "*communique*," and applied to me to make matters smooth for them. Nobody would take any step. They were all afraid of coming forward, and desirous that their connection with Masonry should be ignored and even denied. I did not know the exact light in which the new Khedive would regard Masonry among the natives, but hoping to be able to convince his Highness, and relying on his own good sense, I entered the arena as the champion of Oriental Masonry.

"I obtained a private audience with the Khedive, congratulated him upon the wise step he had taken in expelling Jamâl ed Din, but hoped he would not attribute to Masonry the principles held by one member of the fraternity. He replied, 'No, on the contrary, mon Boy, I know all about it. Masonry is a society for doing good, and does not enter into religion or politics; and as Jamâl ed Din would lecture on these forbidden topics you expelled him from the Lodge, and for the same reason I have expelled him from Egypt. He was only here on sufferance, having been already sentenced in Constantinople to expulsion from the Ottoman dominions. You need not fear that I shall confound his principles with those of Freemasonry.

"I thanked his Highness, but added that, although we European Masons knew that we could always justify our meetings, the natives had not the same means of making their feelings known, and it was on their behalf I came to speak to him. His Highness replied that I might assure them of his protection so long as they acted as Masons; but that any Egyptian, whether Mason or not, who sought to cause intrigues and conspiracies would be punished. I then asked his Highness for the papers belonging to the Lodge, which he promised should be restored to me.

"I subsequently drove to the Lodge and found the 'Concordia' holding a meeting, in which a painful discussion was going on with regard to this business. But when I was announced I was admitted as a visitor with immense honours, and, communicating to them the substance of my conversation with the Khedive, I received the hearty thanks and applause of the meeting. And I have since received all the papers belonging to the Lodge. I had only attended one meeting, at which the Sheikh presided, after which there was a banquet, at which the health of the Prince of Wales was proposed. But the W.M. (Sheikh Jamâl) refused to drink it, saying that all Princes, Kings, and Khedives were tyrants. Whereupon I rose from the table, quitted the room, and wrote to the Lodge, and afterwards to the Grand Lodge, for his expulsion.

"I have succeeded him by unanimous acclamation."

ROUMANIAN FREEMASONS.

A FREEMASON, writing from Bucharest, complains in the Berlin *Montagsblatt* that the newly-founded "Gross-Orient of Roumania" is nothing else than a political association. Until a short time ago the working lodges in this land were subject to the jurisdiction of foreign superiors. But as soon as Roumania obtained her political independence the Roumanian Masons decided that they ought no longer to be dependent upon foreigners. Hence they founded their own Grand Orient of Roumania, at whose formation, he observes, many serious faults were committed, while he believes the new incorporation has never yet received external acknowledgment. His real complaint, however, is against the spirit which rules in these Masons—which is one of passionate hatred towards Germans and Jews. He says that many of the most violent articles in "profane journals" against the Jews and the Germans are the work of Roumanian Freemasons, and he particularly specifies the attack on the great jurist, Dr. Bluntschli, and on the "Alliance Israélite" in the *Roumania Libera*. After citing other instances of anti-Jewish and anti-German diatribes from the pens of Roumanian Freemasons, which have appeared in "profane journals," he concludes that "the Grand Orient of Roumania is nothing else but a secret political club, which, under the cloak of Freemasonry, expends all its zeal in working up the national feeling of the Roumanians to fever heat, in order to maintain the agitation against the emancipation of the Jews, although that is demanded by Article 44 of the Berlin Treaty." The writer, who is evidently a German, declares that the opposition of the Roumanians to "the Jewish article" of the Treaty is not so much of a religious as of an economical nature; and further, that they have a suspicion that wherever the Jew enters the German is certain to follow.—*Globe*.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

MONDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER.

45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8. (Instruction.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)

TUESDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth. (Inst.)
1319—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1692—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham
1669—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
212—Euphrates, Masons Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.15. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1084—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester.
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby. (Instruction.)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1219—Stanneways, Empire Hotel, Stanneways, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1302—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1683—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
R. A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
M. M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.15. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Couch and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
786—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston.
1563—City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R. A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
219—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Inst.)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
956—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R. A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 1046—Watson, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
M. M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K. T.—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale
K.T.—Plains of Manre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Installation.)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1144—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1385—Gladstone, Red Lion, Barnet
1393—Hanover, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 152—Magdalen, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R. A. 242—Virtue, Guildhall, Doncaster
K. T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1551—Alexander Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1631—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at Bro. Spargin's, the Sportsman, City-road, on Monday, the 15th Sept. There were present—Bros. Wing W.M., Symons S.W., Willison J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Hallam sen. S.D., Pearcy J.D., Gyer I.G., also Bros. Powell, Fox, Isaac, Kidder, &c. After preliminaries Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees. Bro. Pearcy worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Powell answered the questions, and was entrusted; the ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, the traditional history being given. The ceremony was performed in a very correct manner. Bro. Isaac worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Symons was elected W.M. for next meeting. Bro. Spargin having given notice that he would require the Lodge Room for his private use on and after the 22nd inst., it was proposed by Bro. Fenner, and seconded by Bro. Kidder, that the Lodge be removed to Bro. Butt's, the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, and that the next meeting be held in the new quarters; this proposition was carried. Bro. Symons the W.M. of the Mother Lodge signified his assent to the removal. Lodge was closed and adjourned. Brethren will please to note the new address as above.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, on Tuesday, 16th September. Present:—Bros. Chicken W.M., Sayer S.W., King J.W., Roberts S.D., Caton I.G., Maine P.M., Brown P.M., Daniel P.M., Hollands P.M. Sec., Bone, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Chicken vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Bone. Bro. Daniel answered the questions leading to the third degree, was entrusted, and Bro. Bone rehearsed that ceremony. Bro. Chicken resumed the chair and worked the initiation ceremony. Bro. P.M. Maine candidate. Bro.

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Sayer was elected to fill the chair on Tuesday next, when a large gathering of the brethren is expected. A vote of thanks to Bro. Chicken was recorded on the minutes, for the able manner in which he had filled the chair, for the first time, at this Lodge of Instruction.

Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction, No. 79.—The meetings of this popular Chapter of Instruction were resumed (after the summer recess) on Friday evening last, at Bro. Boncey's, Portland Hotel, London Street, Greenwich. In consequence of the unfavourable weather, the attendance of working Companions was scarcely so numerous as usual, and the paucity of the gathering might also be in some degree accounted for by many of the brethren being still on their holiday tours. The Chapter having been opened in accordance with ancient rites, the ceremony of installation was ably rehearsed by Comp. Dussee, the present Z. of the Pythagorean Chapter, who was assisted by Comp. W. W. Smith as H., and Comp. Catterson as J. Bro. James Griffin, the permanent Scribe E., read the minutes of the last Convocation, which were confirmed. Amongst those present were five P.Z.'s, either of whom could have worked any portion of the beautiful ceremony, had there not been younger members requiring the instruction and practice. To many brethren the knowledge of the existence of a good working Chapter of Instruction will be of great assistance, as there are so few, only eight besides this being shown in the Calendar, and more than one of these in abeyance—for instance, the Hope, No. 206, shown as meeting at the Globe, Royal Hill, Greenwich, but which has not met for instruction for years. There are in Greenwich and Deptford the following Chapters:—Pythagorean 79, meeting at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich; St. George's 140, at the Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich; the Temperance 169; and Wellington 548, at the White Swan, High Street, Deptford. The members of the Pythagorean Chapter of Instruction are drawn principally from these four Chapters, but it has also members from all parts of London, and musters between seventy and eighty on the roll. The meetings are held every Friday evening, from September to May, at the Portland Hotel, near Greenwich Railway Station, under the able preceptorship of Comp. E. J. B. Bumstead P.Z. P.M. of the Wellington Lodge 548. Being within such easy access by railway the meetings are invariably largely attended, and much valuable instruction is afforded by the Companions who take part in the ceremonies.

La Tolérance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 17th September, at the "Green Dragon," Maddox Street, W. Present:—Bros. C. J. W. Davis G.S.Middx. W.M., E. Child S.W., R. H. Johnson J.W., C. Davis Treas., J. Hurdell Sec., Burgess S.D., G. Festa J.D., G. Cundy I.G., P.M. Bro. F. Baker, and several members of the Lodge. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Hemming candidate. Several of the sections were worked and Lodge was closed

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 11th September, at the Coach and Horses, Tottenham. Present Bros.—J. Farren W.M., Peach S.W., Geo. Tegg J.W., Thompson Preceptor, Garrod Sec., Everdell S.D., Oxley J.D., Bryant I.G.; also Bros. Mattocks, &c. The Lodge was opened in ancient form. Minor business being disposed of, the W.M. proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Bryant acting as candidate, Bro. Oxley having offered himself as a candidate for the second degree, was entrusted. Lodge advanced, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, the Lodge was then opened in the third, and closed down to the first degree. Bro. Bryant, of the Enfield Lodge, No. 1237, was elected a member, and Bro. Peach the S.W. was elected to preside at next meeting.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 12th September. Bros. Acworth W.M., Tucker Treas. S.W., Ganner Hon. Sec. J.W., Costelow S.D., Blasby J.D., Gomm W.M. elect 780 I.G., Roe P.M. Preceptor, Goss I.P.M., Franckel, Emerson, C. E. Botley, Ewens, Brill, Talbot, Porter, &c. Lodge was regularly formed, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. Porter offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Brill answered the questions leading to the second degree and retired. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. C. Botley was passed to second degree; he also answered the questions leading to third degree, and retired. Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree. Bro. Ewens of 1612 was elected a member. Bro. Tucker was elected W.M. for 3rd October. A sum of money was voted to a distressed brother of a New Zealand Lodge. The annual banquet was fixed for Friday, 28th Nov., and Bros. Blasby and Gunner were appointed to act as stewards for the same. Lodge was then closed and adjourned till 19th inst., at the usual hour, when the W.M. of the Mother Lodge will take the chair, and with his Officers rehearse so much of the Ritual of Installation as can be performed, preparatory to the regular meeting on 26th inst.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston. Bros. Christian W.M., Johnson S.W., Polak J.W., Wordell S.D., Greenwood J.D., Giller I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor. There were also present Bros. Brasted, Moss, Forss, Carr, Hammond, Baker, Weige, Quay, Giller, and others. Lodge was opened, and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. J. Lorkin answered the questions leading to the third degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, the Preceptor giving the traditional history. Lodge was called from labour to refreshment. On resuming Bro. Moss worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree. Bro. P.M. Forbes, of Lodge 65, 948, and Bro. Garrod of Lodge 754, were elected members. Bro. Johnson was appointed W.M. for next Tuesday evening. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on the fourth Tuesday in next month.

St. Augustine Lodge, Canterbury, No. 972.—On 17th September, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. Bro. P.M. Secra filled the chair; Vile S.W., E. Beer J.W., H. F. Pringuer Sec., Miskin S.D., Crump Steward, Rossiter I.G., Harnett Tyler; Past Masters G. Pilcher, Peirce, Welsh, C. Holttum 31; Bros. Probert, Goldsmith, Hyde, Wm. Plant, Fagg, Potter, Moulding, Scoones, Price, Westwood. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John F. Probert was then examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, when Bro. Probert was re-admitted and passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. E. Beer gave the charge, and P.M. Welsh delivered the lecture on the tracing board. The sum of twenty guineas was voted for the purchase of two votes for the Boys' School, also ten guineas for the purchase of one vote for the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons. Two guineas each was voted to the Kent and Canterbury Hospital and the Dispensary. Bro. J. F. Cozens was appointed auditor for the Building Committee. Bro. P.M. C. Holttum read statement of disbursements made by him as Almoner. It was proposed by P.M. Secra, and seconded by P.M. Pilcher, that a vote of thanks be recorded to Bro. P.M. C. Holttum for the services he had rendered the Lodge. Lodge was then closed.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—At the meeting held on the 12th inst., at the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, Bro. C. H. Webb W.M.; he was supported by Bros. Slaiter S.W., Magrath J.W., Moss S.D., Tait J.D., Macdonald I.G., Past Masters Cundick Preceptor, Musto Secretary, Barnes, Myers; also Bros. Clayton, Humm, Duroll, Stephens, Stamp, Grounds, West, Lazarus, Chitson 1278, Kemball and Partridge 1445. Lodge was opened, and usual formalities having been observed, Bro. Webb proceeded to rehearse the greater portion of the Installation Ceremony, and performed his work most creditably. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Friedeberg, who had been placed in the chair, worked the ceremony of passing in a manner which reflected credit both on himself and the teaching of this Lodge. At the conclusion of business Bro. Cundick proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Webb for the excellent working he had shewn them that evening; Bro. Webb is known as an earnest worker, and he was sure when the ceremony of Installation was performed on Saturday at Bro. Webb's Lodge, it could not fail to give satisfaction both to the executant and the brethren. This was seconded by Bro. Musto. Bro. Webb, whilst returning thanks for the kindness shown by the vote, said he appreciated the manner in which the brethren had allowed him to prepare for the discharge of the duty he felt incumbent on every outgoing Master, viz.—that of installing his successor. If he had given satisfaction, he must own his indebtedness to Bro. P.M. Barnes for the assistance he at all times had rendered him in mastering the difficulties of the ceremony. Bro. Slaiter was elected W.M. for next Friday, and Bros. Chitson 1278, Kemball and Partridge 1445, were elected members. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. Several of the brethren afterwards spent a very enjoyable hour, which period was devoted to harmony and recitations.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—A meeting was held on the 12th inst., at the Alwyne Castle, Canonbury. Present:—Bros. Boas W.M., Hunter S.W., Pelikan J.W., Rowley S.D., Chant J.D., Yeomans acting Preceptor, Williams I.G.; Bros. Wright, Pearcy, Passingham, Shackell, Hall, Ager, Field, Rowley, &c. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Kahn offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the second degree; was examined as to his proficiency in the former, entrusted, and he retired. The Lodge was then opened in the second, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Yeomans worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture; Bro. Chant the fifth. The Lodge was closed in the second, and Bro. Wright worked the first and second sections of the first lecture. Nothing more offering for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed with solemn prayer.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, Tuesday, 15th Sept. Bros. Pavitt W.M., Rawe S.W., Norman J.W., Smith S.D., McDondald J.D., Keable I.G., Worsley Sec., Andrews Preceptor; also Bros. Watkins, Power, White, Glasspoole, Sadler, Spencer, Dixon, Atkinson, Livermore 554, Smale 254, and Thompson 254. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge then opened in the second degree, Bro. Spencer answered the questions, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Worsley worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed to the first degree. Bros. Livermore 554, Smale 254, and Thompson 254, were unanimously elected members. Bro. Rawe was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Worsley made an earnest appeal on behalf of the widow of a deceased brother, when a grant of £1 1s was unanimously voted. On Tuesday next, according to the bye-laws, sections only will be worked, when the following brethren will assist:—Section first, Bro. Spencer; second, Rawe; third, Worsley; fourth, Livermore; fifth, Andrews; sixth, Cundick; seventh, Musto; eighth, Barker; ninth, Keable; tenth, Pavitt; eleventh, Smith; twelfth, Worsley. P.M. Cundick will be W.M., P.M. Musto S.W., and Andrews W.M. 1227 J.W. The names of these brethren will, we are sure, ensure a full attendance. As the evenings draw in, so the attendances at this instructive Lodge increase.

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THE APPROACHING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

THE ballot paper for the next election of the Girls' School, which is to take place on Saturday the 11th October, contains the names of forty-eight approved candidates, from whom a selection is to be made to fill the eighteen declared vacancies. It will thus be seen that no less than thirty of the children who have been brought forward must on this occasion be refused admittance to the benefits of the Institution. In the case of the Boys' School, the election to which takes places the following Monday, the case is worse, there being seventy-seven candidates and only sixteen vacancies. Here, then, we shall have to turn away no less than sixty-one children who are admittedly deserving of the charitable sympathy of the Craft. Regrets at this state of affairs seem useless; we can only hope that the present prevalence of claims on our Institutions will in years to come materially decrease, but we fear that such is not likely to be the case under existing circumstances, nor while such an enormous increase is annually made in the number of members of the Craft. It appears certain that if we are to attempt anything like general relief in cases of need some material addition must be made to the accommodation which at present exists. What form this addition will take, or how it will be maintained, are questions it is impossible to answer at present, but its introduction has now become a matter of necessity unless we are to remain satisfied with dispensing relief to a small proportion only of those who are compelled to ask for our assistance, and who are deemed worthy to receive it. The number of "first application" cases which appear on the periodical lists is usually so far in advance of the vacancies which arise that it becomes a question for consideration whether more searching inquiry is not necessary before a candidate is allowed to be placed on the list, or whether some alteration in the laws is not necessary so as to render it more difficult to secure a place on the ballot paper. We so frequently hear it affirmed that one or other of the candidates' friends occupy a position in life which should have debarred them from applying to the charity of the Craft, that we are inclined to believe a more strict investigation is necessary. We admit that it may be difficult to get at the real facts of every case, but at the same time we think that if more particulars were demanded we should not have so many really deserving cases turned from our doors. Doubtless the recommending brethren usually consider their *protégé* the most deserving of support, but a committee who have the facts of each case put before them should be able to adopt such steps as effectually to prevent abuse, although we must admit that at present we have no direct evidence but that they have done all that lay in their power to do so. We will now proceed briefly to review the candidates, as described in the ballot papers, and in so doing desire it to be understood that we make use only of such information as is at the disposal of every subscriber. We are personally acquainted with particulars in many of the cases which deserve to be mentioned, but in our remarks we desire to ignore them all, as special reference in any one case would be unfair to the others.

Of the 48 girls on the list, four are "last application" cases, No. 1, who brings 646 votes forward from three previous attempts; No. 3 third application, 459 votes forward; No. 17 second application, 546 votes in hand; and No. 46, who now appears for the first time. To attempt to suggest which of these is the most deserving would be to go beyond our intended purpose; still we think it cannot be denied that they each have claims on the sympathy of the brethren which should preclude the possibility of their being for ever debarred from entering the portals of our School. The remaining candidates will each have other opportunities, but with these four it will be the deciding election. We can but express the hope that they will secure places among the "successful." Of the remaining 44, twenty are first applications; six being accredited to London, thirteen to the Provinces and one to Hong Kong; West Yorkshire and Lincolnshire each bring forward two of this number, but are in other respects clear of the Girls' list. As however they both have "last application" cases for the Boys', it is doubtful whether the greater part of their exertions next month will not be required for the election of that School. No. 19, Edith Hicks, a Devonshire lass, brings forward 858 votes from one previous election; both her parents are living, and there are two other children depending on them for support. No 5, Agnes A. Deeley, whose father died in 1873, has a brother in the Boys' School, she has already taken part in two elections, on which occasions 762 votes were recorded for her. No. 20, Alice Clara Kirke, 753 votes forward from last election, has a sister in the Institution, both her parents are living, and they have four other children to maintain. No. 21, Margaret Ethel Lang, one of two children dependent on their mother, has a sister in the School, and herself comes forward with 672 votes from one previous trial. Emma Eliza Williams, No. 9, has already appeared twice at the elections of this School. On those occasions her friends polled 557 votes to her credit. Both her parents are still living, but her father is insane; there are two other children who have to be provided for by the labours of the mother. No. 4, Ethel Frances W. Allison, follows very close, as regards number of votes in hand, her supporters having already recorded 547 at the two elections she has taken part in; her mother is the only parent living, and she has to provide for three children, notwithstanding the fact that the Masonic Girls' School already takes charge of two members of her family. Three cases, Nos. 15, 26 and 27, deserve especial notice. Each of these children are members of families who have neither parent living, and each has stood one election, the votes recorded then being 475, 389, and 75 respectively. The father of Alice Mary Dawson, No. 15, died in 1878, ten months after his initiation in the Londesborough Lodge. His short acquaintance with the Craft appears to have induced several friends to come forward and aid in the caring for the four children he has left parentless, if we may judge by the number of votes already polled. No. 26, Mabel Harrison Tipper, is one of three of the family of a late member of 546, who rely on the charity of friends; she has a sister in the Institution, and has, as we have already stated, 389 votes at present recorded on her behalf. No. 27, Mary Ann A. Wyatt, the other candidate left with neither parent, is one of a family of four who still remain unprovided for, except by the charity of their friends. Her father, at the time of his death, was J.W. of the Loyalty Lodge, No. 1607, and although only connected with the Order for a very short time, showed great interest in the Charities, whereby it is now sought to benefit his offspring. 480 votes are brought forward on behalf of No. 13, Emily S. H. Hill, whose mother has five children entirely, and two partially dependent on her. There are two candidates who bring forward 436 votes each; the one, No. 7, Eva C. H. Hart, from two previous attempts, and the other, No. 25, Clara Pratt, from one. In the first case the candidate has already

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a sister in the School, and is the only child now dependent on the mother. Clara Pratt has both parents alive, and is one of four children looking to them for support. Our Brother Pratt, in years gone by, has borne his share of the burden of the day, and we hope that the aid he has rendered to others will now enable him to secure sufficient support to place his child in our School. His long and varied services would thus be amply repaid, and at a time when he is most in need of recognition. There are three other applicants on the list of cases standing over from the last election who have each a sister in the School—No. 8, Juliet S. H. Priestley, third application, 194 votes forward, who is, with two others, dependent on a widowed mother; No. 10, Emily Alford Cecil, 209 votes already recorded, one of three similarly circumstanced; and No. 22, Annie Elizabeth Hill, whose mother has four children to support; she has stood but one election, on which occasion 13 votes were placed to her credit. Coming as she does from Hants, we think her case may safely be left in the hands of the Masons of that district, who will not fail in effecting her election if they in any way can secure it. Laura Sophia Cheek, No. 12, appears for the second time, with 360 votes standing to her credit; she and another child rely on their mother for maintenance. The father, who was initiated in the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, died in 1873. No. 14, Fanny Elizabeth Wain, comes forward with 245 votes, and being the only candidate from Kent should have a good chance of success; her mother is the only parent living, and she has five children to provide for. The mother of Mildred Evens, No. 16, has five children entirely, and one partially dependent on her. The child it is now proposed to place in the Girls' School has already had 139 votes recorded for her by the brethren of Devon (from which Province the case emanates) and other friends. Both parents of Annie Sarah Parker, No. 11, are living, and have seven children to provide for, assistance being given them in the case of two; they have 135 votes recorded in favour of their daughter, and may reasonably expect, if they can secure the support of the father's Province (West Lancashire), to speedily secure her election. No. 24, Emily Beatrice King, to whose credit have been placed 77 votes, is one of five children relying on their parents, both of whom are living, for maintenance. Elizabeth Minnie Parker, No. 2, has taken part in two previous elections, but has not yet secured much support, only 49 votes now standing to her credit; her widowed mother has five children to support, and is unfortunate in the district from which her case emanates. The brethren of Cambridgeshire have not yet discovered the power of votes, nor indeed have they exhibited much desire to obtain them; we trust a change is not far distant. Surely there should be sufficient charity among the Masons of that county to prevent the child of one of its past members from applying to the School in vain. Forty votes are all that have been recorded in aid of Edith Brown's candidature (No. 6 on the list); she has already stood two elections. Both her parents are living, and there is a family of eight children looking to them for support. Devonshire has its hands too full to allow of much aid being rendered to this case by the Province, but we think if a little outside help was offered, they would, perhaps, make a struggle to secure a place for this child at no very distant date. Annie Gover (No. 18) had 15 votes recorded in her favour at the last election; her mother, the only parent living, has this child and two others to support. Minnie Howle, No. 23, has but two votes in her favour, she is one of four children relying on the mother. The brethren of Warwickshire (the father's Province) can, unless they are otherwise pledged, make this total very different after the next election; we hope the widowed mother will have the good fortune to secure their co-operation.

We have now referred in turn to each of the candidates of the Girls' School who have appeared on previous ballot papers, and also to the one "first application" who will be debarred, through age, after this election, from competing further. We must leave our comments on the Boys until next week.

In conclusion, we would point out that to secure success with any candidate it is necessary that united effort should be made by all who lend their names in support of the application. The number of votes that are, so to speak, wasted at each election is considerable; but we question if the various combinations which are in existence to prevent this do not in a measure counteract the benefits which are supposed to accrue from open voting. It is but reasonable to expect London to combine if the Provinces do so; and we admit it is necessary if any equality of benefits are sought, but it leaves a very small chance open to those who are unable to secure the support of one or other of the great centres of voting power. Should any of our readers have votes unpromised, we shall be very pleased to receive them. We need hardly add that any sent us will be thankfully received, and, to the best of our judgment, beneficially applied.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

[COMMUNICATED.]

THE Annual Convent of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient, which opened early on Monday the 8th instant, was closed on Saturday the 13th by the usual banquet of the Order, after holding seven successive meetings, at which were discussed and transacted the business, both legislative and administrative, of the Rite.

The most important sitting was that held on Tuesday the 9th instant, at which was passed a new law respecting the dues to be paid to the Grand Orient, as Grand Lodge's Fund for General Purposes.

The Lodge was opened in due form at 2 p.m. on that day by Bro. Le Plé, assisted by the members of the Council of the Order, and in presence of upwards of 200 delegates. Bro. Le Plé, Vénerable of the Lodge "Les Arts Réunis," of Rouen, had been elected, the day before, chairman of the Assembly, in consequence of the desire expressed by M.W. Bro. De Saint-Jean that he should not this year be voted to the chair as customary, his present bad health rendering him unfit for so arduous a task. After the opening ceremony a decree of the Council of the Order, appointing the brethren to officiate in the Grand Lodge during its session, was read, and those Officers were immediately installed in their respective functions, as follows:—Bros. Prost, delegate of the Lodge Solidarité et Progrès of Dijon, G.S. Warden; Petitfrère, Venerable of the Lodge Amis Bienfaisants of Paris, G.J.Warden; Francolin, Ven. of the Lodge Ecole Mutuelle of Paris, G. Orator; Furt, Ven. of the Lodge Sincérité of Bordeaux, A.G. Orator; Gambini, Ven. of the Lodge Parfaite Sincérité of Marseilles, G. Sec.; Josset, Ven. of the Lodge Etoile de l'Espérance of Beauvais, A.G. Sec.; Plassan, Ven. of the Lodge Encyclopédique, G. Expert; Péan, Ven. of the Lodge Démocratie Maçonnique of Pantin, S.A.G.Expert; Dupré, delegate of the Lodge Cosmopolite of Vichy, J.A.G.Expert; Cammas, delegate of the Lodge Progrès of Constantinople, G. Hospitaller; G. Directors of Ceremonies and G. Stewards, G. Inner Guard, Tyler, &c., were also nominated and invested.

The Grand Lodge being thus formed, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and after that the Secretary of the Fourth Bureau of the Assembly was called upon to make known the report of the Committee upon the proposed substitution of *one single impost* to the permanent and temporary contributions paid by the Lodges to the Grand Orient as annual dues. Bro. Décembre-Alonnier then read a report which was so comprehensive as not to permit much discussion about the points raised against the present system of contributions. Yet, however good were the arguments set forth against those contributions and the evil of inequality that is so evident in the mode of levying them, the proposal of putting in lieu thereof some more rational tax was not allowed to pass without much opposition. First among the objectors was Bro. Poulle, a member of the Council of the Order; but despite the ability with which he, as a lawyer, defended the existing system, the latter was condemned beforehand, not only by the common sense of the Assembly, but also by that instinctive peculiarity of the Frenchman's mind that leads him irresistibly to level differences and make equals in everything. But in this case there seems to have been sufficient evidence to entirely justify that eagerness with which the partisans of this reform carried all before them. For the fact was made palpable that the Grand Orient receives from every one of its subordinate Lodges a fixed annual contribution of a hundred francs, and besides this an amount varying with the number of members of each of the Lodges, which are for that purpose divided into four classes. In the first class the charge is seventy-five francs, and in the last only two hundred francs. So that it does naturally happen that a Lodge of *only* ten members pays in annual dues a sum amounting to 175 francs, making that 17 francs 50 cents per head, whilst the Lodge that is possessed of a list of three hundred members does not pay more than one franc per head—that is: three hundred francs in all—as Grand Orient annual dues! After an interesting discussion, in which many brethren joined, and upon its favourable conclusion by the Bro. Orator, the following resolution was passed by 142 votes:—

"All the Lodges of the Obedience shall pay to the Grand Orient an annual and single contribution, each in proportion with the number of its active members, according to its quarterly return."

The other clauses that provide for the means of facilitating the regular execution of the law were voted afterwards without much objection, and then the Grand Lodge adjourned.

Next day's sitting, and that of Thursday and Friday, were fully occupied with mere routine business; proposals of modifications to be introduced in some regulations; votes of several grants for charitable purposes, and examinations of the Budget of the Grand Orient, whose expenditure for next year is calculated at 168,638fr. 70c.

In the elections, which took place on Thursday, of the eleven members to replace those eleven displaced by lot, according to the article of the law constituting the Council of the Order,

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eight of those retiring were re-elected, and, after a double ballot, involving a sharp contest, three new members were elected, also for three years. These are, 1st Bro. Le Plé, D.M.V. of the Lodge Arts Réunis of Rouen, Président elect of the Assembly; 2nd Bro. Sarrat, Ven. of the Lodge Chevaliers de Fraternité of Bordeaux; and, finally, Bro. Didiot Ven. of the Lodge Union and Persévérance of Paris, for the centenary of which Lodge there was a great fête held last year. But the closing meeting, on Saturday, being one at which visitors are admitted in the Lodge Hall, and not merely in the galleries, as on the previous days, was, of course, more interesting and more lively than the preceding ones. The spacious Lodge room was hung with flags of all nations, arranged here and there between the panels, which were covered with the symbols of the Order. Amidst those flags the motto, "Liberté, Egalité et Fraternité" was conspicuous enough to remind—if not the French by whom the words are so commonly used that one may be inclined to believe they have become meaningless to most of them, but certainly the casual foreign visitor, of the fundamental basis of our Institution and of the only true principles of Freemasonry, which are, whatever may be thought or said to the contrary, the only faith and the sole dogma upon which every Mason ought to be obligated. Why not inscribe everywhere those words in our Lodges, instead of trying to symbolise their meaning, and then to leave those symbols to be explained, or often misexplained altogether?

At 4.30 p.m. the Grand Lodge was opened in due and solemn form by the President of the Assembly, supported in the East by the President of the Council of the Order, and assisted by the members of that Council. The Grand Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, and some minor business having been despatched, the President gave order to the Directors of Ceremonies to see whether there were any brethren waiting for admission, and to introduce with due Masonic honours any distinguished visitors that might be known to them as such. A deputation was immediately formed and left the Lodge. A few minutes after the doors were re-opened, and in came the visitors; then, under "an arch of steel, gavel sounding, and brethren to order, two Deacons, bearing the respective flags of England and France," and the guests were introduced. Among them were Bro. Dr. John Thomas Loth Grand Steward of Scotland 33° S.C.G.O., and Bro. William Cornelius P.M. Lodge Celtic Royal Order of Scotland, Knight of Rome, Constantine, Malta, &c., 35°. S.C.G.O. These visitors being conducted with due honours, and placed between the two columns, the W. President Bro. Le Plé addressing them said:—"Scotland and France, brethren, are two countries which, whatever has happened, are more than any others, and Masonically united; French and Scotch Masons were, and are still one. We greet and welcome you, therefore, with pleasure and joy. We offer you our cordial hand and fraternal grip, and we wish you all good and prosperity."

Bro. Le Plé then asked the brethren to give to the visitors a hearty proof of brotherly feeling by uniting with him in saluting them with a warm and sympathetic double batterie (French and Scottish). The President having given the sign, it was accordingly followed with cheerful unanimity.

After the batterie Bro. Loth, returning thanks, said:—"Most W. President, and you all, Brethren of this Illustrious Convent: I am among you, I think, an old face, being known personally by many of you as a friend of the Grand Orient; it is, therefore, with heartfelt pleasure and infinite pride that I come forward, in the name of the visitors, to thank you most cordially for the splendid manner in which you have just welcomed us. I am particularly moved, indeed, by the expression of your fraternal sentiments towards Scotch Masons. To them, be sure of it, I shall not fail, if not officially, as I had the honour of doing for many years, but none the less truly and sincerely, to be, on all occasions, the faithful interpreter of your brotherly regard and good wishes. I am pleased beyond expression, and consider it a good fortune the coincidence of my visit to Paris with the meeting of the Convent: this important gathering of the Grand Orient, to which I have now the extreme satisfaction and pride of being admitted, especially under *existing* circumstances. We cannot have light without variety of colour; we cannot have freedom of thought and liberty of conscience without difference of opinion. Deprecating, much as I do, and with true Masonic feeling, what has happened, I cannot however refrain from giving utterance here to my regrets and hopes; nor to say that already I see and can point to the day, which I feel certain is not distant, when it shall be completely obliterated by Masonic charity alone. For, brethren, in matters Masonic, Charity and Brotherly love must be our guiding rule, our first precept. And where Charity reigns, there may be difference without antagonism, variety without discord, shades of opinion without systematic opposition, broken relations or disunion. Yes, let us hope for that day, it will soon come, when French and Scotch Masons again, as of old, hand in hand, will, by a perfect understanding, renew and make stronger the link of their old brotherly affection, now, I may say, only apparently interrupted. And then, pursuing with that energy and fidelity that are among their national characteristics, the path marked out by our primitive brethren for us to live in perpetual union, we will then have between us but one question, viz.:—that of our mutual contest or emulation in the love and progress of the Fraternity. Brethren, once more receive our warmest thanks and most cordial wishes."

After this speech, which was listened to with as much interest as it was delivered with emotion, and was warmly applauded, the President called upon the Bro. Orator to deliver the Oration of the day. Brother Francolin did so, with great ability of thought and capacity of conception. He took up a subject which could not fail to bring him the general applause of the brethren, though the volubility with which he read it marred and destroyed, in many instances, the effect of the happy thoughts and appropriate expressions which abounded in his oration. We regret not being able to review it here, owing to the want of space.

After the general applause of the Brethren, and the personal congratulation of the Brother President to Brother Orator had been made and acknowledged, Brother Cousin, Senior Vice President of the Council of the Order, rose, and with that sagacity and heartiness which are so prominent in him, proposed, in short but well-chosen words, a vote of thanks to the Chairman of the Assembly. That proposal was received with all the more enthusiastic cheering that it was supported by the President of the Council of the Order. Our much esteemed and Ill. Bro. De Saint Jean, having congratulated Bro. Le Plé on the able and dignified manner with which he had discharged the lofty but difficult duties of the chair, called upon the brethren to acknowledge their thankfulness to the chairman by a well-fed and treble batterie, three times three, which was executed with renewed enthusiastic cheering, alternated with the words:—Liberty: Equality and Fraternity; whilst Bro. De Saint Jean, always mindful of the practices of our primitive brethren, and in the name of the brethren of all the Lodges of the Rite, tenderly gave the *accolade* to Bro. Le Plé, and warmly shook hands with him. The Lodge then adjourned from labour to refreshment; that *summum bonum* of all those who could not, for the life of them, disconnect Freemasonry with conviviality. A sumptuous banquet, at which upwards of 200 brethren attended, and with the usual toasts and courtesies, closed—between ten and eleven p.m. last Saturday—the Session of the Grand Orient for this year; a session upon which on all points it may be congratulated.

M. B.

Paris, 18th September 1879.

DORIC CHAPTER, No. 933.

THE Installation Meeting of this Chapter was held on the 16th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Among those present were—Comps. B. Cundick M.E.Z., W. Musto H., G. Hollington J., J. G. Stevens S.E., F. Buckland N., Bonny P. Soj.; also Comps. T. J. Barnes, J. Taylor, Griffin, Myers, G. W. Verry, J. J. Berry, Bowron, Shepherd, &c. After the confirmation of minutes of previous Convocation, Bro. Edney J.W. 933 was exalted to the R.A. degree in a finished manner, by the M.E.Z. Comp. Cundick then proceeded to instal Comp. Musto into the chair of Z., and Comp. Barnes to instal Comps. Hollington and Buckland into the chairs of H. and J. respectively. The working throughout was of a most perfect character. The M.E.Z. then appointed as his Officers Comps. T. J. Barnes Treasurer, J. Bowron S.E., Bonny N., G. W. Verry P. Soj., J. J. Berry First Asst. S. The pleasure of presenting a Past Principal's jewel to Comp. Cundick next devolved upon Comp. Musto; in this duty he acquitted himself successfully. The Chapter was then closed, and the Comps. repaired to the banquet room. After the cloth was removed, the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were suitably honoured. Bro. Cundick, in proposing the health of the M.E.Z., expressed the pleasure it had given him to instal Comp. Musto into the proud position of First Principal of the Doric Chapter. It was well known to all how ably and zealously he worked in Craft Masonry—ever ready to impart Masonic instruction to others—and with what credit to himself he had performed the duties of the several offices he had been appointed to in that Chapter. He was sure that the Doric Chapter would lose none of its prestige whilst under the presidency of their most Excellent Comp. Musto. After Comp. Musto had responded, the toasts of Comps. H. and J., and the past Principal Officers were proposed by the M.E.Z., and heartily received. The Janitor's toast brought a successful evening to a close.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls held its monthly meeting on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. H. A. Dubois (in the chair), James F. Corben, H. Massey, Col. James E. Peters, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. The meeting had very little business before it, and after notice of motion had been given for the next Quarterly Court, a vote of thanks, proposed by Bro. Col. Peters, seconded by Bro. Corben, was passed to Bro. Joshua Nunn and Mr. A. Rowland, his nephew, for a vocal and instrumental entertainment given at the Institution on Monday last.

The Ceremonies of Consecration and Installation will be rehearsed at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, on Tuesday, 7th October, at six o'clock, by Bro. J. Terry P.P.G.J.W. Herts, and Sec. R.M.B.I. The brethren will meet at the Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-street, where members of the Craft are cordially invited. A cold collation will be provided, tickets for which can be obtained from the Hon. Sec., Bro. W. M. Stiles.

Madame Worrell's Annual Evening Concert, will be given at the Angell Town Institution, Gresham Road, Brixton, on Wednesday next, 1st October. Madame Worrell will be assisted by the following artistes:—Miss Matilda Roby, Miss Annie Matthews, Mdlle. Helene Arnim, Miss Marian Burton, Mr. Arthur J. Thompson, Mr. A. Caink, Mr. Edward Wharton, Mr. James Budd, and Messrs. J. H. Maunder, Thos. Nettleship and Henry Baker. Pianoforte, Miss Ada Hazard (Silver Medalist) R.A.M., Viola, Mr. E. Deane. The duties of conductor, will be undertaken by Mr. Turle Lee. Those of our readers who desire Tickets can obtain them of Madame Worrell, 67 Knowle Road, Brixton Road, S.W., or at the Hall, on the evening of the Concert.

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THE BENEVOLENT FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the last issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE I find your able editiorial article on the subject of the large amount of money in the Benevolent Fund, in excess, as you state, of what is required for the purposes for which it has been subscribed, with suggestions as to how this plethora of wealth can be disposed of, the principle of which is that a certain amount shall be abstracted and applied to other uses beyond those named at the foundation of the fund, and you pertinently put the question, "What better object could the brethren set before them to achieve than to place in the hands of our young students, after they quit our Schools, some means whereby they might make a start in life, and which, without extraneous aid, they are frequently unable to do." Now, Dear Sir and Brother, I think without any amount of arrogance, or any better knowledge than is possessed in common by every member of our Craft, and at the risk of setting myself somewhat in opposition to your better judgment, that a ready outlet for this great flood of wealth could be found in other ways. The children of our deceased brethren are frequently thrown back upon the widowed mother, a heavy burden that she is scarcely able to bear, and the only hope of relief thrown open to her is the chance of obtaining admission for one or more of them into our Masonic Schools. They are in due time, accordingly, submitted for the opinion of the Committee, and being considered fit objects for the Charity, are placed upon the list of accepted candidates for the next election, but having no friend standing high in the Craft to advocate their cause and personally take up the case, how often does the hope of gaining admission to our Schools turn out to be but "a mockery, a delusion, and a snare." After running the prescribed number of elections, the time at length comes which fixes the hopes of the mother on "the last application." This, like all the rest, ends only in disappointment, and the poor child is now "left out in the cold," and without the possibility of ever being received into the bosom of the Craft, although, perchance, only a few votes separated him or her from more fortunate competitors. On the other hand, look at the contrast. Once included in the list of "successful candidates" everything is provided for, it may be, for the next nine years of the child's life, who is well fed, clothed and educated, in many instances in a very superior manner to what they would ever have enjoyed had their parents been living, and, for the period named, live in the very sunshine of happiness; every want is carefully attended to, friends visit them, amusements are provided, and anything like ordinary diligence shown by them in their studies meets with ready and willing rewards. Contrast all this with the condition of the "unsuccessful candidates," who go back to their poor homes, in many cases, no doubt, almost wanting the necessaries of life—"without any extraneous aid" to help many, and who are henceforth to be considered dead to the Craft. If all this is calmly reviewed by our brethren I think I may venture to say that there is no lack of objects upon whom this superfluous capital might well be bestowed. However deserving may have been the conduct of a brother during his lifetime, or however he may have tried, perhaps in a humble way, to carry out the great precepts of the Order, his widow can make but one appeal to the bounty of the Craft, and cannot renew it, however great her necessities may be. Therefore it is that I plead on behalf of those left behind who have not been fortunate enough to obtain any of the good things which the Craft dispenses with so liberal a hand.

If these few lines serve to elicit any opinion from our elder brethren of the Craft in the direction I have indicated, and have the effect of admitting a bright and cheering ray into the widow's home, it will be a great satisfaction to,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

18th Sept. 1879. A P.M.

MASONIC TRADE MARKS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think that great praise is due to you for reproducing from the *Masonic Newspaper* the excellent article inserted in your last number on "Masonic Trade Marks," and I really believe that few right-thinking Masons will disagree with the opening sentence of that article, which sets out by stating—"The not infrequent use of Masonic emblems in outward display has rarely met with the approval of right-thinking members of the fraternity, and when an exhibition of this nature presents itself we are at once led to suspect the good faith, if we might not add, the good sense of the exhibitor." There can be no doubt that the display of the Masonic emblems is a privilege greatly abused, for no sooner in some instances does the novitiate receive the first light of Freemasonry than he is anxious to make an outward display of having been admitted within the portals of the Order by every means in his power, and to my own knowledge in one instance a publican, who had been proposed for initiation in a Lodge that shall be nameless, actually had the Masonic emblems painted on the front of his house before he was admitted a member. Amongst publicans it is the rule, and not the exception, to make the most ostentatious display of their connection with the Order, and which goes a long way in my mind to prove that one of the first questions put to them at their initiation, has been altogether disregarded. I am not aware whether there is any Masonic law to reach such cases, but I think if the members of the Lodges to which these placarding Masons belong were to express their disapprobation of such practices a remedy would soon be applied, and the objectionable exhibition removed. The display of matters which ought to be confined to the sanctity of our Lodges can have but one object, and that is a mercenary consideration. As I began with an extract from the article referred to, so will I close with another from it, which thoroughly expresses my views upon the subject. "Among Masons, with whom this token has a moral significance its use in that capacity (a trade mark) would undoubtedly be regarded as a base prostitution of it to mercenary purposes, while with others its mystic force would often dissipate its virtues as a trade mark, and perhaps in some instances place the article it appeared upon under a ban."

I am, yours fraternally,

ALPHA.

20th Sept. 1879.

FREEMASONS PAINTED BY ONE OF THEMSELVES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In an editorial article in your contemporary of the 20th instant, I find the following description of Freemasons, and, having called your attention to it, I shall leave yourself and readers to draw their own conclusions:—

"In Freemasonry to-day we are, and must be, struck by the fact that the professions in lodge are widely different from the practice out of lodge, and that if we were to judge of Freemasonry by what we hear brethren say, and what we see them do, our opinion of the worth and value, the utility and need of Masonry in the world would be very low and slight indeed."

Now such an opinion as this, found in the organ which professes to be the exponent of Freemasonry, and constantly censuring evil speaking and slandering in others, comes with an exceedingly bad grace indeed, but unless the writer of these "charitable" sentiments may say that his observations have been garbled, I give the rest of the passage:—

"The brother, for instance, who dilates unremittingly and magnificently about Masonic charity and brotherly love in Lodge, to the intense admiration of a most select circle, is out of Lodge, or in print sometimes, the most illnatured, tale-bearing, and slanderous of mortals. He does a frightful amount of mischief, and not only does reveal 'secrets,' but he very often 'separates chief friends.' You and I, kind readers, have often heard Bro. Mugginbotham, who is quite 'touching' in all he says about 'charity,' &c., in our Lodge gatherings; he affects the 'visiting brethren,' and 'moves' the 'reporters,' (proverbially a hard-hearted race), but search the lists of our Charities, we find him not; and neither does Bros. Terry, or Binckes, or Hedges record with an approving pen the classic and euphonious name of 'Mugginbotham' in their veracious lists. And, once more, we all know 'Crusher,' what a 'swell' he is, how he lays down the law, how the Lodge listens intent upon his words; how no one delivers an impressive ritual like 'Crusher,' and yet, alas, as we all know, his daily and hourly existence is a most mournful illustration of the utter hollowness of the principles he avows, the ritual he knows so well, and 'spits out' so glibly."

Such, Dear Sir and Brother, is the elegant diction of this champion of brotherly love, &c., and I ask you, need I offer another word in "illustration of the hollowness of the principles" avowed by the writer, or whether it is worth my while even to expectorate upon such a production?

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

P.M.

The Directors of the Crystal Palace District Gas Company have issued their report for the half-year ending the 30th June 1879, which was presented to the proprietors at the ordinary general meeting on the 25th September 1879. They recommend that an addition of £20 per annum be made to the remuneration of each auditor, in consideration of the increased labour thrown on those officers. The financial position of the Company is declared as follows:—The balance of Profit and Loss Account amounts to £11,745 3s 10d. Out of this sum the Directors recommend the declaration of a Dividend for the half-year ending 30th June last at the following rates per annum, viz.—6 per cent. on the Preference Stock; 7 per cent. on the Ordinary 7 per cent. Stock; 10 per cent. on the ordinary 10 per cent. Stock; and 7 per cent. on the new ordinary 7 per cent. Shares; all less income tax; this will absorb £10,452 12s 1d, and leave £1,292 11s 9d to be carried forward to the profit of the succeeding half-year. The prosperous state of this Company—with which many of our brethren are connected—here exhibited, must be eminently gratifying to the shareholders.

We have received Prospectus of the Street Accident and Dangerous Driving Prevention Society, whose headquarters are at 17 Devonshire Square, Bishopsgate. The intention of this Society is to enforce existing laws; to petition Parliament to amend the present insufficient statutes; to prosecute offenders; grant donations or loans to sufferers; obtain compensation for injuries; compulsory carriage of a lamp on all vehicles, trimmed and lighted after sunset; compulsory use of proper brake power; to station the society's officers in all the leading thoroughfares of the metropolis and other towns. Those who desire to know more of this Society can obtain all particulars from the Secretary, E. C. Keevil, at the Offices as above.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

BY command of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G.M. the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire was held on Wednesday the 17th inst, in the Mechanics' Institution, Stockport, where there was an exceedingly large and highly-influential gathering of brethren from every portion of the province, Masonic enthusiasm being thus shown in the support of a chief who is so deservedly popular, as well as in the direction of giving continued vitality to the cause of the fraternity generally. At present his lordship rules over a province which embraces 37 Lodges, with a total membership of upwards of 1700; and on this occasion the whole of the Lodges in the province were represented, without a single exception, there being altogether upwards of 400 brethren present to assist at the annual business meeting of the province. This is probably the largest meeting of brethren which has ever been held in connection with the province, and amongst the Lodges most numerously represented were the Lodge of St. John, No. 104, Stockport; the Lodge of Peace, No. 322, Stockport; the Lodge of Concord, No. 323, Stockport; and the Warren Lodge, No. 1276, Liscard.

The proceedings commenced at one o'clock p.m. when Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley P.G.M. was received in due form by the assembled brethren, amongst the P.G. Lodge Officers present being Bros. G. W. Latham, Past G.D. of England, acting as D.P.G.M., R. Beales P.P.G.J.W., A. E. Cokayne P.G.S.B., Llewellyn Making P.G.J.D., J. Tomlinson P.P.G.S.B., Rev. R. Hodgson P.G.C., W. Nicholls P.G.P., J. Cavanagh P.G.A.D.C., Rev. Augustus A. Bagshawe, M.A., P.G.C. and P.P.G.S.W. Derbyshire, G. A. Fernley P.P.G.J.W., J. Hibbert P.P.G.J.D., J. P. Platt P.P.G.J.W., J. H. Sillitoe P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire, Captain Turner P.P.G.S.W. Derbyshire, J. A. Birch P.P.S.G.D., Captain J. W. Arrowsmith P.P.G.S.B., R. C. Mellor P.P.G.J.D. North Wales and Salop, Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope Grand Chaplain, H. C. Lisle P.P.G.S.D., W. Matthews P.P.G.A.D.C., J. Samuel P.G.P., T. Smith P.P.G.J.D., J. Salmon P.P.G.S.D., J. Wood P.P.G.R., T. Marwood P.P.G.J.W., F. Smith P.P.G.S. of W., T. H. Kirk P.P.G.O., G. P. Brockbank P.P.G.S.D. E. Lancashire, J. Beresford P.P.G.S.D., J. W. P. Salmon P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire, J. Beech P.P.G.P., S. Wilkinson P.P.G.S.D., J. Twiss P.P.G.O., B. Taylor P.P.G.D.C. E. Lancashire, T. Chesworth P.G.D.C., T. M. Lockwood P.P.G.S. of W., W. Greatrix P.P.G.P., J. C. Cheetham P.P.G.S.B., P. Wadsworth P.P.G.A.D.C., J. E. Anderton P.G.R. East Lancashire, C. J. Howard P.P.G.J.W., E. H. Griffiths P.G. Sec., F. Jackson P.G. Treas., J. Chadwick P.G.S. East Lancashire, E. Hardon P.P.G.S.D., C. Dutton P.P.G.S.W., H. Bulley P.G.S.B. of England, Rev. J. W. Newell Tanner P.P.G.C., W. Fair P.P.G.S.B. &c.

The P.G. Lodge having been opened in due form letters of apology for non-attendance were announced by the P.G. Secretary (Bro. E. H. Griffiths) from Bro. the Right Hon. W. Egerton D.P.G.M. (who has gone to Italy), Bro. Horatio Lloyd P.P.G.S.W., Bro. Le Gendre Starkie P.G.M. of East Lancashire, Bro. McIntyre G. Reg., and a number of other provincial Grand Lodge Officers. The roll of Lodges was then called over, and it was found that all were represented, the total attendance being about 450. The minutes of the previous annual meeting, held at Nantwich, were read and unanimously confirmed.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley P.G.M., who was received with loud cheers, said that he had again to thank the G.A.O.T.U. for being once more permitted to preside over the P.G. Lodge of Cheshire. He did so with very sincere gratitude, and especially when he again found himself, after a lapse of 13 years, in the good old town of Stockport, where he had always met with a cordial and hospitable reception. The Masonic gathering which he had now the honour to address in no way lost its previous reputation, or fell short of what he had reason to expect. He thought that no Prov. G. Master ever addressed so large and influential a meeting as that which was there assembled. Every Lodge had answered to its name, and several of them were most largely represented. What was still more satisfactory to his feelings, and must be to every Mason, was the fact that during the year every Lodge had nobly done its duty in promoting the noble and sacred cause of charity. It would perhaps be invidious for him to particularise any individual Lodge, but he felt that he must mention the Lodge of St. John, No. 104, Stockport, as being prominent in its support of the Girls' School in London during the last year. Other Lodges, however, had nobly done their duty, and the result was that during the year their success had been unprecedented. They carried their three candidates for the Girls' School and the Royal Benevolent Institution on the first application. Besides this, £10 had been voted by the Fund of Benevolence to a distressed brother at Hyde, and £10 which had been voted to another distressed brother had been increased to £40 through the efforts of one of their brethren. His lordship then referred to a case in which the daughter of a deceased brother was a candidate for the Girls' School on the representation that her father belonged to the province of Cheshire, but he desired to state that this was not the fact, because, although her father had been initiated in Cheshire, he actually had been a subscribing brother in Wiltshire. He would therefore ask the brethren to reserve their votes till the next spring election, when they would have three *bona fide* Cheshire candidates for the Charities, whose election he trusted they would secure through the same excellent arrangements which had distinguished them in times past. He was happy to say that during the past year the peace of the province had been undisturbed; no dispute of any sort had been brought under his notice, and he was glad to know that the vitality of the province was shown by the fact that there was now a total membership of 1731 in connection with the Lodges. No doubt it was very satisfactory to find that Masonry had so greatly increased in that portion of the kingdom, but there was one circumstance upon which he wished to make a few remarks. From the returns of the various Lodges he found that out of the 1731 members there were no fewer than 114 defaulters in the way of subscription. That was a very serious matter, and he accordingly wished to call the attention of the brethren, especially of the W.M.'s of the various Lodges, to the fact. Those brethren who were behind in the subscriptions ought to be struck off the roll of the Lodge, as each Lodge had to pay a certain amount to the grand Lodge in fees, even for those who did not meet their subscriptions. This was a very serious matter, and he (Lord de Tabley) was sure he had only to mention it to secure immediate attention and a speedy remedy. The Cheshire Educational Institution, under the chairmanship of Bro. J. P. Platt, had also flourished greatly during the year, and there was now a very considerable number of children supported through its instrumentality. The mention of this charity vividly called to his memory the loss which their Order had sustained by the death of Bro. Thomas Platt during the year, whose exertions and energy were so conspicuous in the cause of Masonry and the Educational Institution of Cheshire—an example which they might all very worthily follow. He (the P.G.M.) had only to express, in conclusion, his deep responsibility of the position which he held as the head of that province, and he could assure the brethren that his great anxiety was to do the duty which the Grand Master had placed upon him fairly and impartially. He had hitherto great reason to thank the brethren for their cordial support, and he could only hope that he would continue to merit that in the future.

Bro. F. Jackson P.G. Treas., submitted his annual financial statement, from which it appeared that there was a balance to the credit of the Provincial Grand Lodge amounting to £537 15s 7d and to the Fund of Benevolence of £713 17s 4d. The P.G. Treasurer congratulated the brethren upon the fact that the province was now out of debt, and he trusted that they would be able next year to vote a sum of money in charity. Lord de Tabley said it was most satisfactory to find this state of things, especially after the munificent subcription of 1000 guineas which had been voted a few years ago to secure a perpetual presentation to the Boy's School. The financial statement was passed; and on the motion of the P.G.M., seconded by Bro. Latham, acting D.P.G.M., Bro. F. Jackson was re-elected P.G. Treasurer.

His lordship then appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—The Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., 321 Deputy P.G. Master,* Bro. John Wood 321 P.G. Senior Warden, Francis Arthur Dickson 425 P.G. Junior Warden, Rev. Richard Hodgson* 1045 P.G. Chaplain, Rev. George Frederick Dean 537 P.G. Chaplain, Ferdinando Jackson jun.* 295 P.G. Treasurer, John Hibbert 1166 P.G. Registrar, Edward Hounsum Griffiths* 293 P.G. Secretary, William Harrison 104 P.G. Senior Deacon, William Hickton 322 P.G. Junior Deacon, Stanhope Bull 425 P.G. Supt. of Works, Herbert Finch 104 P.G. Dir. of Cers., Thomas Brookes 323 P.G. Assist. Dir. of Cers., George Henry Holden 295 P.G. Sword Bearer, Edward Cuzner* 425 P.G. Organist, William Nicholls 941 P.G. Pursuivant, J. H. Holtaway* 1289 P.G. Tyler, William Booth 104, Edward Stevens 104, John Leigh 287, William Henry Brown 322, Josiah Hill 323, John K. Green 323, P.G. Stewards.

The P.G.M. reappointed Bro. J. P. Platt as the Chairman of the Fund of Benevolence, and invested him with a clasp in recognition of services again given as Steward to the Girls' School.

The P.G.M. also presented and invested the following brethren with charity jewels, to which they had entitled themselves by twice serving the office of Steward to the London Charities:—Bro. Simcock 1357, Bro. Cunnah 721, Bro. Harrison W.M. 104, Bro. Kirk I.P.M. 104, Bro. T. Burrows J.W. 104, Bro. H. Finch P.M. 104, and Bro. J. Stafford 104.

The P.G.M. announced that he would hold the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Runcorn; and a vote of thanks having been given to the Rev. Matthew Pugh, M.A., rector of St. Thomas's Church, for the use of that building for divine service, the P.G.L. was closed in solemn form.

The brethren were now marshalled in procession, the County Lodges first, followed by the past and present P.G. Officers. The Sacred Law was borne on a crimson velvet cushion placed upon an altar or pedestal of garter-blue and gold with white staves, by four Master Masons' sons, each of them wearing a garter-blue collar and silver "Lewis" attached, bearing a suitable inscription, with which they had been invested by the P.G.M. The square, level plumb-rule and mallet borne in the procession were the same as used in laying the corner stone of St. Mary's Parish Church in the year 1813, and now in possession of Lodge Unanimity 287. The Wardens' columns and the tracing boards of the three degrees were carried by the W.M.'s of local Lodges. Favoured with beautiful weather, the procession passed off with great success, and was witnessed by a vast concourse of people. Spectators and carriages lined either side of the streets leading to the Church, and almost every window and piece of vantage ground was occupied along the route.

Arrived at St. Thomas's Church, the procession opened out to allow the P.G.M. and Provincial Officers to pass into the building, thus inverting the order in which the brethren walked from the Mechanics' Institution. Proceeding along the north side of the church the members were met by Bros. Hornby and Nield, the churchwardens. The body of the church was reserved for the brethren, and as they entered, the choir sang, "Onward, Christian soldiers." The musical portion of the service was under the direction of Bro. E. Cuzner P.G.O., assisted by Master W. E. Cuzner, Misses Florence, Alice, and Essie Cuzner, Bros. Edmondson, Humphries, and T. Knowles, and Mr. R. H. Williams. Bridgewater's cantata in A, "O, sing unto the Lord a new song," and the anthem, "God is a spirit," from Sterndale Bennett's "Woman of Samaria," were very beautifully rendered, and listened to with rapt attention. The service was intoned by the Rev. Graham Jones, of Newton, and the lesson read by the Rev. Spencer Stanhope, G. Chaplain of England, the preacher being the Rev. R. Hodgson, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, who took for his text the 17th

* Marked thus, re-appointed.

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verse of the 2nd chapter of the First Epistle to Peter—"Honour all men, love the brotherhood." A collection was afterwards made on behalf of the Provincial Fund of Benevolence and the Stockport Infirmary.

The brethren subsequently banquetted at the Volunteer Armoury (specially decorated for the occasion), under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley. During dinner the band of the 4th C.R.V. played a choice selection of music, conducted by Mr. T. M'Ardle. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by Bro. Lord de Tabley, the health of the Grand Officers being acknowledged by Bro. H. Bulley Past G.S.B.

Bro. G. W. Latham, Acting D.P.G.M., gave the toast of Lord de Tabley, and in doing so referred to the great progress which Masonry had made in that province during his lordship's fourteen years' Mastership.

The toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm and the P.G.M. in response said Bro. Latham had so cordially, so warmly proposed his health, in terms far too flattering to himself and to his personal merits, but not too flattering to the reception the Provincial Grand Master had met with that day as Provincial Grand Master, a reception of which any one might well be proud. As he went through the streets he found a welcome which nothing could exceed. It was not the first time he had been in Stockport, and he felt bound to say that in no town did he find warmer hearts or a more cordial welcome than he did amongst his fellow-countrymen in Stockport. He had a grateful recollection of their kindness, and he always looked forward to the time when the visit should recur again. Bro. Latham had reflected that since they had last the pleasure of meeting here a period had elapsed which would give food, and ample food for reflection. For his own part, he could only refer with unmixed gratitude to his own experience. He entered upon his duties with an anxious desire to do what in him lay for the benefit of Masonry, and now, after the lapse of so many years, his heart still beat as warm towards Masonry as it did in the beginning, and he hoped it would still continue to beat as warm till his dying day. Since that time Masonry had made great progress, and now its members were numbered by hundreds, and there were only two or three provinces before them in the annals of charity. Masonry, of course, was not without its ups and downs, its little differences of opinion, which were to be regretted; but he was happy to say, that everything of that kind had passed away, and harmony—he hoped perpetual harmony—had been restored, which throughout the province there would be a determination to support and maintain. He thanked them most cordially for the reception met with that day, and more particularly were his thanks due to the brethren of Stockport. Every brother would recollect that there was great gratitude due to the Stockport Lodges for the way in which they had been received. He again thanked them for the way in which they had drunk his health, and he was sure they would continue to give the same warm support to Masonry when his own heart had ceased to beat.

The P.G.M. next gave the toast of the "Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., R.W.D.P.G. Master, and the other P.G. Officers." He was sorry that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master was abroad, and in his absence he called upon their excellent brother John Wood to respond.

Bro. John Wood P.G.S.W. said it was a matter of great satisfaction to him, as a Stockport Mason, to see the magnificent spectacle which had been presented that day in the church, on the road, and at the banquet. It would be a matter of grateful remebrance to him that Stockport had not come short of what was expected of it. He had no doubt that would remain a prominent day in the memory of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, and of every brother who had been present.

Bro. F. A. Dickson P.G.J.W. proposed the toast of the "Visiting P.G. Masters and other visiting brethren," and called upon the Mayor of Stockport, Bro. J. L. Vaughan P.M. 1,030, and Captain Turner P.P.G.S.W. of Derbyshire.

The Mayor of Stockport, in responding, said it gave him great pleasure to be present, both as a Past Master of a neighbouring Lodge and as Mayor of this Borough. It would be one of the most pleasing recollections of his life.

Captain Turner said he did not expect his name to be coupled with the toast, and he felt some difficulty in answering it according to its merits. At the same time he felt that he had not done himself justice in living so long in the neighbourhood of Stockport and yet having to respond to the toast of the visitors.

The P.G.M. then proposed the health of the Masters of Lodges 104, 287, 322, and 323, Stockport. It would be invidious to particularise any of them, and therefore he would only call attention to the noble exertions made by the St. John's Lodge 104 in the cause of charity.

The W.M.'s of the several Lodges responded to the toast.

Bro. the Rev. R. Hodgson P.G.C. proposed the toast, "Prosperity to the Masonic Charities." Every brother present would agree with him that if Masonry was not charity, it was nothing at all. If it was not a reality, Masonry was simply humbug, and nothing more. He was not of those who discouraged the good things of this life, for he thought it was a grand thing for the brethren to come together in pleasant social intercourse, but the principal object of Masonry was its Masonic Charities, and he was happy to say they were amongst the largest in England.

Brother Platt P.P.G.J.W., Treasurer for the Masonic Educational Institution in Cheshire, responded. For the first time, during a period of 16 years, they had been able to meet all their payments by the interest on their investments.

The P.G.M. next proposed the P.G. Stewards, who had so well discharged their duties.

Bro. Wm. Booth S.D. 104, responding for the Stewards, said, although the duties might be arduous, there was an amount of pleasure in assisting in the success of the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting which was its own reward. The decorations of the room were the work of one of the P.G. Stewards, Bro. Hill P.M., to whom they would agree great credit was due.

The P.G. Tyler then gave the last toast, "To all poor and distressed Masons throughout the world."

The P.G.M. then brought the happy meeting to a close, after thanking them once again for the hearty welcome he had received in the good old town of Stockport.

A very choice selection of music was performed during the toasts, under the direction of the P.G. Organist, Bro. Cuzner.

The proceedings at the banquet were ably directed by Bro. Finch the Prov. G.D.C., who with the aid of a "herald" announced the toasts and led the "honours" with telling effect.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., in the Guildhall, York, under the presidency of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Zetland. He was supported by Bro. Dr. Pearson Bell, M.D., J.P., P.S.G.D. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the various Officers of the year, and a numerous gathering of Past Prov. Grand Officers, Masters, and members of the Lodges of the Province, the meeting being one of the largest ever known in this district. Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Prov. Grand Secretary then announced that several letters of apology had been received from brethren unable to attend, and then proceeded to read the report of the Board of Benevolence which had been held that day. This report contained, among other items, the announcement that the Treasurer's balance sheet had been adopted; and that the proposed bye-laws for the Charity Committee had been received, and, on motion, referred back to the brethren in whose hands the matter had been placed at last meeting. The Board recommended four grants respectively of £20, £10, £15, and £10, to relieve cases of distress brought under their notice, and discussed various matters of interest to the brethren as regards the voting of the Province at the London Charities. The report was received and the grants confirmed. The Prov. G. Treas. then read the balance sheet for the past year, by which it appears that the sum of £43 1s was given to charitable institutions, and a balance of £22 19s 2d remained in hand above the amount of the invested funds. A motion was then brought under the notice of Grand Lodge by Prov. G. Treasurer, to devote the sum of £123 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, in order to qualify the Province as Vice President of each Fund of that Institution; and, being seconded by the D. Prov. G. Master, was carried unanimously. The Prov. G. Treasurer was authorised to pay the amount at once. The various Lodges then presented their returns, and a sum of £167 4s for dues was handed in. The Committee appointed to frame laws for a Provincial Charity Committee were re-elected, with the addition to their number of Bro. Marwood. The following brethren were appointed by the Prov. Grand Master as Officers for the year:—J. W. Taylor P.M. 200 Scarborough Prov. G. S.W., W. H. Rose P.M. 660 J.W., R. M. Taylor 643 Chaplain, Henry Green P.M. 630 Registrar, M. C. Peck P.M. 1040 Secretary, Thomas Thompson P.M. 57 S.D., G. Ayre P.M. 1116 J.D., W. F. Falkingbridge 312 S. of W., F. Foster P.M. 1248 D. of C., J. Field P.M. 643 S.W. B., C. W. Cheesman W.M. 1605 Organist, J. Walls 236 Pursuivant, F. J. Lambert 1010 Tyler, R. W. Hollon P.M. 236 and 1611 re-elected Treasurer. The following Lodges were named as entitled to each nominate a Steward for the year, viz.:—Minerva 250, Constitutional 294, Lion 312, Cleveland 543, Zetland 561, and St. Germain 566.

The Provincial G. Master stated that he had received an invitation for next year's meeting from the Old Globe Lodge, Scarborough, and he had great pleasure in accepting it. The next year's meeting would therefore be held at Scarborough. He offered thanks to the Lord Mayor of York, for the cordial manner in which he had received them, and placed the Guildhall and Mansion House at their disposal. He likewise thanked the Worshipful Master (Bro. J. S. Cumberland) and the brethren of the Eboracum Lodge, York, 1611, for their hospitable reception, and for the very excellent arrangements which had been made for the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. As to the position of the Craft in the Province, the Provincial Grand Master added that they had cause for congratulation, in the large assemblage on that occasion. He likewise congratulated them on the prosperity and perfect harmony that prevailed throughout the Province. He had just received an application for the formation of a new Lodge in Middlesbrough, which spoke for itself, notwithstanding the great depression which existed throughout the country, and perhaps more so in that particular district than in any other part of the kingdom, of the prosperity of Freemasonry. It was a cause for congratulation also that they had passed the grant to the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons, for it was one from which they had on several occasions received no small share of benefit. This concluding the business of Provincial Grand Lodge the brethren were formed in procession and proceeded, headed by the band of the 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards, to the Cathedral, where divine service was held. The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. L. W. Heath, M.A., who founded his discourse on Ephesians 4—16—"From whom the whole body fitly joined together, and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body into the edifying of itself in love." In the course of an appropriate sermon, he observed that St. Paul, in another place, spoke of having laid the foundation of his work as a wise builder, and now he spoke of how the building should be completed and joined together. The text was a just representation of the Church of Christ, and was at the same time an admirable illustration of the principles of Modern Masonry as they knew it, and the only end and object of their practice. He would not attempt to review any of the various theories concerning the origin or organisation of Masonry, its usages, practices, or celebrations in

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the earliest ages, but good reason had they to be proud of their fathers in the Craft as they sat in that public temple, the result of their work. Let them think of the grandeur of conception, the skill of execution, the patient elaboration of every detail, above all of the religious fervour which he believed animated all who were honoured by participating in the work, that the purpose of their labour was to glorify God and to do good to their fellow men, and then say if they of the present day had not cause to congratulate themselves that they were the representatives of those who labour had embellished the world with imperishable and unapproachable evidences of genius and perseverance. He used the word unapproachable, for was it not a fact that, notwithstanding the enormous strides which had been made in almost every department of art and science, nothing new in architectual science or operative Masonry had been originated since those days. It would seem as if the genius of their brethren in those times had utilised and exhausted every source of beauty and design suggested by nature, adopted it to their art, and had left subsequent generations the secondary task of imitation and restoration. The glory of God was the mainspring of their labours then, and let them now try to carry out those practices which contributed to the spiritual temple of which Christ was the head and chief cornerstone. There were those, as they knew, who, taking their own view of Masonry from the wild, fantastic, and degrading practices of the heathen nations, had attempted to condemn the system as recognised by themselves, but they believed that primitive Masonry was nothing more than the practice of those simple, moral precepts which were enjoyed by a religion pure as it came from God and unadulterated by the innovations of man, and such they claimed to be the principle of their present system. He firmly believed that if Masonry was not religion, it was an auxiliary to it, and that the society, as now constituted, might greatly assist its progress in the world. One writer had said that inasmuch as Christianity was local, that is, not being spread over the whole world, and their creed was universal, that was, bringing into one fraternity people of all colour, of every clime and creed, it might be made the pioneer of a great Christian fraternity. And were they not justified in such hopes? Proceeding, the rev. brother maintained that Masonry was conducive to good order and good government, loyalty to God and the sovereign, to the practice of every domestic virtue, and to the exercise of benevolence and charity. It had, he went on to say, been objected that there was a non-reality and foolishness in the free use they made of symbols. He admitted that their system was illustrated by signs and symbols, but he maintained that their use was of no light origin. The Bible was full of these illustrations of teaching, and everyone in the Tabernacle pointed to Christ. The square, the level, the plumbline, each possessed a distinct moral lesson, and every sign and symbol they used was a lecture to all thoughtful minds, reminding them of their mortality and of their immortality. In conclusion he observed that the objects for which he was requested to plead were two-fold. The result of their liberality would be equally divided between the sick and poor of their fraternity and the Minster Restoration Fund. Their sick and poor claimed in the first place their attention. He need not remind them of the exceptional distress which existed, and which he feared would be still more felt in the approaching season. Sacrifices were demanded, and many had been made, but he trusted this would not induce them to diminish ought of their gifts. To assist the afflicted and relieve the distress was an obligation they had acknowledged, and he urged them to make that an opportunity of faithfully fulfilling it. The other half would be added to the fund for the restoration of that noble temple in which they had been offering their praise and thanksgiving, and surely it would be no small incentive to their liberality as Masons to contribute to the restoration of an edifice of such beauty, which centuries ago so worthily engaged the skill and intelligent patience of their brethren of the craft. At the close of the sermon a collection, which realised £25 13s 6d, was made on behalf of the objects mentioned, and the service was then brought to a conclusion. As the brethren left the cathedral Dr. Monk played one of Sir F. A. G. Ouseley's finest voluntaries. The procession was subsequently reformed, and, headed by the Dragoons' band, returned to the Guildhall, where votes of thanks were passed to the Lord Mayor of York for his kindness and hospitality, to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Cathedral, to Dr. Monk for his musical arrangements, to the Officers of the 4th Dragoon Guards for the presence of their magnificent band, and to the Eboracum Lodge for their splendid reception. The ode "Now the evening shadows closing," was sung, and the Grand Lodge was formally closed.

At five p.m. the R.W. Prov. G.M. held a levée in an ante-room at the De Grey Rooms, and Masters of Lodges and Visitors were introduced to him by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.P.G.D.C. At 5.30 a banquet was held in the large room, to which nearly 200 brethren sat down, presided over by his Lordship, who was supported by his Deputy, the Chaplain, the Lord Mayor of York, and many distinguished brethren. At the conclusion of the banquet, and after grace had been said, the Chairman proposed the usual loyal and other toasts. In giving the army, navy, and auxiliary forces the Earl announced that a telegram had just reached him, announcing the capture of the Zulu King, this he was pleased to be in a position to announce to the assembly, as it would virtually end the war in South Africa. Major T. B. Shaw-Hellier (4th Dragoon Guards) replied. To the toast of the Grand Officers Bro. Hollon P.G. Sw. B. replied, and was followed by Bro. Dr. Pearson Bell, who proposed the health of the Prov. Grand Master. It was a toast he felt assured would meet the most hearty reception, whenever he had the opportunity of visiting any of the Lodges of the Province, the toast of the Earl of Zetland was always drunk with the greatest enthusiasm. The brethren could but be pleased at the way in which the affairs of the Province were carried out, he considered the Prov. G.M. had fully justified the prediction that was made five-and-a-half years ago when he was installed. As Masons the brethren revered the name of the Earl, as Yorkshiremen they loved it, and one and all trusted he would long reign over them as Master of the Masonic Province which his ancestors had governed for the past four generations. The toast was most heartily received. The Earl in replying, tendered his thanks to Bro. Bell and the brethren for the way in which his health had been toasted. The reception he had met with that day brought back to his memory the time when, just over five years since, he was installed as Master of the Province. Looking back, he saw much to congratulate the Province on, which he felt was not owing to anything he had individually done, but to the kind and hearty support he had always met with. Bro. Tew D. P. Grand Master West Yorkshire was entrusted with the next toast—the Deputy of the Province, Bro. Dr. J. Pearson Bell. Bro. Tew referred to the support rendered by Bro. Bell to the Prov. G. Master in all matters which were brought under the notice of the Craft in the District. For thirteen years Bro. Bell had fulfilled the duties of Deputy faithfully and zealously; the more one saw of him, the more was he appreciated. Bro. Tew concluded by wishing Bro. Bell success in his efforts on behalf of the Charities, and hoped that West Yorkshire would always co-operate with the North and East Ridings, in this important branch of Freemasonry. Bro. Bell, after thanking the brethren, referred seriatim to the remarks of Bro Tew, and gave his ideas on the same. He was not, he said, so fortunately circumstanced as to be able to visit the various Lodges, as often as he could wish, nor as frequently as Bro. Tew had pointed out was necessary. For himself, he always desired to treat West Yorkshire as a big brother, and he had ever entertained feelings of the most cordial nature towards them. Lord Zetland then gave the health of the Mayor of York. The brethren were very much indebted to him for the way in which he had received them. He (the Earl) had never seen a more successful meeting, or witnessed arrangements better carried out, than they had been by the brethren of York, who had provided everything it was possible to think of for the comfort of their guests. The Mayor, in reply, stated that he very pleased to be able to assist in the welcome of the brethren of the Province. The civil rulers of the city were proverbial for their hospitality, and he hoped to maintain the prestige that had accrued in years gone by. The Earls of Zetland had been long connected with the city, and any mayor would be proud to entertain a member of the Zetland family. The toast of the newly appointed Provincial Grand Officers was acknowledged by the Grand Reg. Bro. Bell next proposed the health of the W.M. of the Eboracum Lodge, Bro. J. S. Cumberland. He considered it a great honour to introduce the name of this brother. He would couple with the toast, "Prosperity to the Lodge." The way in which the Lord Mayor had acted had been most praiseworthy, but the work of entertaining had really been undertaken by the W.M. and brethren of the Eboracum Lodge, who were one and all entitled to the heartiest thanks. Bro. Cumberland in reply thanked the officials of Prov. G. Lodge for the compliment they had paid the Lodge of which he was master in having accepted their invitation. If what the brethren had done met the approval of their guests they were amply repaid. He trusted his Lodge would continue to prosper and ever maintain that straight line of Masonic conduct it had hitherto fulfilled. Bro. Bell proposed the Masonic Charities, to which Bro. Terry replied. "The Vistors" was proposed by Bro. Sir James Meek, and replied to by Bro. Tew. Bro. Cumberland gave "The Ladies," and was speedily followed by the Tyler.

An important feature in the day's proceedings was the arrangements that had been made to give the ladies an opportunity of a few hours enjoyment in connection with the Masoning meeting. Accordingly, at 8.30, the tables were cleared, and the ladies were admitted to a concert of vocal music, the executants being Miss Emily Marshall, Bros. C. Blagborough, J. S. Cumberland, O. Marshall, J. E. Wilkinson, Geo. C. Lee, Thos. Cumberland, Thos. Humphries, &c., Bro. Herr C. G. Padel accompanying on the piano. The room was crowded with brethren and ladies, and the applause testified to the delight experienced. At 11 p.m. the Earl of Zetland retired, and dancing was commenced to the music of Toes's Band, and was kept up with great spirit for some hours. The room was decorated with Masonic banners, emblems, and curiosities, contributed by the Eboracum Lodge 1611, and the York Lodge No. 236, amongst the most notable of the latter's being the banner of the extinct Grand Lodge of All England once held at York, and of the former the new banner that has just been provided for the Lodge. Great credit is due to the designers, and praise to the artist who has so faithfully regroduced their ideas.

Broadley Mark Lodge, No. 248 E.C.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, Malta, on the 13th September, when the W.M.M. Brother C. E. Coffey, also the W.P.G.M.M. Bro. Broadley, W.M.M. Bro. W. Read, and a large number of Mark Masters were present. The W.M.M., after opening his Lodge, vacated the chair in favour of the W.P.G.M.M. Brother Broadley, who advanced a brother to the degree of Mark Master in a most impressive manner, and to the admiration of all present. W.M.M. Bro. Coffey having resumed the chair, tendered his warmest acknowledgments, coupled with those of the members of the Broadley Lodge, to the P.G.M.M.M. for acceding to their request that the Lodge might bear his name, as well as for his kindness in working the degree in the splendid manner he had done. The P.G.M.M.M. in replying, said he deeply felt the honour the brethren had conferred on him in naming their Lodge after him; he experienced great satisfaction in being with them on this occasion, and complimented the Officers on their admirable working, after which W.M.M. Bro. Coffey closed the Lodge in due form.

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tical Agent and Consul General of H. B. Majesty
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Ewing D.G. Organist, King, Stanley, Cummings,
and Beck D.G. Tyler, together with over forty
Lodges 349, 407, and 515, and numerous Visitors
the Irish and Scotch Constitutions, forming one of
rously attended D.G. Lodges on record. D.G. L
opened in due form the usual honours were given
and Bro. Reade P.D.D.G.M. of Egypt. The minut
nication held on the 10th April last, as well as thos
General Purposes of the 15th of September, were re
The D.D.G.M. then referred to the presence in D.G
trious visitor, W. Bro. T. F. Reade P.D.D.G.M. for
now on his way from Smyrna to fill the importan
Agent and Consul General in the Regency of Tun
same time to the invaluable services he had rendere
English Freemasonry in the East, while acting for t
of the Bulwer Lodge, No. 1068, at Cairo, and ther
Egypt, under H.R.H. R.W. Bro. Halim Pasha, the
talented uncle of the late Viceroy. An address
had been prepared for presentation to W. Bro. Re
in the district, and duly signed by the principal
Lodge. This address was then read by the D.G. Se
to Bro. Reade, who expressed in feeling terms his
for the fraternal reception accorded him by the Malt
he assured that no exertion would be wanting on h
D.D.G.M. in his efforts for the welfare of the Craf
and above all for the continued prosperity of the t
country to which he was now journeying (applause).
said he could not hope to discharge his duties in th
accustomed to in the D.G.M. He had sent a telep
fraternal greetings to R.W. Bro. Kingston, now in E
had recently sat as P.G.M. in the Communication
He dwelt on the peculiar interest in the District
opening of the "William Kingston" Lodge, No. 1835
in the Regency of Tunis—a Lodge called after th
popular D.G.M., and working on the site of Ancient
the warfare of the Knights of Malta in the Middle Ag
the general prosperity of Freemasonry, both within
District would continue, and that one and all of those
unite with the D.G.M. in upholding the ancient presti
in the island of Malta. The P.G. Sec. rose and read
telegrams from the W.M. elect and Wardens of Lod
Tunis, and from the W.M. and Wardens of Lodge
the Goletta. These fraternal messages were much
the brethren present. Letters of apology for non-at
read from P.D.D.G.M. Bro. Rosenbusch and others. T
Chaplain having offered up prayer, D.G. Lodge was
ancient form. The brethren then withdrew to a banc
presidency of the D.D.G.M., supported by the Gran
having W. Bro. Reade on his right. The usual loyal
been given, the Acting D.D.G.M. Bro. Rotherham pr
cordial and commendatory terms, the health of the
Broadley. The toast having been enthusiastically
brother returned thanks, and proposed the health o
coupling with it the name of W. Bro. Reade, their illu
W. Bro. Reade thanked the brethren at some length,
his earnest wish to promote the interest of pure Engli
the country where his revered father, Sir Thoma
laboured for more than a quarter of a century. The
brought a very agreeable evening to a close shortly bef

ROYAL ARK MASONRY IN MAL

A Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, named the Saint
has been formed at Malta, under the auspices of th
Mark Lodge. The first meeting was held at the
Valetta, on 9th September, when the W.M.M. of th
Lodge, Bro. Lieut. Charles Edward Coffey, R.A., wa
W.C.N. of the new Lodge by Bro. Chev. Edward Ro
Bro. Capt. Charles John Blake, R.A. Seventeen Mark
afterwards advanced to the degree of Royal Ark M

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PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF TUNIS AND MALTA.

THE installation of the R.W.P.G.M.M. of this Province, as well as the inaugural meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, took place at the Masonic Hall, Malta, on the 11th September 1879. The oldest Mark Lodge in the province, "Keystone," No. 107, was opened by Bro. W. Read W.M.M. at 7.30 p.m. precisely. The Lodge Room was completely filled by the Mark Masters of the Province. Amongst those present were W. Bros. Rotherham and Westrop P.M.M.'s 107, Lieut. Coffey, R.A., W.M.M. 248, Rev. J. K. Lethbridge P.P.G. Chaplain of Cornwall, Chevalier Edward Rosenbusch, C.E., P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Colonel Carey, R.A., Major Ewing, Professor H. Stilon, A. Tagliaferro, J. W. Starkey D.G. Sec., J. Segond D.G. Treas., W. J. Jones, C.E., Captain A. Finch Noyes, Fleet Surgeon J. Flanagan, Captain C. J. Blake, R.A., Surgeon Major Mackinnon, Captain A. T. Chapman, Lieut. G. W. Freeman, Surgeon H. Grier, Captain C. E. Mortimer, Surgeon J. Walker, Assist-Commissary R. F. King, Lieut. G. H. McLaughlin R.A., R. P. Miller, J. A. Matthews, S. G. Yeoman, J. May, W. Farquharson, E. Blanch, R. Price, T. A. Burmingham, S. Hacoune, R. Beck, and other members of Lodges 107 and 248. Bros. Lippett, Davison, Fenech, D. Cooper, D. W. Jackson, J. C. Stanley, T. Jones and W. Taylor P.M., Visitors from the Irish Mark Lodge "Leinster," No. 387, and Bro. J. C. Toogood, a Visitor from a Chapter under the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. The Lodge having been opened in due form, the summons convoking the meeting was read. On an alarm being given that the P.G.M. was without and demanded to be installed, the patent of appointment was duly read, as well as a letter from the Grand Mark Secretary conveying Lord Skelmersdale's authority to Bro. Read to perform the ceremony. The P.G.M. elect was conducted to the east by P.M.M.'s Westrup and Rotheram, preceded by the P.G. Sword Bearer, and followed by the P.G. Banner Bearer and P.G. Stewards. The obligation was then administered to W. Bro. Broadley, who was afterwards inducted by W. Bro. Read into the chair of P.G.M. The D. of C. having made the usual proclamation, the P.G.M. was saluted in ancient form. The P.G.M. appointed Bro. Richard Westrup P.M.M. 107 his Deputy, who took the oath appertaining to that office. The P.G.M. then made the following appointments in P.G. Lodge:—Wor. Bros. W. Read 107 G.S.W., G. Pentecost 222 G.J.W., Chev. E. Rosenbusch 222 G.Reg., C. E. Coffey 248 G. Sec., Bros. W. Watson 107 G.M.O., Dr. A. Perini 222 G.S.O., W. J. Jones 248 G.J.O., Rev. G. N. Godwin 248 G. Chaplain, Professor Souiller 222 Assist.-G. Sec., P. M. Paleologo 222 G.S.D., Capt. Blake, R.A., 248 G.J.D., Capt. Beechey 30° 107 G.D. of C., R. F. King 248 G.Assist. D. of C., Professor Clement 222 G. Superintendent of Works, E. Grebbell 107 Standard Bearer, R. P. Miller 107 Sword Bearer, H. Stilon 248 G.I.G., Major Ewing 248 G. Organist, Talin de la Tunisie 222, L. Curletto 222, A. Tagliaferro 248, and S. G. Yeoman 107, Stewards. Bros. J. Segond and R. Beck were elected Grand Treasurer and Grand Tyler of the province, and invested accordingly. The P.G.M. announced that the first duty which devolved on him was to formally consecrate the "Broadley Lodge," No. 248, and called on the Secretary to read the petition and warrant. This being done, he pronounced the following Oration, as Consecrating Officer of the new Lodge:—

MARK MASTER MASONS OF THE PROVINCE OF TUNIS AND MALTA,—We are assembled here this evening for the purpose of inaugurating the Grand Mark Lodge of this Province, and at the same time consecrating, as an addition to its muster-roll, Lodge No. 348, upon which the kindly feelings of its founders have bestowed my name. The formation of this Provincial Mark Lodge on the classic soil of Ancient Carthage on the one hand, and the last residence of the Knights of St. John on the other, may perhaps have an interest for Mark Master Masons beyond the boundaries of the district itself; indeed, it is difficult to imagine any given combination of localities which could afford more food for the study and contemplation of the thoughtful brother, than the two countries comprised in this United Province. Our imagination may well carry us back through the vista of centuries to the distant epoch when the immediate descendants of the operative masons of Tyre, "going westwards," reared on the shores of North Africa that magnificent metropolis which for a time ruled the ancient world, and then pass from the consideration of their labours to the more recent period when, under Roman rulers, masons of the Roman College of Artificers raised on the same site a second city which vied in architectural splendour with the Phœnician capital, upon the ruins of which it was erected. Turning to the part of the Province in which we now stand, the eye rests on the varied proofs of the cunning and skill of that great Military Order, the customs of which (to say the least) have offered a model for ceremonies, and laid the foundation of one of the most interesting degrees of Christian Masonry. It will be impossible for me, on this occasion, to trace in detail the history of the Mark Degree, still more to show its historical connection with this Province, to which I firmly believe it has of late years been merely *restored*. The practice of the Mark begins, doubtless, in the earliest days of Operative Masonry, when Guilds of Tyrian workmen, under Tyrian overseers, built the Temple of King Solomon, and when their descendants constructed the walls, and citadels, and harbours of Carthage. The "Marks" of these early Masons abound in the deep, buried remains of the Phœnician City, which now lie under the accumulated rubbish of more than two thousand years; they were perpetuated by the Roman occupants of the ancient site, and have descended to the operations of the Moslem conquerors, whose victorious flag has waved for ten centuries over all that remains of the cities of Hannibal and Hamilcar, of Cato and Scipio. The city gates of Tunis still bear distinctive marks, familiar to every one now present. The history of Masonry, in its most general sense, may, I think, be truly described as operative in its birth, partly operative and partly speculative in its growth, and purely speculative in its maturity. The Degree of the Mark was from the first an essential constituent of operative Masonry. It was, doubtless, worked from time immemorial in the operative Lodges of Scotland, as well as in the old semi-operative Lodges of England and other countries deriving from us the origin of their Masonic systems. The Mark Degree forms an integral part of the pure and recognised Masonry of Ireland, Scotland, and the United States. In Scotland, even as early as 1598, the annals of Masonry abound in allusions to the Mark Degree, and in England it was worked in many Lodges meeting under one or other of the two Constitutions, as well as in others acknowledging the supremacy of the Grand Lodge at York. By the articles of union between the rival Grand Lodges in 1813, the Mark Degree was excluded from, or, perhaps more correctly, not included in, the symbolical teaching of the Craft. In spite, however, of the new regulations the Mark was still extensively worked in many Lodges, and flourished more especially in the north and midland districts of England. About a quarter of a century ago the attention of the Masonic world in general was drawn to this anomalous state of things, and more particularly to some Lodges having obtained charters from the Supreme Chapter of Scotland. A rigorous attempt was made to obtain the recognition of the degree by the Grand Lodge of England, and on this effort failing the Grand Mark Lodge was established, having, according to the precedent afforded by the history of the Royal Arch, exclusive jurisdiction over the degree of the Mark. To discuss to-day, any longer, the origin of this Grand Lodge is entirely useless. A Grand Lodge is nothing more nor less than a union of several Lodges which vest in one the power which each formerly had separately, and any possible flaw in its original constitution is condoned by the adhesion of the lawful Lodges it has received. The "time immemorial" Lodges throughout the country, as well as those originally holding warrants from Scotland, have almost unanimously acknowledged its supremacy, and it now numbers 250 Lodges on its muster-roll, which is, as a matter of fact, numerically stronger than that of the Craft Grand Orient of France and Italy, and many other Grand Lodges on the Continent. We find our Mark Grand Lodge to-day recognised as a legitimate governing body of the degree by the Supreme Royal Arch Chapters of Ireland, Canada, Quebec, and many of the American States, and it is my agreeable task to inform you that, on the 18th June last, the Grand Chapter of Scotland resolved unanimously to acknowledge the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales as lawful and supreme throughout those countries, and to refrain from henceforth granting any charters for Mark Lodges within its home jurisdiction. Thus, my brethren, we have the satisfaction of knowing that our Mark Masters will be recognised, and our certificates respected wherever the Mark Degree exists. I would feign say something of the illustrious rulers of the Mark Grand Lodge (one of whom, Lord Carnarvon, became a K.T. in this very hall); of the admirable working of its various departments; of its fast increasing Benevolent Fund, and its excellent scheme for assisting to educate the children of Mark Masters; but time will not permit me. As to the intrinsic worth of the degree itself, suffice it to say that its rapid progress is the best proof of its merits. Not only do we find in it practical illustrations of the truths taught us in other degrees, but it abounds with appropriate lessons for our rule in daily life. This Province has had the privilege of introducing the speculative Mark Degree, and the rule of the Mark Grand Lodge of England, amongst foreign brethren of many nationalities and many languages in the Regency of Tunis, and I see in their keen appreciation of its eloquent teachings, homely illustrations, and striking lessons, yet another attestation to its value, and though necessity has sometimes compelled me to employ the medium of four languages in a single evening, I have never heard any candidate do otherwise than express himself gratified with the ceremony of his advancement. Your recommendation and the approvement of the M.W.G.M.M. has called me to the rule of this honourable degree in this Province, and I can only trust the progress it is destined to make in our midst will be commensurate with its rapidly increasing appreciation at the hands of the Craft at large. The inauguration of this Provincial Grand Lodge has brought with it the consecration of our third subordinate Mark Lodge. I feel sure both the one and the other has the best wishes of every Mark Master present. I trust my assiduity for the best interests of the degree in this Province will justify the recommendation you made in my favour. The time seems to be approaching when each Craft Lodge will have a Mark Lodge attached to it, and we venture to hope the United Grand Lodge of England will feel justified in extending its recognition to the Mark Degree under its own particular government as a portion of "pure and ancient Masonry." May the activity of the Mark Masters of Tunis and Malta contribute to the general spread of Mark Masonry throughout the world. We cannot assist this end better than by carrying out in practice, as well as in theory, the principles of humility, uprightness, self-control, and universal benevolence inculcated in the Mark Degree:—

> The well known sign we mark and fly
> The wound to heal—to still the sigh,
> And wipe the tear from sorrow's eye;
> For our's the aim is, our's the art
> To meliorate the human heart,
> Of wild desires to stem the flood,
> And act as if of kindred blood.

On the conclusion of the Oration an anthem was sung by a choir trained under the direction of the P.G. Organist Major Ewing. The pedestal was then uncovered, and the consecrating elements were carried round the Lodge in procession, an appropriate verse being sung on each occasion by the brethren. The Lodge was then duly incensed by the acting P.G. Chaplain, and finally dedicated and consecrated to the purposes of Mark Masonry. The P.G.M. then delivered their respective collars of office to each of the officers of the new Lodge, and offered his congratulations to Bro. W. Coffey on his appointment. Bro. Coffey having returned thanks, the work of P.G. Lodge was resumed, and Bros. Rotheram (P.M.M. 107) and Major Ewing elected as members of the Board of General Purposes. The report of the Board was read and adopted, the statement of accounts passed,

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and the proposed by-laws approved of and ordered to be printed. The P.G.M. ordered that a charitable collection be made to form the nucleus of a Charity Fund. The collection amounted to £2 9s. The P.G.L. was closed in ancient form. The P.G.M. then retired, and the "Keystone" Lodge was closed by W. Bro. Read. A banquet took place afterwards, under the presidency of the P.G.M., supported by his officers and the brethren of the various Lodges in the Province. The usual loyal and obligatory toasts having been given, the P.G. Registrar Bro. Rosenbusch (P.D.D.G.M.), in laudatory terms proposed the health of the P.G. Master, who returned thanks. The following toasts were then duly honoured, the D.P.G.M., the Grand Officers, the P.M.M's of the Keystone Lodge, coupled with the health of W. Bro. Kingston (D.G.M. Craft), at present absent from Malta, and the Grand Organist, whose indefatigable exertions had rendered the ceremonies in G.L. so completely successful. The toasts of the Grand Chapters of Ireland and Scotland were enthusiastically received and responded to by Bros. Taylor P.M. and Toogood. The festival was brought to a close by the parting toast, given by the P.G. Tyler. The banner of the P.G.L. (presented to it by the P.G.M.) was much admired, as well as the swords used by the G. Sword Bearer and I.G. They both belonged to former Beys of Tunis, and are incased in massive chased scabbards of beautiful design and bear the principal emblem of the R.A. degree. The incense burner and receptacle for oil used in the Consecration ceremony were also notable specimens of Tunisian silver work of the 17th century. The brethren separated shortly before midnight, with a very keen appreciation of the complete success of the day's proceedings, the recollection of which will always remain as one of the pleasantest memories connected with Masonry in Malta.

CONSECRATION OF THE SHEPHERD'S BUSH LODGE, No. 1828.

THIS ceremony took place on Monday, at the Richmond Hotel, Shepherd's Bush-road. The new Lodge is an offshoot of the Ranelagh No. 834, which has on its roll several brethren who are desirous of obtaining office, but in consequence of the great number of its members, the chance for young aspirants is very remote, that is if regard be paid to the claim of seniority in the selection of its future officers. Accordingly, several brethren of this district determined to apply for a new warrant, which in due course was granted by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on the petition of the following brethren:—Lewis Bryett, Alfred B. Baker, George Harrison, Alfred C. Alais, Richard Josey, Robert W. Blacklin, Peter Burton, William Game, John M. Pierpoint, Richard Pierpoint, and William Williams. The privilege of representing the G.M. on this occasion devolved on Bro. Terry, Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden Hertfordshire, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, &c., whose services in the cause of Freemasonry are so numerous and varied as to render him, perhaps, the most popular Consecrating Officer the Craft has ever known; indeed, the fact of his having similarly officiated at over one hundred such gatherings is an event unparalleled in the history of the Craft, and is a compliment which proves that his efforts are appreciated by the Masonic body at large. On Monday he was assisted by Bro. Clarke Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies Suffolk, who displayed his well-known ability as M.C. to the satisfaction of all present; Bros. Rev. Ambrose W. Hall P.P.G. Chaplain, P.P.S.G.W. Surrey, who acted as Chaplain, G. W. Dixon P.M. 209, 855, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, and John O. Carter P.M. 209, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, who respectively filled the chairs of Senior and Junior Warden, while Bro. Samuel H. Parkhouse W.M. of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, who had supported the petition, acted as I.G. There was a goodly array of Visitors, amongst whom we noticed W. J. Murlis P.M. 1489, 1642, J. J. Michael P.M. 1732, John Tuck 834, Thos. Knowles P.M. 834, Thos. Hancock S.W. 1767, J. W. Barker J.W. 1767, G. P. Cook 193, J. Baker 511, Robt. King 1642, C. E. Williams W.M. 1767, T. F. Knight-Smith W.M. 1441, J. T. Woodstock P.M. 749, E. M. Lander S.W. 1642, S. Lichtwitz 1642, S. Millis P.M. 157, C. Cordingley 45, G. P. Festa 834, George Read 1767, G. C. Symons W.M. 45, A. B. Morgan 1287, S. Smout jun. J.D. 1642, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, J. B. Churchill P.M. 1017, Macrae Moir P.M. 66, J. Ringwood 834, A. Barfield P.M. 511, George J. Eames 511, J. Avery W.M. 511, H. Shaw S.W. 834, H. W. Blake 834, W. Pierpoint I.G. 813, T. W. Cooper S.W. 538, Thomas Handwer 733, H. Sadler G. Treasurer, J. T. Breitbart 511. At the time appointed, Bro. Clarke speedily marshalled the brethren, and the Lodge-room was entered. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the Presiding Officer explained the occasion that had brought the brethren together. The Chaplain offered prayer, and then the acting Secretary read the petition and warrant. The members having approved of those selected to conduct the new Lodge, the Chaplain was called upon, and he addressed the brethren as follows:—On such an occasion as this, when the light of Masonry is about to spread its bright beams by the dedication of another Lodge to the glory of the G.A.O.T.U., and, we trust, to the benefit of the brethren in general; and when another repository of those truths and mysteries which we, as Masons, are proud to call ours, is to be added to the many already existing; and when the Consecrating Chaplain is requested to address a few words to the brethren on the nature, principles, and duties of our Order, he cannot, I think, do better than carry you back in thought to those early days before the erection of the Temple at Jerusalem, when King David, rising up in a vast assembly of the Israelites, told them what God had communicated to him as regarded his son. "Solomon, thy son, he shall build My house and my courts." And, turning to his son, he added, "Be strong and of good courage, fear not nor be dismayed, for the Lord God, even my God will be with thee, He will not fail thee nor forsake thee until thou hast finished all thy work." Brethren, you this day are building a temple likewise, it is true not like the gorgeous one your great prototype erected, but you are building a symbolical temple, and although it does not contain treasures so precious to the ancient Israelites, such as the golden candlesticks, the shewbread, the pot of manna, the altar of incense, the ark of the covenant, and the mercy-seat overshadowed by angels' wings, yet it does contain mysteries and teachings which it will be yours to preserve and guard when your new Lodge, dedicated and blessed, is handed over to you, its founders, in the purity of its early Masonic life. Yours will be a sacred trust, for to you will be confided truths that good men and Masons have treasured up in the safe repository of their hearts from ages past, and which it will be yours to guard also, that ages to come may benefit by those teachings which cheered our forefathers, and which to the present day serve to gladden us. You will do this by letting your Masonic light shine through the great principles of the Order, by the exercise of brotherly love; that is, by regarding all men, whether in or out of Masonry, as children of an Almighty Father, created for the mutual help and support of each other. By Relief, a feeling which as Masons should be more particularly ours, of sympathizing with the misfortunes of the unhappy, of compassion for the miserable, and of endeavouring to give peace to the troubled heart. Of Truth, that great principle of all by which we may so regulate our lives as to pass through the world without deceit or guile, doing unto others as we would they should do unto us. These, my brethren, are the great principles of our Society, but in addition to these you have work to do in your Lodge; to-day you are about to bring into life a band of brothers, who are to meet from time to time in tones of social intercourse, and who will have to do Masonic work, to instruct the younger members through our symbolic rites and ceremonies, and as you do this well or ill, so will your Lodge rise or fall, so will it flourish or decay; but when I look around upon the eminent and energetic Masons, who are its founders and upholders, its bulwarks and battlements, I feel sure that there is good time before the "Shepherd's Bush Lodge"—that their sound working and teaching will in due course give it a foremost place in the Masonic world, and this is saying a good deal, when we consider that on the consecration of this Lodge there will be no less than 1828 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. But, brethren, I do not forget that to-day there is much to do, and that time presses. I feel, therefore, I should detain you no longer, but draw my address to its close, assuring you that if good wishes avail aught you have mine in their heartiest and stoutest sense for the success of your new undertaking. May the mantle of King Solomon rest (so to speak) upon you, that you too may make known the great truths which he promulgated, and which form the fundamental teachings of Masonry. And at any time when good, kind thoughts spring up in your hearts, do not let them lie there hidden, but think them, or, I should more properly say,—speak them aloud for the benefit of others. And, above all, in the working of your Lodge, never forget the presence of the G.A.O.T.U.; for, believe me, brethren, He is always with you, and His All-seeing Eye is upon you, whether you ask His blessing, or seek His aid; and for this remember what David said to Solomon:—"My son, know thou the God of thy fathers, and serve him with a perfect heart, and a willing mind, for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth every imagination of the thoughts. If thou seek him, he will be found of thee, but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever." With these words I will conclude, first, by thanking you heartily for the attention you have been good enough to pay to my brief address; and then by assuring you that if only one word of mine has half the good effect I wish it, my visit here to-day will be another bright spot upon my already long Masonic life. Go then, brothers, to your respective duties, and show to Masons, and to the outer world as well, that you—

"Serve your God by doing good,
Be your benevolence understood
By good deeds.

"Be it your life's toil cares to smother,
And to brighten eyes now dim,
Kindness done to one another
God accepts as done, my brother, unto Him."

The order of the ceremony of Consecration, from the frequency of its repetition of late, is well known to most London brethren; on this occasion it was carefully carried out, the musical portion being under the direction of Bro. Knight-Smith W.M. 1441, and in due course the W.M. elect was presented for the benefit of installation. Bro. Terry having duly obligated Bro. Lewis Bryett, who had been selected for the position, placed him in the chair with accustomed ceremony. The Officers for the coming year were then appointed, as follows:—Bros. A. B. Baker P.M. 834 S.W., George Harrison J.W., W. Game P.M. Treas., Alfred C. Alais P.M. Sec., Richard Pierpoint S.D., Richard Josey J.D., Peter Burton I.G., John M. Pierpoint D.C., Robert W. Blacklin and William Williams Stewards. The charge to the Master was given by Bro. Terry, Bro. Clarke gave that to the Wardens, and Bro. Terry then concluded by addressing the members. The first act of the new Lodge was to thank the Consecrating Officer and those brethren who had assisted him in the labours of the day, and on the proposition of the W.M., Bros. Terry, Clarke, Ambrose Hall, Dixon, Carter, and Parkhouse were elected honorary members. This compliment was acknowledged by Bro. Terry, and after the expression of good wishes from the Visitors, Lodge was closed. A banquet followed, and due honour was done to the toasts customary on these occasions. We regret pressure on our space prevents our recording the speeches.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1541—Alexander Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C. (Emergency.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

148—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst

MONDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER.

45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8. (Instruction.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. Johns-place, Halifax
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
284—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
R. A. 827—St. John Masonic Temple, Halifax
M. M. 146—Moore Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth. (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1473—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon.
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
624—Abbey Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1314—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1506—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
K. T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire

WEDNESDAY, 1st OCTOBER.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1534—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney
1687—The Rotheesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent.
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire.
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
328—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
606—Segontium, the Castle, Carnarvon
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey & Ripon, 140 North Hill St., Toxteth Park, Liverpool, at 7.30. (In.)
1383—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull. (Inst.)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.
R. A. 86—Lebanon Masonic Hall, Prescot
R. A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M. M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 2nd OCTOBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, at 8. (In.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30. (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Guildhall Concert Room, High-street, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
289—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton.
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
589—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
782—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland.
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes.
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1515—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R. A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
R. A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
R. A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man.
R. A. 754—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire.
R. A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
M. M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
M. M. 158—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan
K. T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury

FRIDAY, 3rd OCTOBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham

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401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. Johns, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
998—Welsh Pool, Railway Station, Welsh Pool
1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Mirfield, Eastthorp
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Inst.)
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High street, Gosforth.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 6.30.

SATURDAY, 4th OCTOBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith.
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

York Mark Lodge (T.I.)—A meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, York, on Tuesday. Present—Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M. as W.M., Sir James Meek P.M., Rev. W. Valentine S.W., J. Hollins J.W., Rev. W. C. Lukis Chaplain, J. S. Cumberland M.O., C. G. Padel S.O., W. P. Husband as J.O., M. Millington S.D., T. Humphries as J.D., J. M. Meek as I.G., and several other brethren. Visitor—Bro. J. Hanly (4th Dragoon Guards). A successful ballot was taken for Bro. R.A. Luk of the Restoration Lodge No. 111, Darlington. Bros. T. J. Wilkinson and W. Hill, previously elected, were then advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. A letter was read from the widow of the late Bro. T. Cooper P.M., thanking the Lodge for its sympathy with her in her bereavement. After the close of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where they supped together and spent a pleasant evening.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At the meeting, on 25th September, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Present—Bros. Biddell W.M., Higgins S.W., Moss J.W., L. Norden Sec., Veal S.D., Grammer J.D., Maidwell I.G., Webb Preceptor. The usual preliminaries being observed, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Maidwell acting as candidate. Bro. Grammer answered the questions, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising. Bro. Moss worked the first section of the second lecture, assisted by Bro. Norden. Bro. Higgins 1381, was unanimously elected a member; this brother was also elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At Bro. Butt's, the Newmarket Hotel, West Smithfield, on Monday, the 22nd inst. Present—Bros. J. W. Smith W.M., Willison S.W., Hallam J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Sillis S.D., Gyer J.D., Isaac I.G., also Bros. Wing, Edmonds, Hirst, Weeden, Butt, Lardner, J. B. Willison, &c. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, when the minutes of last meeting were duly confirmed, after which the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hirst candidate. Bro. Hallam sen. worked the fourth, Bro. Tolmie the fifth and seventh sections of the lecture. Bro. Butt, of the West Smithfield Lodge, was elected a member. Bro. Willison was elected W.M. for next week, after which Lodge was closed.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 23rd Sept. Present Bros. Sayer W.M., King S.W., Daniel J.W., Roberts S.D., Caton I.G., Hollands Secretary, Richards, Morgan, Maidwell, Boue, Hayes and Wharman. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed, Bro. Hayes candidate. Bro. Sayer vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Richards W.M. of No. 27, who worked the initiation ceremony in a very impressive manner, Bro. Morgan candidate. The W.M. resumed the chair. Bro. King was elected W.M. for Tuesday next. It was carried unanimously that the Lodge votes for the Girls' School be entrusted to Bro. Maidwell.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—A meeting was held on Wednesday evening at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. T. W. C. Bush W.M., Medcalf S.W., D. Moss J.W., Bush Treas., J. K. Pitt Sec., Valentine S.D., Albert Kahn I.G., G. L. Walker, &c. All formalities were observed in the opening, and the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Pitt acting as candidate. A letter was read from Bro. E. Gottheil stating that his new avocation would preclude him attending this Lodge of Instruction, where he had spent so many years of pleasurable association and profit. The Lodge voted its hearty thanks to Bro. Gottheil for his long, kind, and instructive guidance as Preceptor of the Lodge, and with deep regret accepted his resignation. A proposition was made, seconded, and unanimously carried that Bro. G. L. Walker, from his long association with the Lodge, should be elected Preceptor. Bro. Walker accepted the office, suitably thanking the brethren for placing him in so honourable a position. Labour ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, on Saturday, the 20th inst. Present—Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., W. Williams S.W., Mullord J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Cohen S.D., Powell J.D., Yates I.G.; also Bros. Slaiter, C. Lorkin, Brasted, T. Goode, Ross, &c. Lodge was opened with all formality. Bro. Brasted proved himself an efficient F.C. and was entrusted. Lodge being opened up, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Brasted acting as candidate, the traditional history being given. The W.M. is a constant attendant at this Lodge of Instruction, and it is almost needless to add that the ceremony was rehearsed in a manner which reflected credit both on the W.M. and the Preceptor. The W.M. worked the third section of the lecture. Lodge was closed to the first degree, when Bro. Pearcy worked the fourth, Bro. C. Lorkin the fifth sections of that lecture. Bro. W. Williams was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780.—On Saturday evening, 20th September, W.M. Bro. May and the Officers and several P.M.'s met at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, for the annual audit of the Lodge accounts; Bros. Sharpe and Talbot the auditors were present. The duties of the evening having been fulfilled, the W.M. and W.M. elect invited those present to assemble around the festive board, which was tastefully spread by host Brill. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, the cloth was cleared and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and received with the honours so well known to Masons. Then followed the toasts of the W.M., the W.M. elect, the Past Masters, our worthy Secretary, the Officers, &c., to all of which suitable replies were given. The W.M. elect expressed his intention with regard to his appointment of Officers for the ensuing year; and after some capital harmony, rendered by Bros. Hilton, Gunner, Brill, and others, the brethren dispersed shortly before eleven, expressing themselves extremely gratified with the catering of the new host, who during the proceedings made a capital speech.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On 19th September, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, where the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, with his Officers, took their places. Bros. May W.M., Gomm (W.M. elect) S.W., Blasby J.W., Costelow S.D., Frankel J.D., Gunner (H.S.) I.G. Goss I.P.M., Roe P.M., Gardiner P.M., Talbot, Acworth, F. Botley, C. E. Botley, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Lodge was advanced, when Bro. C. E. Botley, as a candidate for raising, answered the questions. Lodge was then opened in third, and the W.M. ably rehearsed the ceremony of raising, with Bro. Acworth as candidate. Lodge was closed down to first degree, when the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Gomm (W.M. elect), who, with Bro. P.M. Gardiner representing the candidate, rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. Lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned till 3rd October, at half-past seven.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday evening, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, Bro. Polak W.M., Wardell S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Carr S.D., Greenwood J.D., J. Lorkin I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., Brasted Preceptor; also Bros. Christian, King, Moss, Johnson, Quay, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Baker as candidate. Bro. Moss worked the first, second, and third sections, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Dallas the Secretary was elected W.M. for next Tuesday evening.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—A meeting was held on Friday, at the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road. Present—Bros. Slaiter W.M., Job S.W., Dr. Richards J.W., W. Musto P.M. Sec., Forss S.D., Harbord J.D., McDonald I.G.; Past Master Bro. Cundick Preceptor, and a fair attendance of brethren. The business comprised the rehearsal of the sublime degree, and the working of the sections pertaining thereto. Bro. Job was elected to preside at next meeting. It was announced that the Fifteen Sections would be worked at the Israel Lodge of Instruction on the 28th inst., Bro. D. Moss to preside.

St. Augustine Lodge of Instruction, No. 972.—A meeting was held on Wednesday the 24th Sept. at the Masonic Hall, Canterbury. Present:—Bros. P.M. Welsh W.M., H. Pringuer S.W., Moulding J.W., Crump Treas., S. F. Pringuer Sec., Crump S.D., Price D.C., and Miskin I.G.—Past Masters Bros. Pierce, Pilcher, and Secra; Bros. E. Beer, Rossiter, and Vile. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the W.M. worked the first, second and third sections of the first lecture. It was arranged to continue the sections at the following meetings.

Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.—The first meeting for this season was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., the rendezvous was the Lecture Hall, St. John's-hill, New Wandsworth, the brethren having lately had occasion to remove the Lodge. The usual formal business having been concluded, the W.M. elect Bro. A. Newens was

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impressively installed by Bro. Past Master E. H. Boddy, to whom a vote of thanks was afterwards passed. Among the brethren present were Bros. H. R. Jones P.M., W. A. Morgan P.M., J. G. Carter P.M., J. E. Frances P.M., George Howick P.M., R. Walker, H. T. Bell, J. Tucker, W. Marshall, J. Springett, T. Arnison, A. A. Denham, and others. The following Officers were appointed by the W.M. :—Bros. J. B. Walker S.W., W. J. Huntley J.W., J. J. Holland S.D., F. W. Wardroper J.D., F. C. Landon I.G., F. Reed W.S., and A. A. Denham D.C. The Secretary (Bro. John Frost) and Treas. (Bro. H. Wilson) were reappointed. The banquet was afterwards held at the Railway Hotel, Putney, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278.—The brethren assembled in full force on Thursday, 18th inst., and, exercising the usual hospitality, there was a goodly number of Visitors. The Lodge having been opened in due form by the W.M., Bro Charles Kerr Crouch, the ordinary business was disposed of, and the W.M. proceeded to raise Bro. J. W. R. Hammond, which he did in a most impressive manner. A notice affixed to the summons urged brethren to be punctual, failing to observe which Bro. W. J. Bonner, who came late, did not receive the sublime degree to which he would have been entitled. Punctually at five o'clock the W.M. proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. Abraham Lazarus, into the chair of K.S.; and his admirable working of the ceremony elicited the warm approbation and encomiums of the brethren and visitors present. Considering that Bro. Crouch had to follow such experienced and able workers as Bros. Terry, Musto, and others, it is the more creditable to him that he should have worked the ceremony not only to the satisfaction of those present, but have received so warm an approval of his exertions. The W.M. invested his Officers as follow :—Bros. Dr. Defries S.W., Sturtevant J.W., Prestage S.D., A. Jones J.D., Chitson I.G., and G. W. Verry P.M. P.Z. as Hon. Secretary. The Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, where the Lodge is held, was never more full than on Thursday, the 18th inst. Bro. Lloyd, the host, placed an excellent banquet before the brethren, to which they did ample justice. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, were received with enthusiasm, and the brethren separated after a very enjoyable evening.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—A meeting was held on Friday, 19th September, at the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury. Present—Bros. Pelikan W.M., Hunter S.W., Rowley J.W., Eldridge Treas., Williams S.D., Gardiner J.D., Pearcy Acting Preceptor, Hall I.G. Bros. Boas, Passingham, Powell, Ager, Webl, &c. After preliminaries the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Boas, who had previously answered the questions most perfectly, being candidate. The W.M. also gave the traditional history and explanation of the tracing board. Bro. Pearcy worked the second and third sections of the Lecture. A cordial vote of thanks was given to the W.M. for his efficient working, it being the first time he had taken the chair in this Lodge of Instruction. The Lodge was then closed in ancient form.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday 23rd Sept. Bros. Smith W.M., Musto S.W., Keable J.W., Livermore I.G., Worsley Sec.; there were also present Bros. Pavitt, Glasspoole, Ellis 860, Brownson 898, Rawe, and G. H. Stephens. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. In consequence of the unpleasant evening the brethren did not assemble till eight o'clock, when the following sections were worked :—First Bro. Worsley, second Rawe, third Pavitt, fourth Livermore, fifth Musto, and seventh Stephens; time not permitting more to be undertaken. Bro. Brownson 898 was elected a member, and Bro. Stephens was unanimously elected an honorary member. Bro. Stephens thanked the brethren. The W.M. announced that Tuesday next was the fifth Tuesday of the month, when, according to the bye laws, the Installation Ceremony would be worked, by the Preceptor Bro. Musto, who would instal Bro. Rawe.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.—A meeting was held on 22nd September at the Masonic Hall, Canterbury. Present—Bros. Tyler W.M., Howarth S.W., Vantier J.W., Lagden Sec., Duncan S.D., Gardner J.D., Miskin I.P.M., Brice I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Naylor, Beer; also Bro. Kimber. Visitor—Bro. Vile 972. The Lodge was opened and minutes of last Lodge of Instruction were read and confirmed. The charge was given to Bro. Kimber (an E.A.) by Bro. Miskin. The questions were regularly put and answered, the working tools of an Entered Apprentice were explained by Bro. Tyler W.M. It was proposed by Bro. Naylor I.P.M. (Craft Lodge), and seconded by Bro. Howarth, that the ceremony of Installation be rehearsed at the next two meetings of the Lodge of Instruction. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed in ancient form and with solemn prayer.

Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507.—An emergency meeting was held at the Metropolitan Club, King's Cross on Thursday 18th inst. Present—Comp. Willing M.E.Z., Thos. Adams P.Z. as H., Ferguson J., W. M. Stiles Scribe E., Edmonds as S.N., H. Stiles as P.S., Side First Assistant, Barnes Jan., Deller, Sillis, Clemow, Holt, Humphreys, &c. &c. Letters of apology were received from Comps. Stacey, H., Douglass P.S., Hudson S.N., and others. A Ballot having been taken for Bro. A. N. Clemow, which proved unanimous, he was regularly introduced and impressively exalted into R.A. Freemasonry. The M.E.Z. then proposed that in view of the lease of the present premises being disposed of "The Chapter be removed." This was carried unanimously, and a committee was appointed to make arrangements. The Companions, immediately on closing the Chapter, separated.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At a meeting held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 18th inst., there were present :—Bros. E. J. Acworth W.M., J. Wells S.W., J. Green J.W., Ferney S.D., Rickwood J.D., Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor; also Bros. H. Woolmer, J. Clarke, G. S. Wright, Youens, E. C. Porter, H. Kasner, and Bloomfield. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Lodge was opened in second and third, closed in third degree, and resumed to the first; when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. H. Woolmer as candidate. The Lodge was called off; on resuming labour, it was resumed to the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Youens candidate. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. On the motion of Bro. Preceptor, seconded by Bro. J. Green, Bro. J. Wells was unanimously elected an honorary member. Bro. Youens stated that he had been desired by Bro. Mansfield to thank the brethren for the assistance afforded him in his distress. Bro. J. Wells was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Lodge was closed.

West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623.—On Thursday, 18th September, at Bro. T. Butt's, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, the installation meeting was held. Bro. G. S. Elliott W.M. opened the Lodge, supported by his Officers. The minutes of the last regular and an emergency meeting were read, unanimously confirmed, and signed by the W.M. The Report of the Audit Committee was received, adopted, and entered on the Lodge minute book. The W.M. raised Bros. King and Long. Bro. T. W. Adams I.P.M. presented Bro. Joshua Howes P.M. S.W. and W.M. elect for installation, and Bro. Elliott performed the ceremony. The Officers are Bros. W. Pennefather S.W., W. Malthouse J.W., G. S. Elliott P.M. Treas., E. Mallett P.M. Sec., T. M. Butt S.D., H. J. Lardner J.D., G. H. Stephens I.G., J. J. Howes D.C., W. Snow W.S., W. Delafons J.S., E. Roberts Organist, Smyth Tyler. The work was so well rendered that a vote of thanks was given to the I.P.M., Bro. G. S. Elliott, for performing the installation ceremony, and the same ordered to be entered on the Lodge minute book. Bro. G. S. Elliott had the usual Past Master's jewel given to him. Although entering on his third apprenticeship in Masonry, this was the first Lodge Bro. G. S. Elliott had passed the chair in. When the Lodge was founded Bro. F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlx. P.M. selected him for first J.W., and stood by him until he had completed his year of office. He resigned the Treasurership, and had the happiness of seeing Bro. Elliott unanimously elected to succeed him. As Bro. Elliott now holds office in other Lodges, we hope in time to have to chronicle he will do his work elsewhere as well as he has here. Bro. J. Howes P.M. 765 W.M., a well-known worker of the Fifteen Sections, commenced his duties. The ballot proved unanimous in favour of the admission of Mr. Alfred Silver, and that gentleman being present was initiated into Freemasonry. The work was well done. Brother Frederick Walters P.P.J.D. Middlx. P.M., late Treasurer and Secretary, resigned his membership. His health being so bad, and he living in Leicestershire, precluded him from coming up to town. His resignation was accepted with regret. Some candidates were proposed for initiation. Business ended, the Lodge was closed and adjourned to meet on Thursday, 20th November. There were also present Bros. G. S. Wiutle P.M., Greenwood, Smith, T. Butt, King, Rose, W. Butt, Cork, and many others. The Visitors were—Bros. W. A. Barrett P.P.G. Organist Oxon. P.M. 1706, &c., Pearson P.M. 315, Dr. Hunter P.M. 1677, Sheadd P.M. 720, Goodde P.M. 1228, Silvester W.M. 463, Elliott 749, Page 1821, Rumball S.W. 141, &c., &c. The usual banquet and dessert followed, which reflected the greatest credit on Bro. T. Butt and his two sons, all of whom were unremitting in their exertions to make all present happy and comfortable. The usual toasts were given and responded to. Songs and recitations brought a happy meeting to a pleasant close.

The *Sunday Times*, quoting from the *Bombay Gazette*, says:—

Freemasonry seems to prosper in other parts of India as well as in Bombay, where the Order is very strong. In the Punjab, for instance, at the commencement of 1869, ten years ago, there were six Freemasons' Lodges that were under the jurisdiction of the District Grand Master of Bengal. The members in the Punjab, conceiving it would be for their interest and promote the extension of the Order if they had a Grand Lodge of their own, applied to the proper authority for one, and, although they were strongly opposed by the Grand Master in Bengal, they succeeded in obtaining the desired sanction, and on the 10th of March 1869, their first Grand Master was installed at Labore. As is usual with most young Institutions it had difficulties to contend with, and nine months after its organisation the Grand Lodge found itself Rs. 1,000 in debt. This was not reduced in the twelve months that followed, for in January 1872 we find the debt was Rs. 1,391. But by October of that year the debt had been reduced to Rs. 474, while the Punjab Masonic Institution, that had been established twelve months previously, had Rs. 6,920 invested in its name, and the Fund of Benevolence had Rs. 1,420 standing to its credit in the Agra Bank. Since that period the Grand Lodge has been gathering strength every year. On the 8th of last April its financial position was as follows :—Grand Lodge Fund deposit in the Agra Bank, Rs. 1,009; Fund of Benevolence, Rs. 2,722; Punjab Masonic Institution, Rs. 25,845; total Rs. 29,576. Moreover, during the ten years of its existence Rs. 24,575 have been disbursed in charity and in educating the children of deceased Freemasons. During the period under notice the number of Lodges has been exactly trebled, there being now eighteen. In 1869 the number of members was 149; on the 8th of last April the number registered was 557.

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With regard to the Masonic Institutions, it has often been regretted that some further surveillance has not been exercised over those who have been so fortunate as to receive therein education and early training; and it is felt that without something be done to watch the future of those who leave the Schools, and, if need be, lend them a helping hand, the work of Masonic Charity is incomplete. This want may perhaps best be expressed in the words of the Right Hon. Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, K.T., Past Grand Master of Scotland, who, as President at the Eighty-first Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, brought the question particularly before the Craft. The Right Worshipful Brother, in proposing prosperity to the Institution, after detailing the advantages and benefits which were derived from the School, said:—

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THE APPROACHING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

THE ballot paper for the Boys' election contains, as we stated last week, the particulars of seventy-seven candidates, who will compete for the sixteen vacancies which are announced. Of this number fifty-four are accredited to the Provinces, eighteen to London, and five to Foreign stations, viz.:—West Indies, Nova Scotia, Singapore, West Coast of Africa and South Africa. The first four on the list come forward for the seventh time, and unless successful this October will each be debarred, by age, from again competing. No. 1, Alfred Thomas Cole, one of five children dependent on their mother, has hitherto been very unsuccessful in securing votes, 42 being the total standing to his credit, and this after taking a part in six previous elections. No. 2, Percy Charles Wilkinson, has fared better, there being a total of 1289 votes now standing in his name; both his parents are living, and they have two other children to maintain. No. 3, Emanuel Wait, one of six relying on a widowed mother, stands very little chance, with his 541 votes in hand, unless his friends can secure more help than they have got together on previous occasions; while No. 4, Lovell Hope Ridpeth, who has but 234 votes in hand, may be said to fare even worse. He is the only child dependent on his parents, both of whom are alive, but the father is paralyzed. The other "last application" cases are eight in number:—George Shadwell Parker, No. 7 on the list, who brings forward 1255 votes from four previous attempts, is the only child dependent on a widowed mother; we may assume that, in all probability, this case will occupy a place on the list of "successful." No. 9, Edmund Purcell Spalding—fifth application, 765 votes already polled—is one of six children who are dependent on their parents, both of whom are alive; the father is an old member of the Province of Suffolk, and we trust his long connection with the Craft will stand him in stead now that he is compelled to appeal to its charity. William Tracy, No. 15, has already stood two elections, and brings forward 135 votes as the result thereof; his is a London case; the mother, who is the only parent living, having eight children to support. No. 16, William Henry Bazley, who has also taken part in two previous elections, and is a London candidate, has 400 votes to his credit; his mother has five children to provide for. No. 34, Arthur Barker, has already stood at one election, but on that occasion no votes were polled for him; we have no doubt but that this is in reality a good omen for the lad, as we may assume thereby that his father's Province—West Yorkshire—has the case in hand, and they surely will not allow a family of four children, who are left parentless, to appeal to them in vain. No. 44, A. E. Scrope Shrapnell, who has a brother already in the School, is a Wiltshire lad; his mother still has four children to provide for. At the April election she secured 158 votes on behalf of this lad. The other two on the list of "last applications" are Nos. 54 and 56, Frederick Frankland Godfrey and William Henry Healey—the one accredited to Kent, the other to West Yorkshire. Both of these lads are parentless, and in each case there are seven children left to the charity of their friends. Should we ever cease to appeal on behalf of the Charities while such cases as these are brought forward?

Having thus dismissed the twelve candidates who have but this one chance, we will proceed with the less important ones—so far as time is concerned. Hampshire and the Isle of Wight has five cases, in addition to No. 7, to which we have already referred; No. 17, George Frederick Gauntlett, has at two attempts had 377 votes polled for him; he is one of four children now dependent on their mother. No. 27, Herbert Mastern Fellows, brings forward 49 votes as the result of his two previous attempts; his mother has two children, in addition to this lad, to maintain. No 28, George William Steinhauer, is one of eight children left parentless; he has only stood one election, on which occasion five votes were announced as recorded in his favour. No. 46, Walter Herbert Woollons, has 84 votes forward from April last; he and three other children rely on their mother. No. 63, Albert Edward Sparks, is a first application case, and closes the list of Hampshire candidates. The brethren of that Province appear to have numerous claims on their charity, and although they may devote all their energies to secure the return of their several candidates, it seems almost impossible that, unaided, they can succeed with even a minority of them. West Yorkshire has altogether five candidates for the "Boys;" two of whom (Nos. 34 and 56) have been referred to among the "last applications;" the other three are Nos. 47, George Mey, 49, John Roebuck Murgatroyd, and 53, William Thomas Pike—all first applications. In each case the father is dead, and the mothers have five, four, and five children respectively to maintain. Devonshire and Lincolnshire have each four accredited to them. Of the latter, one—Alfred Thomas Cole—figures among the final applications; the others are No. 10, William Black, who brings forward two votes from three previous attempts; No. 13, Philipson Marshall, who has secured 101 votes in a like period; and No. 40, Robert Williamson Pratt, who appears for the second time without a vote having been recorded in his favour. We can hardly understand the position in which the brethren of Lincolnshire leave the candidates which put up from their district, unless it is that their system of organisation is incomplete. Surely, it would be better to make a firm stand on behalf of one candidate than to put three or four to the expense of issuing circulars, cards, and the other accessories of a Charity election! Still, we suppose the brethren of Lincolnshire are capable of shaping a course of their own; it is very certain that they have some very good men among their number, who will not allow cases of distress to go unsupported, if by any means in their power they can aid them. The Devonshire candidates are Nos. 22, 31, 37, and 71. No. 22, Herbert Norrish, who has figured at the two last elections, has 819 votes to his credit; his mother is the only parent living, and she has five children to provide for. No. 31, Edwin Ernest Hawke, has not secured any votes, although he was a candidate at the election of April last. His widowed mother has five children to maintain, and would, we should imagine, greatly appreciate the liberality of the Craft if the election of her son could be secured. No. 37, William R. Deacon Foot, second application, comes forward similarly circumstanced as regards votes; he and one other child are dependent on their mother. No. 71, Sydney Earle Loveridge, one of four children left fatherless, is a first application case, and will, no doubt, receive attention in due course. The fact of no votes being polled, except for the candidate supported by the Provincial Committee, is ample proof of the thoroughness of the system under which the Devonshire Craftsmen manage their votes. North and East Yorkshire and Kent each have two candidates beyond their

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single first application case; Worcester and Surrey bring each a like number forward, but neither of their nominations are so old as to be debarred from competing, even if they are unsuccessful on the next occasion. The Yorkshire candidates are No. 29, Frank Colbeck, who has 1065 votes already recorded in his favour from one ballot; and No. 64, Sidney William F. Richardson, a first application. The latter lad is one of a family of six children, who are left parentless; while the former has his mother living, and there are six children requiring support from her exertions. Nos. 38 and 59 are the other representatives of Kentish Lodges. Arthur James Kennedy (No. 85) being a candidate for the second time. At the last election 316 votes were recorded in his favour; he is one of five children left to the care of a mother, the father being drowned in November 1877. No. 59, Charles Edward Webb, has his mother living; this is his first trial for a place in the Boys' School. Only one of the Worcestershire lads has stood a previous election, and he, George Bertie Brooks, No. 18, has 619 votes in hand from two attempts; he and another child are dependent on their mother. No. 51, Herbert Wilfred Knott, has both parents alive, but the father is suffering from paralysis of the brain. There are eight children in the family to provide for. No. 66, Ernest Bloomer Granger, has likewise both parents alive, although his father is confined in a lunatic asylum; he and two others rely on the exertions of their mother for the necessaries of life. Surrey brings forward 358 votes in favour of Richard Arthur Grave, after two elections; this lad, both of whose parents are dead, has a brother already provided for by the Masonic School. No. 43, Percy Herbert Stone, brings forward 512 votes from last election, so that it appears evident the brethren of Surrey intend to carry these two cases. Their other candidate, William Renwick Watson, No. 70, now appears for the first time; but we think from the name attached to the particulars of his case that he is in good hands. His mother has three children to maintain. There are seven Provinces each with two cases accredited to them. Bristol, whose candidate, Emanuel Wait, we referred to in the earlier part of our remarks, heads this list. Its other candidate is George John Gray, No. 12, who has 15 votes to his credit after three elections; he is the only child dependent on his mother. Dorset brings forward Nos. 35 and 62. Jno. Tom Goldsbrough, No. 35, has 79 votes to his credit, having taken part at the last election; there are five children dependent on the parents, both of whom are alive, the father, however, has emigrated to Australia. No. 62, Ernest Stambler Moore, one of five fatherless children, now appears for the first time. No. 23, John Henderson, from Durham, has 929 votes in hand as the result of two polls; he and two others are at present provided for by their mother. Herbert Lawson Laing, No. 67, is one of seven children left to the care of a widowed mother, who will ere long, we trust, be relieved of the care, through the liberality of the Craft, of this one of her offspring. Albert Edward Coe, No. 41, from Essex, brings forward 102 votes from last April, while No. 68, Robert Leigh Ibbs, the other candidate from this Province, is a first application case. Each of these lads are left fatherless, and in both cases there are three children dependent on the mother. East Lancashire has, thus far, only polled 22 votes in favour of James Herbert Bell, No. 8, who now appears for the fifth time; there are two children in the family, left fatherless since 1876. For their other candidate, John Read, fourth application, we see two votes recorded; in this case there are four children left to the care of the mother. We presume the brethren of the Province have plans laid down which would answer any remarks we might offer; time alone will reveal the secret of what at first sight appears a peculiarity. The Western Division of South Wales puts forward John Morgan Alexander Thomas, No. 24, and has already recorded 575 votes in his favour. He has a brother in the Institution, but notwithstanding this fact his mother is called upon to provide for six children. No. 65, Edward Thomas Ball, is the other candidate against which appears the name of this Masonic district; the mother in this case having to provide for this and two other children. Charles James F. Allin, a Warwickshire lad, comes forward on the present occasion for the sixth time, with 1219 votes in hand, so that we may assume his election is secured. No. 32, Walter Boston Brown, brings 16 votes from April last, a number that will we may safely predict be considerably increased shortly; he and three other children are dependent on their mother. There are seven Provinces each with one candidate. Berks and Bucks leads the way as regards number of votes in hand, its candidate, James Albert Seddon, No. 42, having 313 forward from the last election; while No. 39, Frederick John Neville, the Cambridgeshire lad, has 106 in his favour from the same election. Nos. 52, 58, 60, 61 and 74 are all first applications, and hail respectively from W. Lancashire, Cumberland and Westmoreland, Middlesex, S. Wales (East), and Guernsey.

The London cases besides those already referred to are Nos. 11, 21, 25, 30, 33, 36, 45, 48, 50, 55, 57, 69, 72, 73 and 77. Of this number the last eight are first applications. Most of the boys are members of large families and in each case are dependent for maintenance, with the other children, on their mothers. No. 21, Ernest George Beckett, has 919 votes standing in his name as the result of two previous elections. No. 45, Paul Belmore Garstin, who has a brother in the School, follows pretty close with 861 votes as the outcome of one previous application; while in the other cases, 375, 112, 119, 103 and 57 are the number of votes credited to the respective candidates.

From abroad we have No. 6, Henry Gavin Hackett-Barclay (West Indies), who has a brother in the School, coming forward for the sixth time, with 676 votes to his credit. The lad is one of four children now dependent on their mother. Closely following in point of number of votes in hand is Herbert Rich Hounslow, No. 20 (Nova Scotia), who has had 614 polled at the two elections in which he has taken part. He is an only child, but is left without either parent to care for him. No. 26, Ernst Colville Collins Wilton, is a member of a family of whom only two now remain unprovided for. His mother having already been fortunate in securing the election of two of her daughters to the Girls' School. The father was a member of No. 508 (Singapore); and this child has 166 votes standing in his name. No. 75, William Pearse Gunnell, is an only child, dependent on his mother; his father, a P.M. of No. 773 (W. Coast of Africa), died in 1870. No. 76, W. Leslie Wilson, is one of four left to the care of the widow by a late brother of a South African Lodge. With this case our task of reviewing the candidates for the Boys' School comes to an end.

The description given as regards the occupation of the late Bro. Wyatt, whose daughter is now a candidate for the Girls' School, is, we are informed, incorrect. Bro. Wyatt was, at the time of his death, foreman to Messrs. Cubitt and Co., and not an hotel keeper, as stated in the ballot paper.

GO TO WORK IN EARNEST.

THE Masonic vacation is over. Lodges that "called off" during the heated term will now resume labour. Sultry August is passed, and the very name of September has an inspiring effect. The evenings have grown longer, and the gentle breezes of Autumn will soon reduce the temperature of the Lodge room to the endurable point. Throw the doors and windows wide open and give all the apartments a good airing. Let them be made comfortable and inviting to the Craft as they again come together. A thorough house cleaning may be necessary to do this. Shake the dust out of the carpets and use the scrubbing brush where it is needed. A little fresh paint often makes a wonderful change for the better at a trifling expense. A few ornaments and pictures for the walls make a Lodge room look much more attractive. Then polish up the jewels and working tools and make them bright and shining. Don't forget the aprons, which, as speculative Masons, you must ever wear unspotted before the world. So much for the surroundings.

Having put everything in order to please the eye and attract the brethren to the meetings of the Lodge, you are now in a condition to take up the work in hand. The officers probably are "*a little rusty*" from want of practice. Start a school for instruction, and keep it up until all are thoroughly posted. Invite the members generally to attend, and assign them parts in the work. Make them feel that there is something that they can do, and they will come and take great pride in doing it. Break up the practice at once of a few officers doing all the work in conferring degrees. No one should take more than one part while there are others that have nothing to do. The work of the Master and Wardens is at their respective stations. They should take no part in the "floor work," as they very generally do in the smaller Lodges. The floor members can do their work just as well when once instructed in it, and it of right belongs to them.

There is another matter of great importance to be looked after, and that is the finances of the Lodge. This is the weak point in most Lodges. The Secretary neglects to collect the dues; members become delinquent; which is the first step towards staying away from the Lodge. The Lodge gets in debt, and is continually in a "hard up," dilapidated condition. This state of affairs works a great detriment to any Lodge

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The prompt business men among the members are disgusted with this sort of shiftlessness and quit attending. The same class of men who would like to become Masons withhold their petitions, and thus affairs go on from bad to worse until the usefulness of the Lodge is almost wholly destroyed from want of a proper management. A reformation in this regard cannot be begun too soon. Require the Secretary to furnish a statement of the account of every member, and take steps to have them all balanced before the close of the year. Make all pay up who are able to do so, and you will find many of them in the Lodge room who have not been there for years. If any are too poor to pay, remit their accumulated dues and place them on an equal footing. They will appreciate the brotherly act and show their gratitude by again coming up to the Lodge. As the evidence of returning prosperity begins to manifest itself, the world will soon discover it, and the men you want will apply for admission. The writer could give an interesting personal experience in which a poor, sickly Lodge of forty members, meeting in a little uncomfortable hall, was transformed into a large and prosperous Lodge of one hundred members, and occupying one of the finest halls in the State. A little good management was all that was necessary, and in resuming labor if all the Lodges will go to work in earnest, as we have indicated, they are bound to prosper as they have never done before.—*Masonic Advocate.*

FREEMASONRY IN LANCASHIRE.

ON Wednesday the Provincial Grand Lodge of the West Province of Lancashire held its annual meeting at the Winter Gardens, Morecambe, under the auspices of the Morecambe and Lancaster Lodges. The R.W.G.M. of the district, Lord Skelmersdale, presided, and was supported by the Right Hon. Colonel Stanley, D.G.P.M. and the other Grand Officers. There was a very large and influential gathering of brethren from every part of the province, only one Lodge out of a total of eighty being unrepresented. A Craft Lodge having been opened. Lord Skelmersdale was received in due form by the assembled brethren; the minutes of the Grand Lodge held last year, at Liverpool, were read and confirmed, and a number of grants were recommended for indigent Freemasons or their widows. The Officers of the Grand Lodge were invested for the ensuing year.

The annual banquet was held in the evening. The Chairman having proposed the loyal toasts,

Colonel Stanley, M.P., in proposing "The health of Lord Skelmersdale, M.W. Prov. Grand Master, and other Officers of the Grand Lodge," was received with cheering. When the applause had subsided, Colonel Stanley said at their desire he had the honour to propose the next toast which stood upon the list, and he was sure it was one which needed no words of his to commend itself to the true sympathies of all Freemasons. He felt that in any assembly of Masons in the province it must be a source of satisfaction to them to muster amongst them one of the Grand Lodge Officers of England, and that they were enabled to claim him as their own Grand Master. Lord Carnarvon had the thorough interest of all Masons at heart, and when other duties intervened—duties of a very onerous character—he never allowed them to interfere with his devotion to the Craft. They had a great deal to thank the Grand Lodge for, and which acted as a kind of controlling power over the Provincial Lodges, having oftentimes a very difficult task.

Lord Skelmersdale, who was heartily received, in replying to the toast of his health, said he was glad the province continued to flourish, though it was quite true that there were not quite so many Masons on the books as there were last year at the corresponding time, but he thought, considering the badness of the times, very few places in the whole of England could show so good a return as they did. They had had upwards of six hundred initiations in the provinces this year, which he was sure showed that, be the times bad or good, Masonry was good, and people would come amongst them and support it. He hoped it would long continue, and that Masonry would continue to increase in the provinces. He was glad to find their Secretary able to show such a clean sheet to-day.

Brother Davis (Liverpool), in eulogistic terms, proposed the health of the Right Hon. Colonel Stanley, the Provincial Deputy Grand Master.

Colonel Stanley thanked them most sincerely, in the names of the Grand Officers and in his own, for the very kind and hearty manner in which they had drank the toast. He was exceedingly gratified at the kind terms in which Brother Davis had proposed it, and he felt some diffidence in standing there after his repeated absence from former Grand Lodges which had been held during the past two years. He accepted it as an additional matter of pleasure to himself that he was enabled to meet with so many Masonic brethren of the Province that day. He thought they were able to congratulate themselves that, notwithstanding the bad times of which the Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, had spoken, they were enabled to meet together and put a cheerful face on matters, and that whatever ups and downs there were in the world, Masons were determined to hold together as long as they could. At that hour of the night it would not be becoming in him to occupy their time longer. (Cries of "Go on.") He begged to thank them once more for the kindness with which they had received the toast, and to assure them on the part of the Provincial Officers, both past and present, that it afforded them the most lively satisfaction to have received from the brethren such a hearty welcome, which was the best reward they could have for the services they had endeavoured to render them.—*Daily News.*

MADAME WORRELL'S ANNUAL CONCERT.

The annual concert given by Madame Worrell took place on Wednesday at the Angell Town Institution, Brixton, and was most successful, the whole of the accommodation afforded at the rooms being brought into requisition. The programme opened by a part song executed by Miss Matilda Roby, Miss Marian Burton, Bro. Arthur J. Thompson, and Mr. James Budd, and then, with but short intervals, the entire programme was carried out. From the list of stewards whose names appear on the programme we may really class this as a Masonic meeting, a considerable majority of those interested in the evening's success being eminent in the ranks of Freemasonry Under all circumstances, it is not to be wondered at that the reception accorded to Madame Worrell was most enthusiastic; her rendering of "The Worker," by Gounod, being the event of the evening. After continued applause an encore was given; Twickenham Ferry being selected by the lady, and but for the fact of putting her good nature too much to the test we believe this would have been redemanded. The applause she received must have been most gratifying, and may be accepted as a true criterion of the way in which this lady's endeavours are appreciated. The other artistes who took part in the evening's entertainment were Miss Annie Matthews, Mdlle. Helene Arnim, Mr. E. Caink, and Brothers Edward Wharton, J. H. Maunder, Thomas Nettleship, and Henry Baker. Miss Ada Hazard, R.A.M. (Silver Medalist), presided at the pianoforte; and Mr. E. Deane at the viola. Conductor, Bro. Turle Lee. The whole of the arrangements were most successfully carried out, and Bro. Turle Lee deserves especial mention for the able way in which he acted as conductor.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Thursday afternoon, 25th September, a meeting was held at Walsall, presided over by Major Geo. S. Tudor, Grand Superintendent of the Province; the various Chapters being represented by the following Companions—Hy. Wilson, C. Newnham, W. H. Hales, Thos. Cooke, W. Jones, J. P. Hall, Wm. Vernon, F. S. Wright, Thos. Turner, A. Patterson, J. Sherwin, Foster Gough, J. Walker, H. Kitson, J. Stringer, Hy. Lewis, Thos. Taylor, Chas. Fendelon, F. Derry, Frank James, William Bayliss, Josh. Newman, T. M. Humphries, J. H. Rowbotham, James Rowley, W. N. Armstrong, J. H. Smith, Thos. Hy. Cope, W. J. Boys. The following appointments were made:—Companions Frank James Prov. G.H., Chas. Fendelow Prov. G.J., H. Kitson Prov. G.E., C. Newnham Prov. G. Treasurer, Josh. Newman Prov. G.N., William Jones Prov. G. Principal Sojourner, J. Stringer Prov. G. 1st Assistant Sojourner, J. Sherwin Prov. G. 2nd Assistant Sojourner, T. M. Humphries Prov. G. Registrar, James Rowley Prov. G. Standard Bearer, F. Derry Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies, B. H. Brough Prov. G. Organist, Thomas Nichols Prov. G. Janitor.

THE SAINT ELMO LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

THE second meeting of the above Lodge was held on 19th September 1879, at the Masonic Hall, La Valletta. Present—W.C.N. Bro. Lieut. C. E. Coffey, R.A., Bro. Captain C. J. Blake, R.A., S. (acting), Bro. W. J. Jones J. (acting), and numerous brethren. Lodge having been opened, a ballot was taken for a member of the "Keystone" Mark Lodge, which proved unanimous. W. Bro. A. M. Broadley P.G.M.M. of Tunis and Malta, W. Bro. W. Read W.M. of the "Keystone" Mark Lodge, both honorary Members of the "Keystone" Mark Lodge, another Brother of this Lodge, as well as the brother of the "Keystone" Lodge, in whose favour the ballot was taken, were then admitted, and by the W.C.N. advanced to the degree of Royal Ark Mariners. The authority from the Grand Mark Lodge of England to instal Bro. A. M. Broadley in the chair of N. was then read, and W.C.N. Bro. Coffey performed the ceremony of installation in a most impressive manner. W.C.N. Bro. Broadley, addressing the meeting, expressed the pleasure he felt in having taken this degree in the Saint Elmo Lodge attached to the "Broadley" Mark Lodge, and in particular to W.C.N. Bro. Coffey for installing him in the Chair of N., in order that he might found a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners at Tunis, whither he would shortly proceed. W.C.N. Bro. Broadley also complimented all the officers on their excellent working on this occasion. Lodge was then closed by W.C.N. Bro. Coffey, with the usual solemnities.

BEAUDESERT LODGE, LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

IT is with the deepest regret we have to report the demise of our Immediate Past Master, and much respected Brother, Dr. Harris, who after a protracted illness of seven weeks, passed calmly, on the 22nd ultimo, from his mansion of clay to a House not built by hands—Eternal in the Heavens—whose Builder and *Mason*, is God.

Our deceased Brother was an active and true Mason, and was never absent from Lodge, except when duty called him away. He was also a devoted husband and most affectionate father, and his unassuming and kindly manner was only eclipsed by his immaculate unselfishness, which endeared him to all with whom he came in contact.

In his profession he was a clever, sound, practical surgeon, and his loss will be deeply felt in that part of the great building wherein he was placed to toil by his Master.

The *cortège*, with every mark of respect, was followed by the Members of his own Lodge, as also by brethren from surrounding Lodges, by whom, through subscription, it is proposed to erect a tablet to his memory.

Time takes earth's fabrics, built with care,
And spills their dust on rushing air:
The Age, the *Masons*, all forgot,
As though oblivion wrote—'Twas not!

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Requiescat in pace.

H. W. A. S.

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PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, to which your columns have lately given due prominence, is one which I am sure has only to be widely known to enlist the usual hearty support of the Craft to so deserving an undertaking. And whilst the subject is being fully discussed, allow me to furnish one grain of fact, which may, I trust, carry the weight which the old proverb ascribes to it.

I know of one of the pupils of the Girls' School, who, having completed her term of instruction in the Institution, now finds herself, for want of a suitable situation where she could do herself and her training full justice, compelled to rely for support upon her widowed mother, until she can (failing anything better) obtain a situation as a domestic servant. Now I think, Sir, that this is one of the instances, occasionally recurring, where a little assistance from the proposed fund, judiciously applied at the outset of an ex-pupil's career, and when the gifts and attainments of the pupil are best understood, that could not fail of being most beneficial, and would be productive of results in consonance with the loyal support previously given to our deceased brethren's children, and gratifying to those who have the welfare of our Masonic pupils at heart.

I enclose card, and shall be happy to furnish full particulars.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

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A PROMINENT MEMBER AT INSTRUCTION LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think a very good opportunity now presents itself to pay a well merited compliment to a brother who has for some years devoted a great part of his leisure to the advancement of Masonic knowledge; and if you, Brother Editor, will kindly insert this letter, I hope some practical result may follow. It is, doubtless, known to many London Masons that Bro. C. H. Webb, whose services are so often in request at the various Lodges of Instruction, of which he is either Preceptor or member, has taken in hand the case of Mary Ann Amelia Wyatt, who is a candidate for the Girls' School; and I think if those brethren who have votes to spare would send them to him, he would look upon it as a most gratifying testimonial. I am afraid to detail the merits of the case, as I know you are averse, and justly so, to any display of partiality in your columns; but I think the fact of this child being left, together with three others, without either parent, is sufficient to warrant the interest Bro. Webb has shown in the case.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I remain,

Yours, &c.

A PUPIL.

[We are pleased to accede to the wish of our brother, and hope, as he suggests, that his remarks will be followed by a hearty response. We will gladly forward any votes sent to us for the child of our deceased Bro. Wyatt.—ED. F.C.]

FREEMASONS PAINTED BY ONE OF THEMSELVES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am glad to see that the attention of the Craft has been called by your correspondent "P.M." to the uncharitable sentiments contained in an editorial article in your contemporary of the 20th ultimo. "P.M." is not the only brother who has perceived this want of charitable feeling, and whether the article was or was not written by the editor himself, he is, at all events, answerable for having allowed it to pass into type. I hope that under the very heavy pressure of literary matter which falls on that brother's shoulders the evil influence of such an article accidentally escaped his attention, for I can hardly believe that such an experienced Mason would wilfully have desired to advertise any foibles which Masons in common with the outer world possess. And with this remark I dismiss consideration of the article referred to. But I would remind the Craft to whom it is addressed that, whether Masons or not, the great human family seem naturally to lose sight of the fact that they themselves have the weaknesses which they discover in others. To-day is published *The Masonic Magazine* for October, and in it I find an article entitled, "Notes on Literature, Science, and Art," with the author's name in full, and a list of five works of which he is also the author, and an "&c., &c." appended to that list, winding up with what is virtually a condemnation of the pleasure Masons experience at seeing their names in print. Referring to Bro. Fabien's account in your contemporary of the initiation of a Frenchman in the basket of the great balloon of Paris, he says, "Bro. Fabien's communication is much more interesting than the dull and dreary lists of names of members present at a Lodge, with which so many reports are sadly overloaded. If it be necessary, as I confess I fear it is, to minister a little to the vanity of Masons to entice them to read a Masonic periodical, I, for one, had rather risk my neck in a balloon than herd safely on the solid earth with those un-Masonic Masons." Every month this brother's "Notes" appear in the *Masonic Magazine*, with his name, literary achievements, and residence fully advertised. Now I do not blame him at all for so placing himself before the public; but I think that he, as much as any one, should not discover vanity in other brethren who like their Masonic friends to see that they have been attending to their Masonic duties. I have no reason to be ashamed of my own name, and I am not ashamed of having passed the chair, but as I might if I signed the former be identified, and consequently come within our brother's condemnation, I shall avoid the possibility of being identified by subscribing myself,

ANOTHER P.M.

1st October 1879.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Although I agree with the principle of the letter by P.M. in your last week's issue, about the bad taste of a Masonic paper publishing to the outside world a rather unfortunate but true fact that brethren often do not act up to the tenets of Freemasonry outside the Lodge, and often occupy exalted positions therein, where, had their proper characters been known, they should never have been admitted into the Craft, still we are taught in such a case to observe silence, and perhaps it would have been better had this been done in this instance. At the same time there is a great deal of truth in the writer's remarks, and if they have the effect of moving some of our brethren to be more particular in the admission of members, it would be of vast benefit to the fair character of Freemasonry in general. In some parts of the Continent a candidate is obliged to send his photograph, which is exhibited in the outer room of the Lodge, for a long period, so as to give every member a chance to fully recognise the person wishing to join; besides, a full inquiry into his character is made by the proposer and seconder. Were a similar plan adopted here, we should not be in the too frequent position of having Members and Officers, even W.M.'s, whose presence in a Lodge is objectionable and anomalous.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A PAST MASTER AND P.Z.

BRO. PATRICK AND THE STINGY LODGE.

THERE was once upon a time an exceedingly mean and stingy Lodge, that was scarce ever known to do any thing for charity. All its money was either expended for banquets and for the various paraphernalia of conferring the degrees, or was loaned around to various members of the Lodge, some of whom paid neither principal nor interest.

One evening Bro. Patrick Fitzsimmons brought in an appeal for two widows, both in great distress. One was the widow of a Mason, who had died suspended for non-payment of dues; the other the widow of a very worthy citizen who was not a Mason at all. After Pat had stated his case, and the matter had been argued both *pro* and *con*, but principally *con*, the case of each was put to vote. The first case was voted down, on the plea that the woman's husband was not a Mason in good standing; the other was next voted down, on the ground that the woman's husband was not not a Mason, though a very worthy man. This aroused the Irish of Bro. Pat, who was a warm-hearted son of old Erin, and who knew very well that the reason why the Lodge voted down each appeal was because it was stingy, and had no true Masonic charity. Boiling over with feeling, Pat arose and addressed the Worshipful Master in the following strain:

"Worshipful Master, this Lodge puts me very much in mind of an old Irish anecdote:

"There was a Bishop in Dublin who engaged a painther to make a large picture for the Cathaydral. The subject chosen was the crossing of the Red Say by the Israelites. After a shuteable time the picture was complayted and hung in the Cathadral, covered with a broad and heavy curtain. A great crowd of people had collected to see the picture unveeled. The priests entered in procession, the organ sounded and the singers sung. All faces were turned in anxious expectation to the great curtain. When it was drawn aside nothing could be seen but a vast expanse of wather—reddish-green wather.

The Bishop in great rage turned to the painther and said:

'I thought I asked you to paint a picture of the Israelites crossing the Red Say?'

'Thrue for you! that's just it,' said the painther.

'But where are the Israelites?' asked the indignant Bishop.

'They're gone over,' said the painther.

'Well, but where are the pursuing Egyptians?'

'They're gone *under*,' said the painther.

'And now Worshipful and brethren, it sames about so wid ye here. If I ax ye to help a Mason's widow ye say: 'he's gone over,' and if I ax ye to help a widow of another man, ye say: 'he's gone under,' and betwixt them ye jist give nothing at all!'"

Masonic Review.

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KNIGHTS' TEMPLARY IN CORNWALL.

THE Province of Cornwall as regards Knights' Templary has been dormant for some years, the last appointed officers dating from 24th Oct. 1871, when the Earl of St. Germans (then Lord Eliot) was the Provincial Grand Commander. The list of officers then appointed numbered some seventeen knights, since which time no less than nine have either resigned or died. Among the resignations was that of the Earl of St. Germans. The late Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., was to have been the successor to the Provincial Grand Commandership, but declined the honour on account of his numerous engagements, and it was generally felt that the choice should fall upon Colonel John Whitehead Peard, J.P., of Trenython, Par, who is the Provincial Grand Master for the Mark Provincial Grand Lodge. This well-known brother, happily for the degree, has been appointed by patent to the office in question, and Friday was selected for his installation. Since 1871 a variety of alterations have been made in the statutes of the Order, and many of the titles have been changed, the head of the province now being styled the Provincial Prior, and the various provinces are united in this country under Lord Skelmersdale as Great Prior of England. England, Ireland and Canada have united to form the "Convent General," over which presides the Grand Master the Prince of Wales, and Her Majesty is the Patroness. It is hoped ere long that Scotland will join in this organisation—being now independent of all others—and ultimately it is hoped that all the English-speaking tongues throughout the world will accept the Prince of Wales as sole Grand Master, leaving each Great Priory for the various countries or states to make their own separate statutes. When this occurs there will be upwards of 100,000 members, many of whom are of the first rank in society, and enthusiastic and zealous Craft Masons.

Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Prov. Prior of Sussex, &c., had been deputed by Lord Skelmersdale as acting Great Prior, and effectually fulfilled his high and responsible position on Friday 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall Public Rooms, Truro, in the presence of the most distinguished body of Knights Templar that has ever assembled in the Province. Among the numerous Sir Knights who attended in honour of the occasion were the Hon. R. W. Hoskins Giddy Prov. Prior of South Africa, J. M. P. Montagu Prov. Prior of Dorset, Hugh David Sandeman Past Prov. Prior of Bengal, General H. E. Doherty, C.B., Past First Grand Captain of England, Emra Holmes Hon. Prov. Prior of Canada and Representative, &c., William Tweedy Past Prior of the Cornubian, Colonel S. G. Bake Prior of the Restormal, Richard John Prior of the Cornubian, Edward Dixon Anderton Past Prior (C), T. C. Stephens Past Prior (R), Charles Truscott jun. (R), Past Prior W. Polkinghorne Past Prior (R), John Stephens Past Prior (R), Dr. Mason Past Prior (R), A. Luke Past Prior (R), Richard Carter, the Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, Dr. Henry de Legh, the Rev. F. B. Paul, George Brown, Samuel Harvey, W. D. Rogers, William Rooks, and H. Elliott. The various banners of the great Officers and of the Prov. Priors, &c., added much to the effect of the scene, which was very imposing, on the reception of Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke as acting Great Prior, and of Lieut.-Colonel J. W. Peard the Prov. Prior nominate. The minutes of the last Prov. Priory having been read, the patent of Colonel Peard was announced, and he was then in a very efficient manner obligated, invested, and proclaimed as the Prov. Prior for Cornwall. He afterwards appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing term:—William Tweedy (C) Prov. Sub-Prior, Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, M.A.(C) Prelate, Edward Dixon Anderton (C) Chancellor, Charles Truscott jun. (R) Constable, Dr. William Mason (R) Marshall, Thomas Couch Stevens (R) Registrar (reappointed), William Polkinghorne (R) Treasurer (re-elected), Rev. F. B. Pard (R) Almoner, Richard Carter (C) Organist, Col. S. G. Bake (R) Captain of Guard, R. John Sub-Marshall, John Stevens Aide-de-Camp, Alfred Luke 1st Herald, Dr. Hugh de Legh Sword Bearer, Samuel Harvey Standard Bearer, H. Elliott Equerry. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the members of the Great Priory for their kindness in attending, and particularly to the Acting Great Prior. Sir Knight Emra Holmes proposed a grant of five guineas to the "Cathedral Fund," but was ruled out of Order, as no notice had been given, but he gave due notice to that effect for the next Prov. Priory.

The banquet at the Red Lion Hotel, presided over by Colonel Peard, was a brilliant one, and gave satisfaction to the members who participated, the brethren of the Rose Croix Chapter, of which the Prov. Prior is a member, having joined the Sir Knights at the festive board. A very hearty reception was given to Lieut. Colonel S. H. Clerke, especially for his valued and able services as the Installing Great Prior; and the other members of his distinguished staff were most warmly greeted and entertained by the Cornish fraters.

In the afternoon the Cornwall Rose Croix Chapter assembled in considerable strength, nearly all the Officers and resident brethren being present, and received a visit from several members of the Supreme Council of England, viz.:—Bros. J. Montagu Pulteney Montagu Grand Chancellor 33°, Lieutenant-Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary General 33°, and Hugh David Sandeman Grand Secretary for Foreign Correspondence 33°, the Hon. Richard W. H. Giddy Chief Inspector General 33° for South Africa, and General H. E. Doherty, C.B., the Deputy Inspector-General 33° for the Western District, as well as other distinguished Visitors. The Supreme Council were pleased to find the Chapter in such an efficient state, and appeared highly gratified at the cordiality and heartiness of their reception. One candidate was exalted by the M.W.S. in a pleasing manner, and a young member was also unanimously elected.

A Special Consistory of the P.R.S. 32° was held on this occasion for the purpose of investing Bro. W. J. Hughan, our distinguished and erudite brother, with the collar of that degree, and Col. Clerke, in announcing the fact, stated that it had given the Supreme Council great pleasure to confer this degree, *honoris causa*, upon Bro. Hughan, of whose services to this Order and to Freemasonry generally he spoke in the highest terms. Bro. Anderton M.W.S., on behalf of the Chapter, thanked the Council for this mark of their favour, and Bro. Emra Holmes said that Bro. Hughan was appreciated and honoured in both hemispheres as a Masonic writer. He was held in the highest estimation in the United States, and the Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite had done honour to itself in honouring him. Bro. Hughan's advancement is very popular in Cornwall.

The Supreme Council, in the course of their western tour, have already visited the St. Peter and St. Paul Chapter at Bath; the Ivor Hael Chapter, at Newport (Wales); the Morganway Chapter, at Swansea; the William de Irwin Chapter, at Weston-super-Mare; the Alfred Chapter, at Taunton; and the Coryton and Rougemont Chapter, at Exeter. To-day they attend the St. Aubyn Chapter, at Morice Town, and on Monday the Huyshe Chapter, at Plymouth, at which a Consistory of the Thirtieth Degree is to be held—an occurrence so rare that doubtless many will be present who have attained that distinction. These visits have given a great impetus to the Rose Croix Chapters, as well as to the Priories of the Knights Templar, which have also been visited, and all concerned have every reason to be pleased with the success of the tour.

ORDER OF THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

THE annual meeting of the Grand Imperial Council of Scotland of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 24th ult. The Most Illustrious Sovereign Colonel Francis Burdett on the throne. The following members of the Grand Council were also present:—The Hon. Lord Inverurie Most Eminent Grand Viceroy, Captain Charles Hunter Junior - General, the Rev. T. N. Wannop High Prelate, R. S. Brown Recorder, James Crichton Treasurer, Dr. James Carmichael Almoner, John Crombie, C.A., Aberdeen, Orator, William Edwards Chamberlain, C. G. C. Christie Int. Gen. Peebleshire, and the following members of the Grand Senate:—N. Minola, Dr. George Dickson, James Melville, and F. L. Law, and a good attendance of members of the various Conclaves. Colonel Burdett having completed his three years of office, Lord Inverurie was unanimously elected in his place as M.I. Grand Sovereign, and was enthroned accordingly. His Lordship then appointed Captain Hunter as his successor in the office of M.E. Grand Viceroy, and thereafter the other office-bearers were appointed—Lieutenant J. G. Murray Senior General, John Crombie Junior General, Rev. T. N. Wannop High Prelate, J. B. Mercer Chancellor, R. S. Brown Recorder, J. Crichton Treasurer, Dr. James Carmichael Almoner, W. Edwards Marshal, Dr. Dickson Standard-Bearer, J. H. Balfour W.S. Sword-Bearer, and Colonel Robeson Chamberlain. The following Sir Knts. were elected to seats in the Grand Senate,—viz., J. Dalrymple Duncan, William McLean, Cornelius Harmens and Dr. Thesdon Byrne of Elsieshields, Dumfries. A report from the Executive Committee, showing satisfactory progress of the Order during the past year, was approved. The Sovereign then, in appropriate terms, proposed that a vote of thanks should be accorded to Colonel Burdett for his services as M.I. Grand Sovereign, and, in name of the Council, presented to the Colonel a certificate (beautifully emblazoned on vellum by Brother Melville), setting forth the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the office, and the thanks of the members therefor. Colonel Burdett suitably acknowledged the compliment. After the transaction of some routine business, the Knights adjourned to the Windsor Hotel, where they dined together. The newly-appointed Sovereign and Viceroy acted as chairman and croupier respectively, and the company was joined by a number of other Knights and Freemasons, among whom were—Sir Knights W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P. for Carnarvon, and Deputy Grand Master of North Wales and Salop, D. Murray Lyon G. Sec. G. L. Scotland, Dr. Byrne of Elsieshields, who had been appointed a member of the Grand Senate, &c. After dinner, served in excellent style by Brother Thiem, the Chairman proposed the usual loyal toasts, calling for an extra cheer for the two young Princes who have just gone out on a voyage. "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces" were next given from the chair—Colonel Burdett replying for the army, Dr. Byrne for the navy, and Captain Hunter for the reserve-forces. Colonel Burdett then proposed "The health of the Grand Sovereign," remarking that he looked upon Lord Inverurie as the mainstay of the Order, and the very best man they could have placed in the high position to which he had been elected. He felt sure, he said, that the new Sovereign would exert himself energetically and worthily, so as to do his best for the interests of the Order, and that he would not only preside over the Grand Council but would look after the other Conclaves in the different parts of the country. Lord Inverurie was willing to work, and he, Colonel Burdett, had great gratification in confiding the high office into his care. The toast was cordially drunk, and Lord Inverurie, in acknowledging it, expressed the hope that at the end of his term of office no one would be able to say that the Order had suffered any mischance. The Chairman then proposed the toasts of "The Most Illustrious Past Grand Sovereign," which was acknowledged by Colonel Burdett; "The Most Eminent Grand Viceroy," replied for by Captain Hunter; and "the Present and Past Members of the Grand Council," for which Brother Crombie, Aberdeen, responded. Thereafter the "Prosperity of the Grand Lodge of Scotland" was proposed in a congratulatory speech by Lord Inverurie, and acknowledged by Brother D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary. A number of other toasts were duly honoured, Sir Knt. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., Hon. Sov., replying for "The Sovereigns and Viceroys of Conclaves," in doing which he expressed his pleasure on account of having been admitted as a member of the Order; and Colonel Burdett acknowledging the toast of "The Grand Council of England," which was proposed by Lord Inverurie. "The Recorder" and "The Visitors" were also toasted, and the proceedings were closed at eleven o'clock.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE, No. 766.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge, of which Bro. S. D. Ewins is I.P.M., was held on 25th Sept., at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. Lodge was opened by Dr. C. R. Cutmore, the W.M., who, in due course, put the minutes for confirmation. These being accepted, the other business of the day was proceeded with. On the Lodge being advanced, Bro. Lawrence Stevens Burt was raised to the degree of M.M. Lodge was then resumed, and the following gentlemen, after being balloted for, were initiated into Freemasonry:—Messrs. Charles William Lenox Hall, George Hutchinson, and Alfred Wortham, the ceremony in each case being performed by Bro. Dr. Cutmore, in an impressive manner. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, Bro. W. Manfield Newton, receiving the majority of votes for the first office, Bro. Capt. Kain was re-elected Treasurer, and the Tyler also was re-elected. The usual quota of brethren were appointed as an Audit Committee, and thus the business of the day was brought to an end. The decease of Bro. William Edward Newton, which took place on the 1st April last, was then formally announced by Bro. Capt. Kain, who also addressed a few words to the Lodge, feelingly pointing out the merits of their departed brother. It was proposed and unanimously carried, that the sympathy of the Lodge with the bereaved family should be recorded on the minutes, and a copy of the same forwarded to the widow. This latter duty was, on the request of the Secretary, kindly undertaken by the Treasurer, to whom the various members of the family are well known. Some other matters of routine business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed and the brethren repaired to the banquet hall. Here a pleasing novelty was provided by Bro. Dr. Cutmore, who has made his year of Mastership memorable in the annals of the William Preston Lodge. The variation in the usual formalities which our brother had provided on this occasion was that of allowing the wives and non-Masonic friends of the members to join the festivities of the evening, and we think he, as well as the brethren who have assisted him and Brother George Newman—who we believe first suggested the innovation—are very much to be thanked for the excellent way in which the whole of the arrangements were conducted. A first-rate banquet, served in the best style of the Cannon-street Hotel, was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and at its conclusion the regular toasts were gone through; the speeches on this occasion, out of respect to the ladies, we presume, being kept very short and to the point. Capt. Kain proposed the health of the W.M., briefly referring to his good qualities, displayed both inside and outside the Lodge. In reply, the W.M. stated that the present was among the proudest moments of his life; he had never before experienced such pleasure at a Masonic meeting as he did now that they were graced by the attendance of the ladies. The toast of the initiates followed, and each in their turn replied. To the toast of the visiting brethren Bro. W. W. Morgan jun., and others, tendered a brief reply, after which the health of the Past Masters was most heartily given and received. Bro. Capt. Kain was again "able"—as he facetiously termed it—to address a few words to those assembled. He hoped their present attempt at initiating the ladies would not be the last by very many. Bro. Miller followed, and then Bro. Newman was called for. It was but natural that this brother should express the pleasure he felt that his proposal had resulted in so pleasant a meeting. He hoped that each succeeding September meeting of the Lodge would be graced by the attendance of the ladies who, he trusted, would go away satisfied at the entertainment the members had been enabled to offer. Bro. Worrell followed, and then Capt. Kain "ably" explained the banners of the several Past Masters, which in this Lodge form an important part of the surroundings. To the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Capt. Kain and Worrell respectively replied, and then the non-Masonic Visitors and the Ladies were each honoured, Bro. Capt. Kain proposing the latter toast. To the Masonic Press, Bros. Morgan and Kelly responded, the representative of the *City Press* following. The Officers of the Lodge was next given, and then the Tyler's toast. A most enjoyable musical programme was provided and carried out in a manner that gave great pleasure to those assembled. The artistes comprised Madame Worrell, Miss Marion Burton, and Bros. Alfred Kenningham, Seymour Smith, and J. Turle Lee. To particularise any piece as being the most deserving, would be invidious, suffice it to say that each carried out their part in a faultless manner, the encores, which were in a few instances accorded, being fully appreciated. Among those present were Bros. Dr. C. R. Cutmore W.M., E. Kidman S.W., W. Drake J.W., Capt. G. J. Kain P.M. Treas., Wm. Worrell P.M. Sec., W. J. Roberts S.D., W. J. Collens I.G., E. B. Broomhall D.C., George Newman P.M. Steward, J. Pringle P.M.; Bros. H. E. Heath, J. W. Hutchings, W. Manfield Newton, Turle Lee, William Johnston, L. S. Bath, J. G. Appell, A. G. Rees, F. G. Barnes, P. Steinmann. Visitors Bro. H. Garrod P.M. 749, Louis Beck W.M. 1559 P.G.O. Mus. H. Harman 1511, F. A. Kelly 1521, W. W. Morgan jun. 188, Seymour Smith 742; Messrs. Alfred Smart, M. A. Trass and Mrs. Trass, J. Tozer and Mrs. Tozer, D. M. Forbes, F. Ullmer and Miss Ullmer, Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Rees, A. S. A. Dodson, Madame Worrell, Miss Marion Burton, &c. The little Salvini, a child of five years, entertained those assembled by giving two recitations, in a style which for one so young was perfect.

We are pleased to announce that the weekly meetings of the Upton Lodge of Instruction have been resumed, at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C. Bro. A. W. Penner is the Preceptor, and Lodge will be opened each Thursday evening at 8 p.m.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

THE members of this popular Lodge met for the Installation of W.M. and appointment of Officers for the next twelvemonths on Friday, 26th ultimo, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. In addition to the Installation business, the agenda paper was a very full one, consequently Bro. Charles F. May, the W.M., had called the brethren for one o'clock. Lodge was accordingly opened, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. There were three candidates for raising, but consequent upon the inconvenience of the time set down for this ceremony, only one of those entitled to the degree attended. However, Bro. Charles Edward Botley passed his examination, and received the benefits of the sublime degree. The next business undertaken by Bro. May was to pass Bros. Robert Charles Owen Emmerson, Jonas Hole, and John Brill, which task was performed in a careful and impressive manner. Bro. May now signified his willingness to proceed with the ceremony of the day, the Installation of the W.M. elect. Bro. William Gomm was presented, and he took the obligation. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the ceremony was proceeded with. On the readmission of those below the rank of Installed Master, the new W.M. was saluted, and he appointed his Officers as follow:—B. Blasby S.W., C. Costelow J.W., W. Goss P.M. Treas., W. Hilton P.M. Sec., L. Franckel S.D., J. J. Gunner J.D., Beckett I.G., J. Tarling W.S., Le Grys D.C., Gilbert Tyler. Bro. May then delivered the addresses, and resumed his seat amidst hearty congratulations of members and visitors. Bro. Gomm, who is an old and highly esteemed member of the Lodge, and a constant attendant at the Lodge of Instruction held under its warrant, was anxious to show his capacity for office. The ballot was brought into requisition for Mr. John Gunthorp, who was proposed by Bro. Squires, and seconded by Bro. Clarke; for Mr. Charles Maton, proposed by Bro. Goss P.M., seconded by Bro. Blasby, J.W.; for Mr. Henry H. Tolhurst, proposed by Bro. Brill, seconded by Bro. Franckel; and for Mr. Alexander George Emmerson, proposed by Bro. Gomm, seconded by Bro. Goss P.M. The result was satisfactory, and Mr. Charles Maton, who was present, embraced the opportunity and took his first step in Freemasonry. The celerity with which the business of the day had been carried out was now manifest, as ample time remained at the disposal of the brethren ere the hour fixed for the banquet. Consequently it was intimated to the W.M. that Mr. William Pollok Meaden, a candidate for our mysteries who had been ballotted for at a previous meeting, was in attendance, and Bro. Gomm kindly undertook to again work the ceremony of initiation, to his advantage. Some proposed alterations in the bye-laws were then considered, and after some little discussion the desired changes were agreed to. The resignation of two members was announced, and the W.M. intimated that he had undertaken to serve as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys next year, when he trusted he might be well supported by the members of his Lodge. After some routine business, Lodge was closed. At 5.30 a capital banquet was served in the New Hall at the Star and Garter, and all present seemed to appreciate the excellence of the arrangements. Bro. James Tarling, as usual, acted most efficiently as Director of the Ceremonies, and spared no effort to minister to the comforts of the guests. On the removal of the cloth the loyal toasts were briefly introduced by the W.M. In speaking of the M.W. the Grand Master Bro. Gomm remarked that wherever he visited he heard a good word said for the Prince of Wales. Individually he (the W.M.) thought well of His Royal Highness, and he had never met with a brother who, in this respect, differed with him in opinion. Bro. Charles May felt few words were required of him to bring the toast of the W.M. to their notice. Bro. Gomm had the welfare of the Craft and its Institutions at heart. The Masonic Charities were known in all parts of the world, and it was gratifying to all to know how well they were supported. Bro. Gomm had not been unmindful of their claims, and under his rule the Royal Alfred Lodge would continue the support it had always rendered to the Institutions. Bro. Gomm, in replying, was sure Bro. May had said more than he had deserved. However, he would strive to sustain the position and reputation of his Lodge, and would do all he could to maintain the good opinion the Lodge was held in; in this he hoped to receive every help from the members. The next toast given by the W.M. was the health of the Past Masters. Bro. Gomm stated he had received great help from the Past Masters. However, on this occasion what he had most directly to do was to propose the health of Immediate Past Master Bro. May, and he would take the opportunity of presenting him with the Past Master's jewel, which he hoped he would long live to wear, and become as well known in connection with Freemasonry as was his father, the late Bro. Samuel May. Bro. May, in reply, remarked:—As a Past Master he felt he brought with him but a limited experience. He, like Bro. Gomm, had received help from the P.M.'s, to whom he tendered his sincere thanks. He had endeavoured during the last twelve months to do his duty, and was satisfied to know his exertions met with their approval. He recognised, in the presentation of the jewel that had been voted to him, the sentiments of the brethren. He would exert himself to promote the welfare both of the Lodge and its members. Bro. Littlewood was the next Past Master who addressed a few words to the Lodge. He was followed by Bro. Brown, who delicately and in the kindest manner referred to the comments that appeared in this journal on certain incidents that attended the proceedings at the last meeting. He (Bro. Brown) was aware that a disagreeable feeling existed in the minds of some of the members in regard to what had appeared in print, and he was of opinion that opportunity should be afforded for any explanation that might be forthcoming. After a few words from Bros. Beasley and Gardiner, the W.M. proposed the health of the initiates, and Bros. Maton and Meaden replied. The remaining toasts comprised the Visitors, which was responded to Bro. W. T. Scott and others; the Treasurer and Secretary, acknowledged by Bros. Goss and Hilton; while that of the Officers of the Lodge drew out the oratorical ability of the several members who had been honoured by being invested with collars. The final

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toast was given by the Tyler, and the brethren separated after an agreeable day had been spent. Amongst the Visitors present were:—W. T. Scott P.M. 9, Mackenzie Reed 26, Thos. R. A. Hinks 217, J. Bingemann P.M. 55, J. Tickle P.M. 1196, John Wigg S.W. St. Clement Danes, Alfred Kent 1425, Henry Kasner W.M. elect 1612, Henry E. Tucker 1612, Edward Gasson 1612, Grosvenor Phillips 1712, James Clark 1612, H. K. Erwin 1287, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211.

ROTHESAY LODGE, No. 1687.

THE installation meeting of this new and flourishing Lodge—which is named, by special permission, after H.R.H. the Prince of Wales—was held on Wednesday, 1st October, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, where there was a numerous attendance of members and visitors. The banner of his Royal Highness was prominent over the Master's chair. The W.M. Bro. Frank Kirk occupied the chair, supported by Bros. J. Hancock S.W., Docker J.W., L. Beck P.M. Treasurer, W. C. Parsons P.M. Sec., Crossland S.D., Outhwaite J.D., Forscutt I.G., Berrow Organist; also Bros. Green, Lloyd, Valeriani, Berrow, Farr, F. W. Green, Duret, Livermore, Warner Sleigh, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the former and an emergency meeting were read and confirmed. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. John Hancock S.W. and W.M. elect was presented. Bros. B. Swallow P.M. and J. Wright P.M. 1158 occupied the Wardens' chairs. In due course Bro. Hancock was installed into the chair by Bro. Louis Beck P.P.G.O. Middlesex, who was the first Master of this Lodge, and who gave a perfect and impressive rendering of the ceremony, fully entitling him to the warm encomiums passed on him at its conclusion. Bro. Berrow Organist played some appropriate music. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom, and he appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. Frank Kirk I.P.M., Docker S.W., Crossland J.W., L. Beck P.P.G.O. P.M. Treasurer, W. C. Parsons P.M. Sec., Outhwaite S.D., Forscutt J.D., Duret I.G., Berrow Orgt., Livermore D.C., B. Swallow P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex W.S., McGillivray Asst. W.S., Green Second Asst. D.C., Rev. P. M. Holden P.P.G.C. Middlesex Chaplain, Potter Tyler. Ballots were now taken for the admission of Messrs. W. Mole and T. Lloyd, and the newly installed W.M. showed his capacity for office by initiating these gentlemen into the Order. Hearty good wishes were given from the numerous visitors, and Lodge was closed. The brethren, forty-one in number, sat down to a banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. W. Gosden, that gave great satisfaction. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, after which Bro. Lloyd sang the solo verses of the National Anthem. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the M.W.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of England, said, he called upon them to drink to the health of the Duke of Rothesay—one of the titles by which his Royal Highness is known by—and which to them has a special signification, inasmuch as it is the title by which their Lodge is known. He, therefore, felt very proud in calling upon them to do justice to the toast. After this the W.M. called on all present to do honour to the toast of the R.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Officers of Grand Lodge of England. This toast received full recognition, and Bro. Berrow, Organist, delighted the brethren with an artistic selection on the piano. The W.M. then proposed the toast of their newly-initiated members, and said all were pleased to see the two gentlemen who had joined their ranks that evening; they would doubtless prove to be of the true Rothesay blood, and become an honour and a credit to the Lodge. Bro. Warner Sleigh here amused the brethren with a very laughable anecdote, after which Bros. Cole and Lloyd severally returned thanks; the latter said he had always had a great desire to become a Freemason, and hoped to be a credit to the Lodge. Bro. F. Kirk P.M. then rose to propose what he might say was the toast of the evening,—the health of the W.M., whose qualifications were so well known that they required very little embellishment from him; this they had already seen. Since Bro. Hancock had occupied the chair he had initiated two gentlemen, while his able presidency spoke for itself. Their W.M. was one who could, in every respect, do his duty, and in every office he had held he had performed what was required of him satisfactorily; he would call on them to give the toast a hearty reception. Bro. Lloyd sang most artistically "Once Again," and the W.M. rose to reply. He thanked Bro. Kirk for the kind manner in which he had spoken of him; it was also flattering to notice the way the brethren had received the toast. He tendered all his sincere thanks for their kindness. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Visitors; the members were proud to see among them fourteen; to one and all he tendered a cordial welcome. Bros. J. Wright, Scott, S. Watkins, Dean and H. M. Levy P.M. 188 responded; all complimented the Worshipful Master on the able manner he had performed the ceremony of initiation, and Bro. Beck the ceremony of installation. The Worshipful Master now had a pleasing duty to perform, that was to propose the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Kirk, who had discharged his duties in every respect to the satisfaction of the Lodge. As a Founder he had travelled miles to be present that day. Before asking them to drink the toast, he would place on his breast a jewel which all felt he was worthy of—a jewel won by his excellent working, and the interest he always took in their prosperity. He hoped Bro. Kirk would wear it for many years, not only in this Lodge, but in every Lodge he might visit, and that it might be handed down as a heirloom to his children. Bro. F. Kirk thanked the W.M. for the valuable gift, and also for the kind manner the toast had been proposed. The recollection of this night would never be effaced from his memory. He had only been absent once from Lodge meetings, and he should have indeed regretted it had he been compelled to be away that evening. He could hardly find words to express how grateful he was to Bro. L. Beck, who had in every respect assisted him to carry out the duties they were pleased to say he had performed so well. On leaving the chair he trusted in his capacity of P.M. he would always be associated with the Lodge. In proposing the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, the W.M. said the Lodge could compliment itself on having two such efficient members. The Secretary was a pattern to any Lodge, not only in his official capacity, but as a P.M. He, as well as Bro. Beck, deserved a hearty response to the toast. Bro. L. Beck thanked the brethren for re-electing him as Treasurer; he felt a pride in filling so distinguished a post. Bro. W. C. Parsons followed; he hoped his endeavours had given them satisfaction; his only aim was for their benefit; he trusted the Rothesay Lodge would be one of the Lodges that would be copied throughout the Craft. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Wardens, who were both capable of filling the office of W.M. After a reply from Bros. Docker and Crossland, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. Among the Visitors were Bros. Perryman P.M. No. 3, Gibson 1420, Penet 145, Ditrag 145, W. H. Dean P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Dorset, Festa 834, Inge 1563, J. Wright P.M. 1158, H. Stewart 780, S. Walker P.M. 212, E. Farwig W.M. 180, Lakin 180, Wake, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Bro. Berrow, as accompanyist during the evening, rendered valuable assistance to the several vocalists.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the above Lodge at the Red Lion Hotel, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 29th October, commence at 7 o'clock. Bros. Brown 862 W.M., Gush I.G. 1541 S.W., Tate S.D. 862 J.W., and Wm. Long P.M. 435 Preceptor and Hon. Sec.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Thursday the 2nd inst. Present—Bros. Clark W.M., Giesecke S.W., Klein J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Wallbrecht Sec., Pearcy J.D., Hine I.G.; also Bros. Andrews, Peacock, Legge, and others. Preliminaries were observed. Bro. Fenner worked the two first sections of the lecture, after which Bro. Clark vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Andrews (the W.M. of the mother Lodge), who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in a very masterly manner, Bro. Peacock being the candidate. Bro. Klein, of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382, was elected a member; Bro. Gieseke was appointed to preside at the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned. This Lodge of Instruction has been recently reformed under very auspicious circumstances; we predict a successful future for it, as those brethren who have assisted in its resuscitation are energetic in their Masonic duties. We hope Craftsmen who reside in the vicinity of the Lodge, and who are in search of Masonic knowledge, will avail themselves of the opportunity of visiting here and judging for themselves.

West Kent Lodge, No. 1297.—The brethren of this Lodge assembled on Saturday afternoon last, at their new place of meeting, the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, to transact the ordinary business. The brethren have for a long time been dissatisfied with their old quarters at the Forest Hill Hotel, which was not by any means so well adapted for Masonic gatherings as could be desired. Meeting now, by permission of Grand Lodge, in the elegant rooms of the South Corridor of the Crystal Palace, the brethren were charmed with the accommodation afforded them. Punctually to the moment, Bro. R. H. Crowden the W.M. assumed the chair of K.S., Bros. Woodrow and Kent being respectively S. and J. Wardens. The Rev. Arthur Druce, M.A., and Mr. J. Ovarge, civil engineer, were initiated, and the other business being disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room adjoining, where an excellent repast, admirably served, awaited them, to which ample justice was done. The usual toasts were given and responded to, and the brethren separated after having spent a most enjoyable afternoon and evening.

If Masonry is in your heart, you will be a moral, temperate, and prudent man, keeping a guard over your lips and actions. You will abhor profanity and intemperance, and reprove those faults in Masons who may be guilty of them. You will be affable and courteous, treating all good Masons as your equals, paying due respect to those in office, regarding the opinions and making allowance for the prejudices of every place you visit.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Saturday, the 11th of October 1879, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to consider Notices of Motion as follow, and to Elect Eighteen Girls into the School by ballot from a list of Forty-eight Approved Candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock (or after the usual business is over), and close at Three o-clock precisely.

By Bro. Thos. Meggy, Vice-President.

"That a Committee be appointed to consider the manner in which the scrutiny of the votes shall be made, both for the Election of Candidates and for other purposes, and to report to the next General Court."

Upon recommendation of the Building Committee.

By Bro. Col. Creaton, Treasurer and Trustee, *Chairman*.

"That a Dwarf Wall be built on the South side of the Institution Grounds, at a cost not exceeding £300."

By Bro. Jas. A. Birch.

Proposed alteration of Rule 71, sub-section 2, to read as follows:—

"The Election and Removal of the Secretary shall be vested in the General Committee; the Voting to be by Balloting Papers duly forwarded to each qualified Member, not less than fourteen days before the date of Election; such Balloting Papers must be signed by the party entitled thereto, and may be presented by a Member of the General Committee on his or her behalf at the time of Election."

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WILL be held in the Corn Exchange, at Reading, and close tiled at 11 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, the 14th October 1879. The Grand Lodge will then be adjourned, and the Procession will be marshalled by the Grand Director of Ceremonies and his Assistants to escort the M.W. the Pro Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon to the site of the New Public Buildings, the memorial stone of which will be set by the M.W. the Pro Grand Master.

By order of the R.W.P.G.M.,
ROBERT BRADLEY, Provincial Grand Secretary.

At Two o'clock, on the termination of the Ceremony, Luncheon will be provided at the St. Lawrence's Institute, at 5s each, including waiters and dessert, but not including wine. Tickets—for which an early application is requested—can be obtained of Bros. W. Ferguson, Broad Street; Blackwell, London Street, and Stransom, Market Place.

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No. 1614,

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THIS LODGE will re-assemble for the Winter Session on Thursday, 9th October, at 8.0 p.m. The members will be glad to welcome Brethren from other Lodges.

W. H. GULLIFORD, Hon. Sec.

VITRUVIAN LODGE, No. 87.

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,, 16. W. H. Bazley	,, 15. A. M. Dawson
,, 73. A. A. Gee	,, 8. J. S. H. Priestley.
,, 77. J. B. Frost	,, 9. E. E. Williams
,, 60. J. C. Johnson	,, 43. J. M. Harvey.

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THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE BEFORE THE CRAFT UNIVERSAL.

[COMMUNICATED.]

IT is well worthy of note that the regrettable action taken by some Masonic Powers against the Grand Orient, nearly two years ago, was not allowed to interfere, in the least degree, with the fulfilment of its duty of Love and Charity towards the members of the Brotherhood, to whatever country, race, nationality, or Rite they may have belonged. Nor is it possible to say now, as then predicted by a hostile press, that the result of the assumed right of excommunication exercised against that Body, has by any means proved to be detrimental to the union and cohesion of the subordinate Lodges.

That the Grand Orient is far from being disintegrated is, most evidently, an incontestable fact. On the contrary, prosperous and successful, the Grand Orient has since wisely maintained, towards the Masonic world, a dignified and unconcerned attitude, busily engaged in the good deeds and practical duties of true Freemasonry, and almost unmindful, so to speak, of all the frivolous talk, misleading statements, and unedifying criticisms made against its conduct. Thus, it has done well to strengthen the position it has taken, by showing, on all occasions, fraternal kindness to all, even to those who would be its detractors and accusers, and further to deserve commendation by not looking for any appreciative motives in their behaviour towards it, nor any due right in their censure against its opinions. Condemned without being heard, it has not paused to ask of its judges the evidence upon which they have delivered judgment, nor the text of the law which they are supposed to have rightly invoked, and whose penalty they have so authoritatively ap-

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plied. Acting in this wise manner, the Grand Orient has allowed the question of its guilt or innocence, if not to lapse into oblivion, at least to be, for the present and till the proper time of appeal, dismissed from the mind.

Now, if "forbearing one another in love" is a Biblical injunction, it will perhaps be admitted that French Freemasons, who are charged with not using the Bible in their Lodges to "obligate" their initiates, and who do not take it as the "unerring standard of truth and justice to regulate Masonic actions," have nevertheless given, in this particular instance, a striking proof that real principles of Freemasonry can be carried out without reading the S. V. to Jews and Mahomedans, Christians and Freethinkers, believers and unbelievers.

The Grand Orient is aware—although some of those who entered their judgment upon record against it, namely the United Grand Lodge of England, never took the trouble of notifying the law ground of their sentence—that its sole offence consisted in having abrogated from its own Constitution a superfluous article which it had, in the year 1849, thoughtlessly inserted, and whose text, as far as it was known, never existed before in any Masonic Constitution. Holding that Freemasonry is one entire body throughout the world:—an institution destined to unite all good men in whatever part of the globe they may be, or from whatever region of the earth they may come; an association essentially based upon liberty of conscience and free thought, and whose purely philanthropic design has nothing whatever to do with religious creeds or dogmatic belief; and finding that these have been and always will be the most potent cause of disunion among men, and having more particularly to suffer abuses consequent upon their own self-made clause, French Masons thought it proper, after having given to the subject all the consideration, study, and thought demanded, to cancel, in 1877, what they had themselves incautiously laid down in 1849, as one of the pre-requisite and substantials of Freemasonry, in their own Constitution.

This is the plain fact, and however much it may clash with other people's pre-conceived notions, it is nevertheless one that ought to be generally known. The legal character of the question, in a strictly Masonic point of view, is not admissible. To elucidate therefore any point at issue bearing upon it, opinions certainly should not take the form of binding legal decision, with a penalty:—

> "Shun thy neighbour never,
> Perhaps he has not acted rightly,
> Still he is thy brother."

The Grand Orient now simply believes that no man is responsible to any earthly power or person for his religious or irreligious opinions; and that it had an incontestable right to make any such alteration in its Constitution, in order to stop abuses of intolerance and exclusiveness in its own Jurisdiction, without being excommunicated by any members or powers of the fraternity. That it is, in this moment, by right, and in fact, to all intents and purposes, as much within Masonic orthodoxy as it was, at least, from the time of its organisation up to the year 1849, when no Masonic authority whatever ventured to impugn its legality, or to command or suggest that to be orthodox it should add any clause to its constitution, asserting dogmatically the existence of a Deity, a Supreme Being, or a G.A.O.T.U., and besides the immortality of the soul. And how reasonably, and in justice, not to agree with it, at least, in this respect?

The Grand Orient is of opinion that to lay hold of in all countries, in all governments and in all philosophy the evident principles, eternal and immutable of universal morality, and to make of them the unanimous and infallible dogma of fraternity, it is, above all, absolutely necessary to discard all that which divides the minds, and profess all that which unites the hearts, of men. It has found, after careful examination—and the facts are staring us all in the face—that by local and individual tendencies, at home and abroad, derived more or less, from our manual and ritualistic observances, the great vital principle of the Society, namely, "Liberty of Conscience," was in danger of being overwhelmed and buried out of sight, if not by malice aforethought, but by sheer carelessness in the performance of a most important duty. That, unfortunately for the good repute of our Institution, and the harmony and concord of Masons, there are, on this and the other side of the Atlantic, brethren whose apparent object is the exclusion of a vast number of worthy, esteemed and learned men, by trying to even force upon them declaration of faith, theological admissions and forms of worship which they cannot utter without a violation of their own conscience.

Thus in Germany, Jews must not be initiated, Masonry being made there, by its votaries, essentially Christian; whilst in England, and also in America, gatherings of Provincial Grand Lodges, in many localities, cannot be regular or perfect if—with the Bible open—a processional adjournment from the Lodge to the Parish Church, therein to attend Divine Service, is not made part of the celebration. Now, in these cases, while entering their strong protest against the anti-Masonic rule of the Germans, French Masons would, by mere tolerance, be disposed not to criticise too severely the proceedings of the English, and perhaps would even, out of fraternal courtesy, on the occasion, join in a procession which, in their consciences, they would deem simply a superstitious show. But, surely they would not fail to say: "that, at all events this is not Freemasonry; if it is not, according to our dogmas of complete liberty of conscience and absolute unsectarianism, altogether anti-Masonic." And who would prove them the contrary? And upon what principle could lie or stand the demonstration?

In their opinion, by discarding in the practice of Lodges all that which pertains to religious worship and ceremony, the French have come nearer the fundamental essence of Freemasonry, the better to serve its purposes and carry out its cosmopolitan aim, which embraces all humanity. They have proclaimed a truth which alone can be depended on to maintain the integrity of the Order. And they fulfil besides, by so doing, a condition upon which the majority enter the Association, and thus keep the promise made to every initiate that "in its vows of fidelity there was nothing incompatible with his civil or religious duties and convictions." What a shocking thing to individual sense of propriety if a brother in the discharge of the duty of his office as Chaplain, on being called to offer prayer in the Lodge, should conclude by invoking the mediation of Confucius or Buddha, Allah or Christ, or else attempt to personify the G.A.O.T.U. in a Trinitarian theory; or, again try to assimilate Him simply to a symbol of Nature, or its three generant reigns into our globe? Well may such an idle supposition be sneered at! Yet, it is an incontrovertible truth that, much as men may appear to agree in their respective countries upon the respective name of a Deity, and much as they may be supposed to be in harmony in their own religious forms of worship, yet, it cannot be said that the same form of prayer will suit any man and all men, even in the same Church, and far less in the same Lodge.

A Methodist divine, once a Grand Chaplain of a certain Grand Lodge, uttered his prayer for the Lodge in accordance with his own conviction of duty. Great objections being made, he said:—"Masonry recognises the 'rights of conscience.' I prescribe no form in which other men shall pray. The Grand Lodge elected me Grand Chaplain, knowing my sentiments. I deny the right of any to prescribe a form which my conscience does not approve."

Well, was it not surprising to that Grand Lodge as a Masonic body, that might have been composed of men of all shades of suasions, and belonging to many distinct sects, to find itself that day compelled to be Methodist in prayer, and that, too, in the very name of "the rights of conscience?"

To those who might feel inclined to think that such a case is of rare occurrence, we may say that it is by no means so; it happens unhappily too often, but generally passes unnoticed. We have collected for ourselves, in our travels both in England and America, and on occasions such as Provincial Grand Meetings, Dedications of new Lodges, and the like, some printed programmes of the ceremonies which we attended, and we find therein special prayers composed for the occasion by Chaplains, whose sectarianism was perhaps more in violation of Masonic teaching than was that of the Methodist divine; and who, like the latter, might have defended themselves from intolerance, also on the plea of "liberty of conscience."

Of two things one or the other:—Either Masonry is built upon religion, and is a religious sect itself, with its own doctrine and teaching; or, standing above or outside religion, like most associations of men, and leaving to each man the belief he deems best for himself, according to the degree of his light, science, or attainments, Freemasonry is then totally unbiassed by any religious tendency whatever.

In the first case, whether that religion were mere Buddhism or Islamism, Judaism or Christianity, it could not claim to be Catholic, in the true sense of the word, that is "like the sun, universally spread over the surface of the earth," nor could it pretend to make a "*unit*" of so many discordant elements, as contained in creeds where men cannot, and never will agree. Freemasonry, then, must be true to its professed principles, and must not be a religion, or anything like it, in order to boast, but without fearing the charge of imposture, of being a cosmopolitan and universal Brotherhood, proclaiming loudly the liberty of conscience as its *sine qua non* article of association. In the absence of any precise text law, it was similar syllogism, which for years was argued, debated upon, thoroughly examined, and carefully dissected by the Grand Orient, before it came to the natural conclusion upon which it has acted.

Elsewhere, as well as in France, there are, it is true, men who believe that truth and justice equally practised, likewise manifested, are the only rules of life: an incentive to virtue, a principle of civilisation, the assertion of human reason, human dignity, and the best guide for the accomplishment of the progressive mission of man. And to Freemasonry these men say, not without just cause it must be admitted, especially in France, where Clericalism has made recently so many bold strides:—

> "Be truly our safeguard,
> Help us to save free conscience from the paw
> Of hireling wolves, whose Bible is their maw."

On the other hand, Freemasonry itself possesses in its midst those against whom protection is required. For it is likewise true that there are religious Masons who, as adepts of this or that denomination profess to think, and do not neglect to preach, that all must be made subservient to the Bible, its teaching and influence; and, by way of consequence, to the influence of its hierophants and those who profess to promote it by speaking in its name. Divided between themselves, each one claiming to be in the right, the sects to which those men belong are nevertheless Christianish, every Church of which affects to convince its followers that without its own definitions and explanations of the law, in fact outside its own pale, there can be but heresy and damnation. And though diametrically opposed to each other, they agree together however to give currency to the mischievous assertion that there can be no honest or good man except he be a religious man, *ipso facto*, one of them. No Institution could be called Freemasonry that would deliberately admit into its bosom, and put in contact with each other such dissolving agencies, against Fraternity, peace and harmony, as those afforded by the various religions and creeds of men. No religious belief, of whatever shade, is now, nor ever will be, the groundwork, the grand and peaceful platform of Freemasonry; so think the Masons of the Grand Orient.

They believe they have shut the door through which abuses found their way into our Association, and have opened that by which men of good report of every country, rank, sect, opinion, view, or crotchet can, enter to unite with each other, and contract among themselves a bond of friendship that no dividing influence of sectarianism can weaken, and no moral partiality of consideration or merit, based on religious repute, can destroy. There we may mingle and blend together as one and the same species, free conscience being enjoyed by all without restriction; all engaged in the humanising works of Freemasonry in the grand mysteries of life; all reduced to a common level and

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occupied by a common design; each one learning with zeal the real principles, and the true object of the Mystic Art, the better to teach them in truth and light by deeds of example. The Freemason, thus trained, thus emulated in the practice of those virtues of our Order, could not prove—we agree most decidedly with Dr. Anderson—to be an "irreligious libertine nor a stupid atheist."

Without going any further into these controversial questions, it is, however, curious to remark that of all the Masonic Powers that have sounded the alarm at the mere amendment made by the Grand Orient of its Constitution, and which have shown their appreciation of its act by excommunicating it, not one belongs to what is termed a "Roman Catholic" country, save Ireland. But Ireland is Masonically rather Protestant, as well as England and Scotland; and, by a singular coincidence, it was from our dear brethren of the emerald island, whom, it was then said, and it is still believed, were directly or indirectly influenced by Roman Clericalism, that the first blow at the Grand Orient was struck,—in due Popish fashion too. Their bull of excommunication went from this to the other Continent in no time, and, apparently, none of the fifty Grand Lodges of the United States disagreed with it. Many of the American Grand Lodges, it is true, were not then in friendly relations with the Grand Orient, owing to its having been the first power to acknowledge the coloured-men Grand Lodges of America; but no other cause of disaffection existed that might be converted into a general one.

With regard to the alleged influence exercised in the case by Irish clericalism, certain articles may be recalled to mind against the Grand Orient from that section of the profane press that is representative of Romanism in Ireland, articles which acted on public opinion as it were like the heralds-at-arms of the Irish Grand Lodge. In the meantime it may be curiously observed that not one of the so-called Catholic countries, on both Continents, whose Grand Lodges are in relations of amity with the Grand Orient, did take alarm at its conduct and show the least objection to its having, more emphatically than before, proclaimed the Masonic dogma of "liberty of conscience." From the smallest Republics of South America to Italy, Portugal, and Spain (land of intolerance and persecution, last seat, not very long ago yet, of a Grand Inquisitor's Hermandad), all fraternal relations and friendly correspondence with the Grand Orient of France have been maintained and remain still unaffected. We would not take, certainly, upon ourselves to say that this accusation is founded on truth. We can only state the facts and the circumstances under which they happened.

It was at the General Assembly of September 1877, that the resolution for the amendment of the First Article was by unanimity voted, and that, in consequence, the Constitution was restored to what it was prior to 1849, a fact which the Grand Orient did not officially communicate to any Masonic Power, as it believed they had nothing to do with the matter. Now, we find, as early as the 2nd of November following, the Irish Grand Lodge notifying its decree of excommunication against the French brethren. Whether it be Orange or Ribbon, we think it worth quoting; it runs thus:—"Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Ireland has received official notification that the Grand Orient of France has altered the first article of its Constitution from its previous form, and omitted therefrom, as one of its fundamental principles, a belief in the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. The Grand Lodge of Ireland hereby resolves:—That the Grand O. of France having by such alteration rendered admissible as members of Lodges within its jurisdiction individuals who do not believe in the existence of a personal Deity, has thereby caused a breach in the foundation of ancient Masonry, and acted in violation of the first principle of the Order, and therefore the Grand Lodge of Ireland hereby declares that it cannot continue to recognise the Grand Orient of France as a Masonic Body, and directs all the Lodges working under Irish Constitution to decline receiving as Masons any persons hailing from the Grand Orient of France or from any subordinate Lodge under its jurisdiction."

Those who are familiar with this question of the Grand Orient may recollect the correspondence that existed between Sir Edwards Borough, Rep. of the G.O. at Dublin, and Bro. De Saint Jean, President of the Council of the Order, that correspondence having been published and commented on by many Masonic papers. Most probably so hasty an informal a decision would not have carried much weight, and Masonic opinion, enlightened by the explanations given, would have unravelled the real motive of precipitate action from its authors, had it been allowed to remain, at least for a time, unnoticed. But the charge thus sounded from Ireland was soon joined in by Scotland and finally, by England. For we find the United Grand Lodge, on the 5th of March following, passing, at its Quarterly Communication, "amid loud cheering and enthusiastic satisfaction," says the report, a series of four resolutions prepared and proposed against the Grand Orient by the Pro Grand Maste of England, which resolutions he described as the minimum of precaution it was the Grand Lodge's duty to immediately adopt. It may be remarked that no correspondence whatever had passed between these two Powers; and that the first of the resolutions positively affirmed that the Grand Orient had eliminated the Great Architect of the Universe from their service, while a complete assertion to the contrary existed in the very letters previously published from Bro. De Saint Jean and the Grand Secretary to the representatives of Grand Orient in Ireland and Scotland, those letters being besides initiated as usual, and as it is still the practice—à la Gloire du G.A.O.T.U.

(To be continued.)

MARRIAGE.

HICKMAN—CRESSEY.—On the 27th September, at the Abbey Church, Romsey, by the Rev. E. L. Bertson, Vicar, assisted by the Rev. — Barthon, William Jean, eldest son of William Hickman, Esq., J.P., of Aldermoor House, near Southampton, to Isabel, daughter of the late Francis Cressey, Esq., of Deanafield, Romsey.

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. EDWIN WILLIAMS.

A COMMITTEE of influential and local brethren, who have for some years past had opportunities of knowing Bro. Williams, determined to present him with some tangible mark of their esteem. Accordingly, the necessary arrangements were made, and subscriptions came in freely, many of his neighbours being anxious to join the contributors to the Fund. Bro. Williams having recently taken the ancient hostelry yclept the "Eagle" at Snaresbrook, it was determined to celebrate the presentation in the true old English fashion, by having a dinner at his house. A numerous attendance of brethren, and also of personal friends, was presided over in a truly genial manner by Bro. J. G. Stevens, ably supported by Bro. T. J. Barnes as Vice President. The excellence of the dinner and choiceness of the wines were universally admitted by the company, who seemed to be pleased with the whole of the arrangements. After grace, the usual loyal toasts were given and dutifully responded to. Bro. Stevens next said,—I now approach the toast of the evening, and in doing so approach it with diffidence. Not that I am diffident of the fact, but feel I am not able, seeing so large and influential an attendance, to do honor to the importance of the toast. Now, around this table are some who have known Bro. Williams longer than I have; my knowledge of him extends over about six years, and I can say he is an honorable man, a man of integrity, and one whose word can be taken, and in saying that—you have known him for a longer period—we may say, he has endeared himself to us all. Having left business in Whitechapel, and feeling he had luxuriated long enough in the City, he has come to sojourn in Essex, and we all wish him hearty success. Now, a committee of gentlemen having deputed me to offer Bro. Williams some mark of their esteem, it is my duty, in their name, to present this evening a Silver Service, a Loving Cup, and last, but not least, a letter from Mr. Gurney framed, with this Testimonial on Vellum, containing the names of 70 Subscribers. Whilst the Committee have thus done their duty to Mr. Williams, they are aware there is a Mrs. Williams. We all know how fond ladies are of a cup of tea, and this Tea Service may, when that lady does the honours of her tea table, remind her in what estimation her husband is held. Honour, truth, integrity, uprightness, justice—four of these words we may pass by, but I have something more to say of the integrity of Bro. Williams. In acknowledging his great kindness, urbanity of manner, gentlemanly conduct and manliness; in the name and on behalf of the Committee, I present this Tea Service and Testimonial. After reading the Testimonial, which was a handsome specimen of art, the president resumed. During my speech, I have mentioned integrity, of this the following letter from Mr. Gurney may be taken as a proof:—

"112 Whitechapel, E., Sept. 8, 1879.

"E. Beherends, Esq.

"Dear Sir,—I have much pleasure in handing you herewith a contribution towards the proposed testimonial to Mr. Edwin Williams; I regret that I shall not be able to attend the presentation, but I shall join most heartily in the good wishes that I am sure will then be expressed for his success in his present enterprise. The numerous influential names on the list of subscribers must always be to him valuable testimony that he has won the approbation and friendship of many who are customers here, and the addition of mine must be accepted as evidence that he has succeeded most thoroughly in accomplishing the very rare feat of serving *faithfully* and *satisfactorily* a double interest. I have every confidence that his business knowledge and the attention he will be sure to give will ensure for the "Eagle" at Snaresbrook a long era of constantly increasing prosperity.

"I am, Dear Sir, faithfully,
(Signed) "JAMES GURNEY."

The several gifts were then formally presented, the president saying the occasion afforded him double pleasure in being chosen to make the presentation. He then read a letter from Bro. Beherends, apologising for unavoidable absence, and requesting that the loving cup might pass round the table filled with champagne at his expense; while this was being effected, other apologies for non attendance were read. Bro. Williams then said,—I have to-night one of the most difficult tasks (and yet a most pleasant one) I ever had to perform. To thank you for this beautiful present would tax me far beyond my powers to clothe my thoughts in words to thank you for the great kindness of Chairman and Committee to me this evening. Passing to the letter from Mr. Gurney, my late employer, I may say the testimonial has given me pleasure, and the letter great surprise; during my stay with him I have experienced all gentlemanly treatment, and have rendered him all the service I could render. I have to study the health of my wife and family, and have come here; and shall continue to work hard to render this place all I would have it to be. (Cheers). The Committee were next toasted, Bros. Lazarus and Myers Hon. Sec. being named as the two active members who had brought this affair successfully through. Both gentlemen having responded, the toasts of The Absent Subscribers, the Residents of the Neighbourhood, responded to by Bro. Hollington, Whitehead, and Cox; and the Press, responded to by Bro. Stephens, brought the post-prandial operations to a close, the brethren dispersing to seek their homes by rail and road. One party, remembering that the "Eagle" was an ancient posting house, drove down in splendid style, in a well appointed stage coach, with two pairs of match greys, who took us home in such a manner as to remind some of the old days when posting and the stage coach were the recognized means of travelling. The musical arrangements were under the control of Bro. J. Stedman, assisted by Bro. Egbert Roberts and Masters Dunster and Malinu.

Bro. J. Marsh, No. 185, will re-open the Philharmonic Palace of Varieties, Islington, this day (Saturday). Bro. Marsh intends to provide ballets, burlesques, and variety entertainments. Mr. Alfred Young is the manager.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 4th OCTOBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith.
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 6th OCTOBER.

45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8. (Instruction.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road.
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
190—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Room, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1009—Shakespere, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester.
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks.
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1390—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1448—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Inst.)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1576—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R. A. 262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R. A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
M. M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
R. C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 7th OCTOBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth. (Inst.)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, Islington.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1683—Kingsland, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, Islington
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
209—Etonian, the Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick.
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton, Coldfield.
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9, Working-street, Cardiff
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1437—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
R. A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
M. M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
M. M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham
M. M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
M. M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 8th OCTOBER.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 3 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1559—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8. (In.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
226—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
483—Sympathy, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire, at 7.30. (Inst.)
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead.
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1040—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church street, Tamworth.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1249—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1284—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1294—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1312—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey & Ripon, 140 North Hill St., Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1393—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Inst.)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Holburn-on-Tyne.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.
R. A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington.
R. A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M. M. 145—Constantine Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 9th OCTOBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 4 (Instruction.
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction.)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8 (Inst.)
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street E.C.
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street E.C.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1523—St. Mary Magdalen, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell S.E.
1614—Covent Garden, Anderton's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, at 8. (In.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.
R. A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Inst.)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.

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1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
R.A 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonian-road, Batley.
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 10th OCTOBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 158 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 8.
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
K. T.—Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Inst.)
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 11th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
Royal Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1612—West Middlesex, the Institute, Ealing

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—Thursday, 2nd October, at 27 Leadenhall-street. Present—Bros. Gimingham W.M., Moss S.W., Veal J.W., L. Norden Sec., Higgins S.D., Valentine J.D., Da Silva. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Norden acting as candidate. Bro. Moss worked the first, Bro. Da Silva the second, and Bro. Moss the third and fourth sections of the first lecture. Bro. Moss was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At Bro. Batt's, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, on Monday, the 29th ult. Present—Bro. F. W. Sillis W.M., Gyer S.W., Symons J.W., Fenner Sec., Way S.D., Ives J.D., Fox I.G.; also Bros. King and others. The usual formalities were duly complied with. Bro. Wing proving himself efficient was entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Fenner having proved himself an efficient F.C., was entrusted. Lodge being advanced, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the traditional history being given. Lodge was closed to the first degree. The W.M. worked the first section of the lecture. Bro. Gyer was elected W.M. for the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, 27th Sept Present—Bros. W. Williams W.M., Mullord S.W., Brasted J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., D. Moss S.D., McMillan J.D., Giller I.G.; also Bros. Slaiter, Stock, H. Hall, Gibbs, Trowinnard, Burtle, &c. Lodge was opened in ancient form. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Slaiter acting as candidate. Bro. Moss worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture. Bro. Mullord was elected to preside at the next meeting. A vote of thanks was awarded to the W.M. for the efficient manner he had performed the duties of the chair for the first time in this Lodge, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205.—Held at the Rising Sun, Globe Road, E. The regular meeting of this Lodge, on the 28th inst., was devoted to working the Fifteen Sections, Bro. D. Moss 1275 occupied the chair, ably supported by Bros. C. H. Webb P.M. as S.W., J. Taylor J.W., W. Musto P.M. Preceptor, G. H. Stevens Hon. Sec., G. F. Dix S.D., T. Wooding J.D., and A. Valentine I.G. There were also present Past Masters Cundick, Myers, Wilkins, Yetton, Ember, &c. Also Bros. Slaiter, Norden, Abrahams, Martin, Durell, A. Cohen, H. Cohen, M. Cohen, Goldstein, Richmond, Boas, Hodd, Job, Horner, Hawes, Macdonald, Forss, Fowler, Johnson, &c. Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes were read and received confirmation. The following brethren assisted in working the Sections. First Lecture—Bros. Valentine, Norden, Dix, Forss, Taylor, Macdonald, Musto. Lodge was advanced, and the following brethren assisted in working the Second Lecture—Bros. Norden, Webb, Forss, Cundick, Slaiter. Lodge was again advanced, and the following brethren assisted in working the Third Lecture—Bros. W. H. Myers, Job, Yetton. Lodge was resumed, and several brethren were elected members. Bro. Webb was appointed to fill the chair at the next meeting. Bro. Musto proposed that a vote of thanks be passed and recorded upon the minutes to Bro. Moss for the excellent discharge of his duties that evening, in recognition of which he moved that Bro. Moss be elected an honorary member. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Moss thanked the brethren for the vote and complement of making him an honorary member. He, though but a young Mason, had attended Lodges nearly every evening since he had been initiated, and therefore might be expected to be pretty well up in the work he had undertaken. Lodge was then closed in due form.

Zetland Lodge, No. 515 E.C.—An emergent meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, No. 27 Strada-stretta, Valletta, Malta, on Wednesday, the 17th ult. Present—V.W. Bro. A. M. Broadley D.D.G.M., G. Segond W.M., R. S. Westrup P.M., C. E. Coffey W.M. 349 acting S.W., Professor H. Stilon J.W., G. H. Westrup S.D., A. B. Tagliaferro J.D., Major A. Ewing Organist, R. Page Miller Secretary, W. Clare Saville I.G., R. Beck Tyler. Bros. Captain C. J. Blake, G. Williams Freeman, Romlay King, G. H. McLaughlin, A. T. Chapman, J. Walker, J. W. Starkey, C. Lippett, W. Pariente, O. E. Segond, J. Houghton, J. Davison, J. H. Hodgson, J. A. Mathews, R. Price, T. Jones, E. Barter, C. E. Mortimer, S. G. Yeoman and W. Farquharson. The Lodge was opened in the first degree and then passed to the second, when Bro. Pariente, was called to answer the necessary questions before being raised. The Lodge was advanced and the D.D.G.M. kindly consented to honour the Lodge and Candidate by assuming the gavel and conferring the sublime degree. The ceremony was very impressive; rendered so by the exquisite manner in which the degree was worked, also by the efficient manner in which Bro. Ewing presided at the organ, at the special request of the W.M. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when the Secretary read a letter from the D.D.G.M. warning the brethren from countenancing certain persons styling themselves "the Grand Orient or Council of the Reformed Egyptian Rite;" a Lodge not recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, or of Rome and Palermo. The D.D.G.M. W. Bro. Broadley, then spoke at some length as to the evil consequences that would arise if the brethren took any notice of these persons. The Lodge was then closed in the usual manner, and the Brethren adjourned to a substantial repast, where the usual loyal and other toasts were given. The D.D.G.M., on rising to respond to that of his health, asked the brethren to toast the W.M. of the Lodge, W. Bro. Segond, who was unable to attend the banquet, on account of family bereavement, coupling with it W. Bro. Westrup the P.M. The D.D.G.M. W. Bro. Broadley, then spoke at some length as to the evil consequences that would arise if the brethren took any notice of these persons. The Lodge was then closed in the usual manner, and the Brethren adjourned to a substantial repast, where the usual loyal and other toasts were given. The D.D.G.M., on rising to respond to that of his health, asked the brethren to toast the W.M. of the Lodge, W. Bro. Segond, who was unable to attend the banquet, on account of family bereavement, coupling with it W. Bro. Westrup the P.M. The D.D.G.M. spoke at great length on the merits of Bro. Segond, and of his known great charity and zeal for Freemasonry, he also spoke in high terms of the energetic endeavours of Bro. Westrup, who when he joined the Lodge found it in any thing but a prosperous state, and gave it over to his successor in its present flourishing condition. Bro. Westrup replied, in a very appropriate speech, on behalf of himself and the absent W.M. thanking the D.D.G.M. for the flattering terms in which he was pleased to speak of Bro. Segond and himself. A vote of thanks to the visiting brethren, who so kindly came forward to aid in making the meeting a success, was unanimously carried. The Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most pleasant and successful meetings held in the Hall.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 24th September, at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Tottenham. Present—Bros. Geo. Burford W.M., Farren S.W., Clements J.W., Thompson S.D., Tegg J.D., Garrod I.G., Roberts Treas., Linzell Sec. pro tem, also Bros. P.M.'s Stephens, Barham, Thompson, and Steedman, and a goodly muster of the brethren. Visitors—Bros. the Rev. Thomas Smithson, M.A., and G. Tegg, of the St. James Lodge. The Lodge was opened in ancient form; the minutes of last Lodge meeting having been read and confirmed, and other preliminaries duly observed, the ballot was taken for Mr. F. Smart, which proved unanimous in his favour, but he, not being in attendance, will be initiated into the mysteries of the Craft at the next meeting. The Lodge was then advanced to the third degree, and Bro. Mitchell was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. After a short discussion relative to altering one of the bye-laws, the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. On the removal of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The health of the W.M., proposed by Bro. Stephens P.M., was cordially received; he, in reply, thanked Bro. Stephens for the kind expressions which fell from him in proposing his health, and trusted he might have as successful a year of office as the one just past; with the assistance of his Officers it would be his earnest desire to do all he could for the welfare of the Lodge, and to gain the esteem of the brethren. The health of the P.M.'s was responded to by Bro. Barham; that of the Visitors by Bro. Rev. T. Smithson, who very eloquently spoke of the courteous manner with which the W.M., as a stranger, had welcomed him that evening. Having been a great traveller, he had visited many Lodges, both in this and other countries, and had always been received with that cordiality which distinguishes Freemasons and gentlemen. Other toasts followed, and the Tyler's brought the meeting to a happy termination.

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Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday evening, 30th of September, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Dallas W.M., Wardell S.W., Greenwood, J.W., Williams S.D., Christian J.D., Clark I.G., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor. Also a large muster of the brethren. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Polak answered the questions, and was duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge was opened in the third degree, when the brethren were called from labour to refreshment. Upon resuming labour, Lodge was regularly closed to first degree. Bro. Fleck, W.M. of Windsor Lodge, was elected a member. Bro. Dallas tendered his resignation as Secretary, stating that his business engagements compelled him reluctantly to do so. His resignation was accepted with regret. Bro. James Lorkin was unanimously elected Hon. Sec., for which he returned thanks. A pleasing incident of the evening was the presentation of a handsome gold ring, also Honorary Membership of the Lodge, to Bro. Dallas, the brethren, considering his constant and unflagging attention to his duties had aided to raise the Lodge to its present proud position, chose this method of expressing their regard and esteem towards him. The Preceptor, Bro. Wallington, in presenting the ring, expressed the wish of the brethren that although they were about to lose Bro. Dallas's services as Secretary, they hoped he would come among them as often as possible, and that he might live many years to wear the gift so unanimously presented. Bro. Dallas returned thanks for the great honour done him, in a few pithy remarks, and hoped he might yet spend many happy hours with them. Bro. Wardell was elected M.M. for ensuing week. Lodge then closed in due form.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 1st October, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street. Present—Bros. C. J. Fox W.M., E. Abell S.W., R. P. Tate J.W., J. S. Brown S.D., Pate J.D., Marston I.G., Long Preceptor, and several others. After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Pate offered himself as a candidate, and the W.M. ably performed the ceremony of initiation. The Lecture was then proceeded with, by Bros. Abell, Tate and Brown; the last named Brother has been appointed to work the Fifteen Section on the 29th inst. Bro. Abell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and Lodge was closed.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933. — The usual meeting of this Lodge was held at Bro. J. Clayton's, "Duke's Head," Whitechapel-road, on Friday the 26th ult. The following Officers and brethren were present:—Bros. Job W.M., Ellis S.W., Magrath J.W., Tait S.D., Macdonald I.G., W. Musto P.M. Hon. Sec., B. Cundick P.M. Preceptor, C. H. Webb P.M., Grounds, Clayton, Stephens, &c. Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. The usual preliminaries having been observed, Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising was very well rendered by Bro. Job, Bro. Grounds candidate. The W.M. also worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Ellis was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and Lodge was closed in due form.

St. Augustine Lodge of Instruction, No. 972, Canterbury.—On Wednesday, 1st October. Bros. H. F. Pringuer W.M., Rossiter S.W., Crump J.W., Price S.D., Miskin J.D., Vile I.G., P.M.'s Peirce, Pilcher, Welsh, and Secra; Bros. Hyde, E. Beer, S. F. Pringuer Sec. The Lodge opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. P.M. Welsh worked the fourth and fifth sections, and Bro. Rossiter the sixth and seventh sections of the lecture in first degree. Lodge closed.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—Held on Friday, 26th Sept. Present—Bros. Hunter W.M., Rowley S.W., Williams J.W., Eldridge Treas., Gardiner S.D., Ager J.D., Cull Preceptor, Chant I.G., Bros. Yeomans, Strugnell, Pierdon, Shackell, &c. Ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Pierdon being candidate; also the ceremony of raising, Bro. Strugnell being candidate. Bro. Rowley was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A letter was read from the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, inviting the members to work the Fifteen Sections on Monday, 27th October, which the acting Secretary reported had been answered, accepting the invitation. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 30th Sept., P.M. Musto W.M., Smith S.W., Keable J.W., Watkins S.D., Bailey J.D., Barker I.G., Worsley Sec., and P.M. Myers I.P.M.; also Bros. Butler, Johnson, Rawe, Sadler, White, Brownson, Pavitt, Roberts, Roberts 190, and Norman. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Rawe took the obligation of W.M. elect, and Bro. Musto rehearsed the installation ceremony. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Worsley being the candidate, and Bro. Johnson acting as Deacon. Bro. Andrews worked the fourth section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Bailey, of Lodge 47, was elected a member. Bro. Smith was unanimously appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. A unanimous vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the able and excellent working of the W.M., this being the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Rawe thanked the brethren. Bro. Keable made an earnest appeal on behalf of a distressed brother, when a sum amounting to £2 was collected. Bro. Musto, the Preceptor, announced that the Fifteen Sections would be worked in this Lodge on the fourth Tuesday in October. Bro. Andrews of the Upton Lodge will preside. Full particulars will be duly given in this paper.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.—The session of this Lodge of Instruction commences on Monday evening, 6th October, at 7.45, at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, when the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. Trewinnard W.M. 1693. The attendance and co-operation of members and other brethren is fraternally invited.

City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.—The first meeting of this Lodge, after the summer recess, was held on Thursday, 25th September, at the Masonic Hall, Aire-street, Regent-street, W. Present—Bros. White I.P.M. as W.M., B. Turner S.W., J. E. Shand J.W., B. H. Swallow P.M. Treas., E. J. Scott P.M. Sec., Hutchinson S.D., Waugh J.D., Janes D.C., Hancock as I.G., Potter Tyler; Bros. Ward, Docker, Gardner, Eastgate, Hammond, Köhler, Pratt, Day, Taylor. Visitors—T. Bull P.M. 145, J. Edell I.G. 108, Festa 834, Robinson P.M. 1585, Hoare 1765, &c. Bro. Blackford and two other brethren were raised to the sublime degree. The bye-laws were read, and auditors appointed. The election for W.M. resulted in favour of Bro. Turner, the present Senior Warden, whose installation will take place in November. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the outgoing W.M. Bro. Phillips. Bro. Swallow was re-elected to the office of Treasurer, as was also Bro. Potter as Tyler. About forty brethren afterwards dined together, when the usual toasts were honoured, interspersed with recitations and music, from the Rev. P.M. Holden and other brethren.

Sir Hugh Myddelton, Lodge, No. 1602.—A meeting was held on Friday the 26th ult., at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, Present:—Bros. A. F. Rowley W.M., Weston S.W., Osborne J.W., Parslow Sec., J. Greenfield Treas., Norris S.D., Poulston J.D., Rimell Steward, Field I.G., Steedman Tyler. Past Masters Coombes, Sim and Lee. Bros. Allison, Heyse, Gwyn, Hollidge, Pelikan, E. Payne, W. Payne and many others. Visitors Bros. Weaver P.M., Kidder P.M., Pearcy W.M., and others. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. C. Gwyn, P. J. S. Taylor and W. G. Larter were raised to the sublime degree of M.M., and Bro. Heyse was passed to the second degree. Attention was called by several of the brethren to the frequent applications received from members of Canadian and American Lodges for relief, and the necessity of carefully inquiring into all such cases. Relief was given in one such case by the brethren individually, the same not being allowed out of Lodge funds. Lodge having been closed in solemn form, the brethren proceeded to a very plain dinner, the waiting at which was indifferent. In the course of the evening Bro. R. Pearcy W.M. No. 228 (Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction) was presented with a testimonial of congratulation on his recovery from his recent severe illness, the excellent work of Bro. Oppenheim. It was understood that more substantial testimonial was in course of preparation, from the members of the Lodge of Instruction.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 25th September. Present—Bros. H. Kasner W.M., J. Green S.W., Gasson J.W., Gunner S.D., W. Seward J.D., J. W. Woolmer I.G., H. E. Tucker Treas. and Preceptor, J. Wells Sec., Tink Brown, G. S. Wright, E. C. Porter, J. J. Clarke, E. J. Acworth and F. C. Woolmer. Bro. Tink Brown volunteered as a candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The Lodge called off for refreshment. On resuming labour, Bro. W. Seward occupied the chair, and the Lodge was opened in the second degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. E. C. Porter candidate. The Lodge was resumed to first degree. On the motion of Bro. J. W. Woolmer, seconded by Bro. Preceptor, Bro. F. C. Woolmer of Stability Lodge, No. 217, was elected a member. Bro. J. Green was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and having appointed his officers in rotation, the Lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer, and the meeting adjourned to Thursday 2nd October.

Rose of Sharon Rose Croix Chapter, No. 33, at Malta.—A regular meeting of the Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, Malta, on the 15th September. Present—Bro. A. M. Broadley M.W.S., Capt. Blake, R.A., as Prelate, C. Riechelmann first General, Surgeon-Major Mackinnon as second General, Lieut. Coffey R.A., Raphael, Major Ewing Organist, W. J. Jones Captain of Guard and Acting Recorder, together with a large attendance of members of the Chapter. A ballot was taken for the following candidates:—Captain A. Finch-Noyes, Capt. Hodgson 10th Regt., Lieut. McLaughlin, R.A., and Surgeon Walker, A.M.D. These brethren being present were duly perfected by the M.W.S. as S.P.R.C. of H. It was decided to change the election meeting from January to March. The labours of the evening being ended, the Princes adjourned to a banquet.

Melita Grand Preceptory of Knights Templar, Malta.—A regular meeting of the Preceptory was held on the 12th inst., Present E. Sir Kt. J. Segond E.C., E. Sir Kt. A.M. Broadley P.E.C., Sir Kts. Captain C. J. Blake, R.A., as Prelate, Charles Riechelmann 1st Captain, Surgeon-Major Mackinnon as 2nd Captain, Lieut. Coffey, R.A., as Expert, Surgeon Grier as Captain of the Lines, Major Ewing Organist, and Beck Janitor, with other members of the Preceptory. The P.E.C., at request of the E.C., installed as Knights of the Order Captain H. Gardner of the 1st R. S. Regt. and Captain C. E. Mortimer. The Preceptory being closed, the Knights adjourned to a banquet.

We remind our readers that the ceremonies of consecration and installation will be rehearsed by W. Bro. James Terry, P.M. 228, 1278, 1366; P.P.J.G.W. Herts., on Tuesday, 7th October, at six o'clock, at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, which will meet at the Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-street, E.C. The attendance of brethren, who are requested to appear in Masonic Craft clothing, is earnestly solicited.

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THE course of training followed by the Masonic Educational Charities, in common with many similar institutions in various parts of the country, is looked upon as more or less successful in proportion to the results that can be shown as emanating from the pupils themselves. It is not only necessary that a girl or a boy should receive a good education, but it is likewise desirable that they should prove that such education has been of service to them in after life. Indeed, that it has been the means of their securing a position which without such education they could not have attained. With a view to assist in this object the committees of very many of the English Charities make it a part of their duty to interest themselves in the future of the pupils who have been educated under their care. This they do by obtaining for those whom they deem deserving situations in offices presided over or belonging to one of their number, who they are assured will act as parent or guardian to their charge, and by apprenticing or otherwise starting in life those who, being orphans or from other causes, may need more aid than is forthcoming from relatives generally. The practicability and success of such a scheme can be vouched for in numerous instances where it has been in work for years past; and were it necessary the records of some of our largest Charities would give ample evidence of the satisfaction derived from keeping an account of each scholar's proceedings in after life. It has frequently been found that a little advice, counsel or help has proved to be the starting point of success.

With regard to the Masonic Institutions, it has often been regretted that some further surveillance has not been exercised over those who have been so fortunate as to receive them in education and early training; and it is felt that without something be done to watch the future of those who leave the schools, and, if need be, lend them a helping hand, the work of Masonic Charity is incomplete. This want may perhaps best be expressed in the words of the Right Hon. Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, K.T., Past Grand Master of Scotland, who, as President at the Eighty-first Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, brought the question particularly before the Craft. The Right Worshipful Brother, in proposing prosperity to the Institution, after detailing the advantages and benefits which were derived from the School, said:—

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WE beg to draw attention to the ceremony (as per advertisement elsewhere in our issue of to-day), to be performed on Tuesday next, the 14th inst., by the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, viz., that of setting the memorial stone of the new Municipal Buildings at Reading. This undertaking will be of a very extensive character, the contract for the building has been taken at £44,000; it will embrace all the requirements that a town of the importance of Reading demands. The energetic Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Bradley, has made every arrangement for the comfort and convenience of the brethren, who can obtain return tickets, at a single fare, from Paddington and all the adjacent stations on the Great Western Railway. We hope the brethren will avail themselves of the opportunity of testifying by their presence the high estimation in which the R.W. Pro Grand Master is held by members of the Craft. For all who attend we think we may fairly predict a very enjoyable and interesting day's outing.

THE ELECTION OF SECRETARIES OF THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

AMONG the items of business set down for the next Quarterly Courts of the Girls' and Boys' Schools are notices of motion, by Bro. James A. Birch, as regards the future election and removal of the Secretaries of the respective Institutions. It is, doubtless, in the memory of our readers that at the time of the election, in July last year, of a Secretary for the Girls' School—to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Bro. R. W. Little—considerable comment was made on what appeared a most unfair condition attached to the exercise of a Governor's privilege as regards voting: it being, according to the rules of the Schools, compulsory on a Governor to attend personally in order to record a vote on this particular election. When we remember that the decision of matters of this nature are of universal importance, we can hardly imagine how such a law was imported into the code; for it is manifestly unfair to the general body of subscribers that any rule should so act as to be prejudicial to any particular candidate, or to the brethren of a certain district. That this is the case in the question at issue is evident. On the one hand, a candidate who may have the support of three-fourths of the Governors may be so unfortunate as to number only a few London brethren among his friends; while, on the other, brethren residing a matter of fifty miles from the place of election can hardly be expected to personally attend in order to record their votes. At the time of the election to which we refer, it was pointed out that country brethren, who felt an interest in the welfare of our Schools, would put themselves to the trouble of a journey on such important business; but the best reply to this was given by a brother, who then suggested that the vote should be taken in a midland town, which would tend to equalise the distance to be travelled over by governors, which would be as easily reached from London as from their numbers. For our own part we can see no good that arises from this compulsory attendance of the voter, nor can it be defended on any ground embracing either justice or equality to all subscribers alike. Country brethren form as strong a body of supporters to our Charities as do those of the Metropolis, and, as we pointed out at the time the question was under consideration, we cannot imagine why the former leave such an important decision as the election of a Secretary virtually in the hands of the latter. However, the first step towards the removal of the obstacle has been taken, and we have but little doubt of the result.

A PLEA ON BEHALF OF THE LADIES.

WERE we to canvass the wives of English Freemasons for their candid opinion of the Brotherhood, we fear the result would prove far from complimentary to the Craft. Nor do we think the ladies could be pronounced entirely wrong in condemning a society which so rigorously excludes them from its mysteries, and but rarely allows them a participation in its pleasures. As a rule the opinion entertained of the Craft by the wives of Masons is embodied in the one word—selfishness. If we consider for one moment, can we wonder at this? As a rule our Lodges meet eight times a year, on each occasion of which the head of the household is, rightly or wrongly, supposed by those at home to revel in banquets and every luxury of the season, while in not a few instances invitations to three or four other meetings during the year are added to the number of Masonic attendances, and all without allowing the wives any share in the pleasures that are usually provided. We frequently ask, when we see brethren taking so much care of the menu or other memento of the meeting, "for those at home," whether they seriously believe their wives are flattered by this mark of apparent thoughtfulness on the part of the husbands. We think not, but rather incline to the belief that the display of these "vanities" acts somewhat in the same manner as does the display of a red cloth to the eyes of an infuriated bull; and again we say, justly so. There are many persons who, from one cause or another, being debarred from attending our meetings, wish us to believe they would not put themselves to the slightest trouble to take part in a Masonic gathering; doubtless there are a few who really would not; but, on the other hand, there are very many who would, and do, whenever an opportunity is afforded them. On these occasions their opinion of Freemasonry is appreciative, and a repetition of the enjoyment is looked forward to with pleasure. But, we ask, why should these mixed assemblies be so few and far between? The summer picnic, or the winter ball are, as a rule, the only departures from our old hard lines, and even these little variations are recognised in only a few Lodges, but wherever they are undertaken we find them thoroughly enjoyed both by the brethren and the ladies who accompany them.

It may be urged that if we were to open the door of the banquet-room to the uninitiated, it would be but the first step towards the general participation by non-masons in our meetings, but of this, if the admission of strangers be restricted to ladies, we are in no way afraid. It is cer-

pleasures of the day would initiate them into very many of the Masonic virtues without affording them an opportunity of witnessing a division on any item of business of a thoroughly Lodge nature. One of the greatest advantages that might be expected would be their participation in the work of maintaining our Charities. However much may be said to the contrary, we are of opinion that it is around the festive board that the hearts of the majority of the contributors are touched; indeed, nothing is more natural than for a brother to sympathise with the less fortunate of the human race if the question is brought under his notice while he is participating in a few of the pleasures which are provided for our enjoyment. So would it be with the ladies, who, when once enlisted in the work, would show results as favourable as any emanating from the sterner sex. We are aware that many brethren look upon the introduction of this innovation as likely to prove fatal to the Craft, but, we ask, where can they point for any likely confirmation of their fears? Has the Boys' School suffered since the ladies were admitted to equal participation with the brethren in its annual Festivals? No; nor can we find a Lodge that has deteriorated since the ladies and brethren together enjoyed their summer outing or winter party; on the contrary, in all cases an improvement is manifest, which might be increased indefinitely if properly managed. We were lately told that we were fond of the ladies,—admitting this truth, we do not think it necessary to offer any defence for having said a word on their behalf. We err, if to err it be, in a good cause, and we do not think we are alone in our error.

Obituary.

It is with the deepest regret we have to report the death of Brother S. Pipes, P.M. of the Hartington Lodge, Derby, No. 1085. On the evening of the 1st inst., about eight p.m., he was taken suddenly ill in the street, a short distance from where his brethren were holding their regular monthly meeting, and although every attention was paid him, he shortly expired. The sad intelligence did not reach the Masonic Hall until about ten p.m., and the brethren, when the first emotions of their grief had subsided, rose in silence from the banqueting table and retired to their homes. Our deceased brother was deservedly esteemed, as a true Mason, one of the most genial and hard-working Masters that ever passed the chair; never absent from the Lodge except when prevented by failing health, or the pressing emergencies of his public or private vocations. He was known as a liberal contributor to the Charities, and to the benevolent objects of the Craft, in which he took so active an interest. His unassuming and kindly manner endeared him to all with whom he came in contact, and so pleased were the brethren with his rule that on retiring from the chair they subscribed privately, and presented him with a Past Master's jewel as a token of their esteem for the able manner in which he had discharged his duties as Master of the Lodge. His removal from amongst us is the subject of very general regret, and his loss will be deeply felt in that part of the great building where the G.A.O.T.U. had placed him to labour. We offer to his son and successor, Brother G. Pipes I.P.M., our heartfelt sympathy on the occasion of this sad and sudden bereavement.

THE LATE BRO. JOHN LAZAR.

From the *West Coast Times* we gather the following:—

"Bro. John Lazar was born in Edinburgh, on the 1st December 1803. He was the son of the late Mr. Abraham Lazar, clothier of that city. His father died at the age of fifty-two. His mother, who was a native of Germany, died in the year 1825. His parents left Edinburgh when he was only eighteen months old, and repaired to London, where his father engaged in business on the Stock Exchange, which pursuit he followed up to the time of his death. Bro. John Lazar when quite a young man was engaged as a commercial traveller for the firm of J. F. Pawson and Co., of Cheapside, and in that capacity travelled for several years over England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. A few years later he commenced business on his own account, as a silversmith and jeweller, at No. 5 Duke-street, Manchester-square, from which he afterwards removed to New-street, Covent Garden. He was married to Mrs. Lazar, his devoted partner in life, on the 2nd November 1825, and the good old couple celebrated their golden wedding in Hokitika over three years ago, when a large number of their friends met at the Empire Hotel, and joyfully celebrated the occasion. In the year 1836 Bro. and Mrs. Lazar left England for Sydney, by the ship Lady McNaughton, which made a passage of ninety-one days, but during that time there were 123 deaths on board, owing to a terrible fever which had broken out whilst the vessel was becalmed in the tropics. The passengers, after arrival were compelled to lay in quarantine for 112 days, Bro. Lazar himself having been stricken down with fever, and all hopes of his recovery abandoned. He lost three of his children by that sorrowful visitation, and has often referred to the appalling incidents of that eventful voyage in connection with his arrival in the colony. In Sydney Bro. Lazar took to the stage, for which he had formed a love in early life; he became very popular, and soon obtained the management of the Theatre Royal. In the year 1840 he left Sydney for Adelaide, where he leased the theatre in that city. In 1843 he again returned to Sydney. In 1848 he settled for the second time in Adelaide, leasing the theatre there in company with Mr. George Coppin. In 1851 he entered into business there as a silversmith, and often he has related many stories connected with his gold purchases in those days. Between the years 1851 and 1853 he held the office of Alderman, and in 1855 he was elected Mayor of Adelaide. To this high position he was three times returned by the citizens. On his retirement from the position of Mayor, he was presented with a testimonial, signed by the Chief Justice, the Attorney General, Judges, Barristers, Members of both Houses of Parliament, Aldermen and Merchants of the city, expressive of the estimation in which he was held, and of the high opinion they had formed of his able judgment in the administration of the business of the Mayor's Court, of which he was the founder, and in discharge of his many public duties. We may say that the name of John Lazar, as a Freemason, is known in every part of the globe. For many years past his name has been recorded amongst the great Masonic celebrities of the time. He was initiated into Freemasonry in Sydney in the year 1838. His remarkable oratorical powers and commanding address soon gained him prominence in the Craft. He was Deputy Provincial Grand Master of South Australia. He also held the same position in the Province of Otago, and in March 1871 was installed the Right Worshipful District Grand Master of Westland, under patent received from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, the Earl de Grey and Ripon. Bro. Lazar was one of the most able Masons of his day, and his consecration and installation ceremonies were the admiration of the whole Craft. The good old man has now gone to his rest at the ripe age of seventy-six, beloved by all classes of the community. It may truly be said of him, that he was one of Nature's gentlemen, an honest, conscientious, and noble-minded man, and one who will be missed in society for many years to come.

CITY OF LONDON ORCHESTRAL UNION.

THE first Evening Concert of the season 1879-80 was given in the Albion Hall, London-wall, E.C., on Wednesday, 8th October. The programme of instrumental music, which was carried out most successfully, contained the following items:—First Part—*Overture*, "Prometheus"—Beethoven—Orchestra; Grand Duo Concertante for Flute and Oboe—Kummer—Messrs. Toussaint and Shuckard; Solo Euphonium, "Sehnsucht"—J. Hartmann—Mr. Jones; Solo Clarinet, "Air varié No. 5"—Mohr—Mr. Hunter; Symphony, "Andante—Minuetto—Trio—Finale"—Romberg. Second Part—Grand Selection, "Melusine"—Hervé—Orchestra, with solos for flute, clarinet, horn, cornet and euphonium, by Messrs. Toussaint, Hunter, Pringuer, Sanderson and Jones; Solo Trombone, "Grand Fantaisie"—Nelve—Mr. F. Kennedy; Saraband and Gavot—"Olivia"—Roeckel—Orchestra; Waltz, "Immortellen"—Gung'l—Orchestra. Where all the performers were successful, it would appear somewhat invidious to make special mention of individuals; however, in justice to Mr. Jones, we cannot refrain from commending his ability in mastering so difficult an instrument as the euphonium, while Mr. F. Kennedy was equally successful with his trombone solo. The vocalists were Madame Kate Norman and Mr. Grimes. The lady's contributions were "In the Gloaming," "The Chorister," "Sing, sweet Bird," and "Forsaken;" the latter piece to our mind was the most successful, the audience were loud in their expressions of approval, when Madame Norman, in response to a call, favoured with "Home, Sweet Home." Mr. Grimes sang "The Macgregor's Gathering," and "The White Squall." We congratulate Bro. G. T. H. Seddon, the conductor, on the successful inauguration of a new season.

Charterhouse Club of Instruction.—The above Club of Instruction has resumed its weekly meetings, on Tuesdays, at 8 p.m., at Bro. Butt's, New Market Hotel, King-street, Snow Hill, E.C. Ceremonies only are worked.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the La Tolérance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, "Green Dragon," Maddox-street, W., on Wednesday, 22nd October. Bros. J. Hurdell I.G. 1348 W.M., E. Farwig W.M. 180 S.W., W. J. Burgess I.G. 1472 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. L. G. Langdon, G. A. Cundy, T. W. Cooper, E. Child, J. Paul, C. A. Woods, E. White. Second Lecture—Bros. A. Ginger, W. J. Burgess, W. C. Smith, E. Farwig, R. F. Potter. Third Lecture—Bros. J. Hemming, G. Festa, D. M. Belfrage. Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m. J. Hurdell Hon. Sec.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Justly Famous.—For more than *forty years* these medicaments have been esteemed the most efficacious remedies for *impurities of the blood* ever discovered. Experience has shown that they not only restore but also preserve health, removing all glandular obstructions, old sores and disorders arising from an impure state of the blood, and for pimpled faces, scurf and all scorbutic eruptions and blotches they are unparalleled. Their efficacy is unaffected by lapse of time, and as they keep good in all climates they should never be omitted as part of the stores of Ship Captains, outfit of emigrants, explorers and travellers of all kinds. They are an immense boon to all sick and afflicted persons.

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THE OLD CONCORD LODGE, No. 172.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—This Lodge, which appears in my lists of the past century, published with the "Four Old Lodges," as No. 349 (1770), meeting at Pon's Coffee House, Leicester Fields, constituted 1768, having only been traced back by me to 1770, I desire to supply this omission.

No. 324 (1756-69) *first* appears in the engraved list for 1765, being described as meeting at "Pon's Coffee House, Leicester Fields," though *without* date. Its actual seniority, however, may be very accurately determined, as it is placed *after* a Lodge dating from November 7 1764, and *before* one dating from November 15. The Lodge was similarly described in the Engraved Lists for 1766 and 1767. The list for 1768 is missing, but in that for 1769, whilst the foregoing description remains intact, the date of constitution is given as 1768.

If the Lodges—Nos. 324 of 1769, and 349 of 1770—are identical, and being alike described in the *last* list of one numeration, and the *first* of its successor, this is almost certain:—The present OLD CONCORD Lodge, No. 172, instead of just preceding on the roll its old neighbour, the CALEDONIAN Lodge, No. 134, is precisely 38 places lower down on the list, than its former junior.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

"UNIFORMITY OF MASONIC RITUAL AND OBSERVANCE."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The success which has attended the publication of the above work, and the prompt disposal of the first edition of 1000 copies, will of necessity compel the speedy issue of a second, and probably many other editions, and I am preparing to meet the requirements of the brethren to that end.

Will you kindly let it be known, through your pages, that it is my intention to ask Grand Lodge, at its next Quarterly Communication, to re-discuss the question of "Uniformity," and to carry into effect, or reject altogether, its unanimous vote of December 1869. With a view, therefore, to strengthen the arguments contained in the above work, and assist my efforts to obtain the object in view, by the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Preceptors, or by any other equally practical means, I should be glad to receive the opinions and suggestions of some amongst my many readers who take interest in the subject.

I thank those who have already sent me favourable notices and promises of support, and have no reason to believe otherwise than that amongst the many thousands who range under our banner there will be found numerous other earnest workers in the cause of Masonry, "pure and undefiled," willing to add the weight of their influence towards the proposed measure.

I refer brethren to your advertising columns for particulars of the work, and the means of obtaining same.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS.

12 High-street, Clapham, S.W., 7th Oct. 1879.

PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

129 High Holborn.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—"VERAX'S" letter, approving the R.M.P.A.F., is satisfying, as it forcibly illustrates the want of such a fund. One case is worth any number of surmises. Bro. Binckes and several others on high in the Craft could bring many such illustrations as that given by your correspondent. I am aware at the present time that 9 boys are being assisted in the opening struggle of the battle of life, they are just commencing. I am only sorry the Assistance Fund is not yet in a position to help "VERAX'S" case; still, judging from the *rapid* strides it has made, it soon will be. I hope "VERAX" will add his name to the list of Stewards, as will also many others of your readers.

Yours fraternally,

DICK RADCLYFFE.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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KINGSLAND LODGE, No. 1693.

The Kingsland Lodge is certainly one which bids fair to hold its own in Masonry. From its consecration, by Bro. Terry, in 1876, down to the present time, it has proved itself worthy to be ranked with the best conducted Lodges. Its Past Masters, and also its present Officers, are amongst the most energetic of working Masons, as also the Meeting which took place on Tuesday last, the 7th inst., at Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, was one which will be remembered by those members and Visitors who attended at the time appointed was 3 p.m., when the W.M., Bro. Trewinnard, took the chair, after which the minutes of last regular meeting, as well as an emergency meeting, were read and confirmed. The auditors' report was brought forward, and was found to be satisfactory, so much so that a vote of thanks was awarded to the worthy Secretary, Bro. C. K. Killick sen. P.M., for the very correct manner in which he had prepared the same. Lodge was advanced a degree, and Bro. W. J. Williams gave proofs of his proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened up, and Bro. Williams was duly raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., the ceremony being admirably performed. Lodge was resumed to second degree, and Bro. Mather P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Herts presented Bro. Henry P. Isaac, the W.M. elect, to receive the benefit of installation, and that brother accordingly took the obligation. Lodge being resumed to the third degree, Bros. Edgar Bowyer and E. P. Albert respectively took the Wardens' chairs. All brethren below the degree of installed Masters retired. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and the beautiful ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. A. H. Trewinnard. The Board of Installed Masters was closed, the brethren were readmitted, and they saluted the new W.M. He proceeded to invest his Officers as follows:—Bros. J. H. Hawkins S.W., A. W. Fenner J.W., J. Crosbie Treas., C. K. Killick sen. P.M. Sec., H. Hall S.D., W. Burtle J.D., N. L. Western I.G., Thompson D.C., Steedman P.M. Tyler; these brethren duly received the congratulations of the Lodge on their advancement. Bro. Trewinnard proceeded to finish the ceremony by giving the addresses, which he did in effective manner, eliciting the warm approval of the brethren, who testified their appreciation of his efforts by personal congratulations. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was very liberally provided by order of Bro. H. P. Isaac, the new W.M., and which was done ample justice to by the guests. The cloth having been cleared, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, which were heartily responded to, more particularly so that of the officers of Grand Lodge, with which was coupled the name of Bro. Albert, who responded in a brief speech, thanking the brethren for the cordial manner they had drunk the toast, and complimented the I.P.M. on the way he had inducted the W.M. into the chair. Bro. Albert also observed that the W.M. had taken great interest in the Craft, and he trusted the Lodge would continue to progress in the steady manner it had done since its formation; he was sure that Grand Lodge might well be proud of having such a Lodge under its banner. Bro. I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., prognosticated a brilliant future under so able an exponent of the mysteries of the Craft as Bro. Isaac had proved himself to be. The toast was very warmly received by the brethren. The W.M. in replying said they done him much honour; if spared, he hoped they would do him as much honour while in the chair as they had Bro. Trewinnard, the respected I.P.M.; he felt sure he should have the same kind co-operation of the officers of the Lodge in assisting him in performing his duties as the outgoing W.M. had received, and concluded an effective speech by thanking the brethren for the very warm manner they had responded to his health. The Visitors' toast was the next on the list, and was cordially received, amongst them being some well-known Masons; we append a list:—Bros. Albert P.G.P. P.M. 188, 439, 1017, &c, Vanderlin P.P.G.S.B. Kent P.M. 199, S. E. Moss P.M. 185, Littaur P.M. 209, McMillan W.M. 1365, J. A. Powell W.M. elect 186, Pratt I.G. 92, Roxby 193. Bro. Albert was the first to return thanks; this he did feelingly, commenting on the kind way in which the toast had been received; he congratulated the brethren on the unity which prevailed in the Lodge, and hoped this desirable feeling would continue. Bro. Vanderlin remarked that he was present at the consecration of the Lodge, and had watched with great interest its successful progress; he concluded by wishing its members every prosperity. Bro. Littaur, in an eloquent address, first paid a high compliment to Bro. Terry, its consecrating officer, and then expressed his approbation of the W.M., P.M., and Officers of the Lodge, thanking them for the intense fraternal feeling they had exhibited towards him as a Visitor. Bro. McMillan reiterated the opinions so eloquently expressed by the Brother who had proceeded him; he knew the W.M. would have a happy year of office from the unanimity which had been displayed amongst the members of the Lodge. Bro. Powell, in wishing prosperity to the Kingsland Lodge, considered it second to none; every one of its members were personal friends; he congratulated them on having so able a Master to preside over them. Bros. Roxby and Pratt followed, expressing their pleasure and thanks for the kind hospitality they had received. The I.P.M.'s toast was next proposed by the W.M. in feeling terms, observing it was to his kind, faithful and energetic assistance the Lodge owed its success. Personally, he had known Bro. Trewinnard a number of years, and always found him an honourable, steadfast friend, whose hand was guided by justice, whose heart was expanded by benevolence; an honour to the Lodge, and a diligent lover of the noble science, making all his pursuits correspond with the exact line of duty. He had now one of the most pleasurable duties that had ever fallen to his lot to perform, that was to place upon his breast a P.M.'s jewel as a slight testimonial from the brethren of the Lodge, and as a mark of their esteem; it had been well earned. Bro. Trewinnard could take it without scruple or diffidence. He hoped he would live for many years to wear it, as a token of their approbation. In responding, Bro. Trewinnard said he believed the brethren must be tired of hearing his voice. The present moment to him was one in which he wished he had the eloquence of Demosthenes to express his feelings in an adequate manner, but as he was not an orator, they would forgive him if he did not make a long speech. In a few well chosen words Bro. Trewinnard thanked the brethren for the present made to him, and promised always assiduously to assist the W.M. during his year of office for the welfare of the Lodge. The P.M.'s, Treasurer's, and Secretary's health were duly proposed and honoured, as were also the other Officers. The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close. The following brethren contributed to the enjoyment of

ELEANOR CROSS LODGE, No. 1764.

THE anniversary was celebrated on Monday, the 29th ult. In the interval that has elapsed since the consecration of this Lodge fourteen brethren have been initiated therein into the rites and mysteries of the Order, and five members have joined, making with the founders of the Lodge (fourteen), a total of thirty-three, so that the progress made since the opening of the new Lodge has been as satisfactory as the most sanguine could have desired. The installation ceremony took place at the Masonic Rooms, Abington-street, Northampton, and there was a good sprinkling of visiting brethren from the senior Lodge and from Lodges in distant parts of the country, the attendance including Bros. Butler Wilkins Deputy Provincial Grand Master, M. A. Boémé W.M. 1764 P.P.G.D.C. P.M. 360, J. T. Green P.P.J.G.W. P.M. 360, R. Howes P.G.T. P.M. 445, F. Grant P.M. 1330 P.P.G.D. Leicester and Rutland, C. A. Philips P.M. 1333, Hamilton W. Parker P.G.D. W.M. 360 and Treasurer 1764, J. S. Cumberland W.M. Eboracum 1611, J. H. Hale P.S.G.W. W.M. 737—and 455, C. F. Cox 10, W. Boxall 570, A. H. Cole-Hamilton 944 (Gortin), W. W. Wartnaby J.D. 1330, and J. J. Hart 360 P.G.S.; of 1764—Rev. S. J. W. Sanders P.G.C. S.W., Henry J. Atkins J.W., Rev. S. Wathen Wigg Chaplain, Henry W. Brown Sec. P.G.S., Henry Hill S.D., Henry Spoor J.D., George Ellard P.A.G.D.C. D.C., Eli Morris I.G., C. H. Frank Assistant Secretary, H. Hill Organist, J. W. Linnett Steward, W. Kirby and C. Dean O.G.'s, J. Manning, F. L. Cogan, George Butcher, T. V. De Denne, Brook, Sampson, T. R. Barnes, Rev. T. C. Beasley, R. Taylor, Stephen Dimbleby, Rev. M. Barton, S. S. Campion, T. Emery, Alfred Jones and R. Crofts. The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Boémé, in due form and with solemn prayer, and afterwards the Installing Officer, Bro. Butler Wilkins Deputy Prov. G.M. of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, attended by several Provincial Grand Officers, was conducted to the dais by the D.C., he was greeted with the usual honours, and after the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Wilkins proceeded to instal, according to ancient custom, Bro. the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders Prov. G.C. as Worshipful Master. The ceremony was performed in a most able and impressive manner, and the Worshipful Master elect then appointed and invested his Officers, Bros. M. A. Boémé P.M. 360 P.P.G.D.C. I.P.M., H. J. Atkins S.W., Henry Brown P.G.S. J.W., Rev. S. W. Wigg A.P.G.C. Chaplain, Rev. T.C. Beasley Assistant Chaplain, H. Parker W.M. 360 P.G.J.D. Treas., B. C. Frank Secretary, G. H. Percival Assistant Secretary, Henry Hill P.G.O. S.D., Henry Spoor J.D., G. Ellard P.G.A.D.C. Dir. Cer., T. V. De Denne Assistant Dir. Cer., E. Morris I.G., Manning and T. R. Barnes Stewards, Brook Samson Mus. Bac. Organist, R. Croft Assistant Organist, C. Dean and W. Kirby Tylers.

The investiture of the Officers was marked by one pleasing incident. When the Lodge was founded, the Officers agreed to present their jewels of Office (all of which are silver and inscribed with the name of the donor), and as joint stewards have been appointed this year, the additional jewel was presented by Bro. Barnes, to commemorate the installation of Bro. Sanders. Another presentation was made, to which more importance necessarily attached, as it was that of a P.M. jewel to Bro. Boémé, to whom the thanks of the Lodge were accorded. Bro. Boémé acknowledged the presentation in suitable terms, and said it had given him the greatest pleasure from the commencement to do what he could for the Lodge. The proceedings were closed in due form, and the brethren separated, to re-assemble afterwards at the Midland Hotel, where the banquet was held. Most of the brethren who had been engaged at the Lodge assisted at the banquet, the cover for each brother being marked by a daintily designed little card, bearing the hieroglyphical adage, "Birds of a feather flock together," the name being written on the feather. The *menu*, like the list of toasts, presented a study.

In proposing the first toast the Worshipful Master remarked that Masons had always been loyal, and had been petted rather than frowned upon by Royalty. For that, if for no other reason, the name of Her Majesty being coupled with that of the Craft, they ought to drink the toast heartily. The toast having been drunk with due Masonic honours, the Worshipful Master next gave "The Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master." There was never a time in history, legendary or historical, when the Craft had not the patronage of great men, and they ought to feel truly pleased to have at their head in England the heir to the throne. (Hear. hear.) He (Bro. Sanders) did not know that they had done anything to forfeit such patronage, although they had done nothing that Masons had not done in other countries, where they had not the same liberty and freedom of speech which there was here. The Worshipful Master next gave "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master; Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master; and the Grand Lodge Officers." One of these, the Earl of Carnarvon, was a man of whom they ought to feel very proud. He was no less distinguished as a literary man than as a politician, and whether they agreed with his political views or not, it was a pleasure to rank such a man amongst the governors of the Craft. The next toast proposed was "His Grace the Duke of Manchester, Prov. Grand Master; Bro. Butler Wilkins, Dep. Prov. Grand Master; and Prov. Grand Lodge Officers, Past and Present." The W.M. remarked that these were their nearer authorities, and for some of them they felt a little more than deference, a little more than the feeling natural to subjects. He asked them to drink to the health of their Worshipful Brother Butler Wilkins, especially as the Installing Master to-day. He (the W.M.) felt that a personal honour had been confirmed upon himself—although he did not mean it would not have been confirmed upon any one else—that Bro. Butler Wilkins should have acted as the Installing Master; but it was his (Bro. Sanders's) most ardent wish that the Deputy Grand Master should be present in that capacity, and he was very pleased when the request of the Lodge was acceded to. Those who had witnessed the manner in which the Deputy Provincial Grand Master had performed the ceremony must have been impressed by his earnestness and evident purpose all through it. He was an old, and they could now say a tried, friend. It was something when one of the "powers that be" condescended to come down from his lofty position to mix with them, and not only help them out of their difficulties, but enter into minute particulars, and place them in the right path. He was like one of themselves, and so they had more than esteem, even affection, for their Bro. Butler Wilkins, more so than for the Provincial Grand Master, if it were not treason against him to say so, especially in the presence of several of the Provincial Grand Officers, the health of all of whom he (the W.M.) asked them to drink. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in reply, said as this was the first anniversary of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, no one would have been more pleased than he should himself to have seen the Provincial Grand Master his Grace the Duke of Manchester honouring the Lodge with his presence. At the same time the brethren knew that the engagements of his Grace were so numerous that he rarely attended a private Lodge, though he generally made it a point of attending the Provincial Grand Lodge. But he (the Deputy Provincial Grand Master) held in his possession a patent from his Grace to act as his mouthpiece on every Masonic occasion during his absence, and he now begged to thank them, on behalf of his Grace, for the manner in which the toast had been received. As regarded the observations of the Worshipful Master in reference to himself, Bro. Butler Wilkins said that if in the past year, or previously, he had been of any service in forming or in helping forward the Eleanor Cross Lodge, he could assure them that that service had been freely given on his part, both from a sense of duty and from the love of Masony which he had at heart, and which he trusted he always should have, because he conceived, in his position in which the Province had placed him, it was his duty to render all the assistance he could for the furtherance of Masonry throughout the Province. It was only a short time ago, and could be calculated by days, when at the last meeting of this Lodge he stood before them to respond to this toast, and he then congratulated the Lodge upon its working during the past year. He was not going to bandy compliments again, as it might be thought fulsome, but this he would say, that he knew of no Lodge in the Province which during the past year had been better conducted than the Eleanor Cross Lodge. He would, however, offer one word of advice, one that he had given to older Lodges in the Province, as well as to the Provincial Grand Lodge when all the Lodges were assembled, and it was this: Although you may have been very prosperous in the past year, and look forward to prosperity in the future, take as your motto, "Quality before quantity." It was one of those things which, when Lodges were in a thriving condition, was sometimes overlooked, and sometimes the day came when they had to regret that they had not considered that question of quality. Having returned thanks for himself and the other officers, he said that it was his duty to propose the health of the Retiring Master on the last Lodge night, and he was very pleased on this occasion to propose "The Health of the Worshipful Master," who had been installed to-day. He had already said that it was very gratifying to him that he (the speaker) should have performed the ceremony, and now he might say that it was equally gratifying to him that he had been able to do so. He was the more pleased because he knew that their W.M. was one in whom the Lodge could place implicit confidence, and feel that he would thoroughly fulfil the duties he had undertaken to-day. The short experience they had had of him already, and the remarks he had offered in the Lodge since he had occupied the chair, should be sufficient to convince them that he was quite equal to the duties he had undertaken to perform, and that the Lodge would be as well governed as it had been during the past year.

The toast having received full Masonic honours, the Worshipful Master, in reply, said it was with considerable diffidence and hesitation that he rose to return thanks for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received, as well as for the unrehearsed accompaniment that followed. He felt, as he supposed all would feel who rose to the chair, that the honour that had been conferred upon him was a source of laudable pride. It was an honour in various ways. It was an honour, first of all, in that it was called the chair of King Solomon. He was one of those who, having read as much as he could lay hold of concerning Masonry, and having sought from all sources to trace the antiquity of Masonry, had come to the conclusion that Masonry in its essentials, was older than King Solomon; that, though King Solomon might never have occupied a chair of Masonry, yet he felt perfectly sure that there were guilds of Masonry in the time of that monarch, and that really the secrets of Masonry had come down to them from a time anterior to his. Therefore, it was a source of pride to any man to fill the chair of a Lodge representing truths taught so many years ago. It was a source of pride to him to be put in the chair of the Eleanor Cross Lodge. True its number, 1764, was somewhat low down on the list, but, when he reflected that the brethren of the Eleanor Cross Lodge were determined that the lessons of Masonry should be really and thoroughly carried out, and when he felt sure that the brethren around him were men in whom the principles of Masonry had taken deep root, and were anxious to show forth its fruits, not only in the celebration of its rites with closely-tyled doors, but also to men outside in the exercise of charity, he felt as proud of being the Master of No. 1764 as he could if it were No. 1. He remembered that he succeeded to the chair of the Lodge at a time when all his best powers would be called forth to equal in any degree the tenure of that office which had been held by his predecessor. The warrant had been handed into his charge that day, with strict injunctions to keep it pure and unsullied, and thus it was with some hesitation, and not a little nervousness, that he undertook a task which he could only expect to accomplish successfully with the kind help of all the members. He thanked especially Brother Butler Wilkins for the kind words he had uttered, and felt sure he should take them as most kind words. In all new Lodges there was the danger of making them a success, without thinking of the kind of success that was to be attained. They had during the next year a legacy of work, though they did last year a great amount of work in initiating fourteen brethren, and holding twelve large meetings, which surely represented, to any one who knew anything at all of

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Masonry, a great amount of work. They had on the books at the present moment two candidates for passing and five for raising, to say nothing of possible initiations during the year. That was something to look forward to, and yet he would fain hope that that would not be all they should do. His intentions for the year to come went beyond that. Their I.P.M. did something to initiate so large a number; he (Bro. Sanders) hoped to do something to educate those who had been initiated. A tendency to stop at the elements was calculated to produce a false impression upon the minds of some men, who got the idea that Masonry consists of going through certain routine duties, and too often there was just cause for that idea. But there were many more things in Masonry. To speak of nothing else, there were most admirable and instructive lectures which might be delivered; and through his teaching in the province of the Master, and with the help of the officers, he hoped to be able to instruct the brethren, not only in the words of the ceremonies, but in the interpretations of them, in some slight degree, in the coming year. Looking at all this—and he did not say it from any mock modesty—he did not think he ever felt such a sense of responsibility as he did at the beginning of this new year. It was a responsibility he felt very keenly, because he thought that the lessons in Masonry ought to be taught, and he should endeavour to instil them into the minds of the brethren, in order that they might carry them out, and show forth to the world the beauties of Masonry. Only the other day, a man, whom he would have very great pleasure in seeing in this Lodge, said to him, "Well, if I could only be shown that there was any good in Masonry, I would join." His reply was, that if there were only this one thing in it, here, whatever a man's creed, his politics, or his social position may be, all men can meet on the level and part on the square, and learn to appreciate each other; and that, apart from anything in the ritual, would confirm him in his attachment to Masonry. May we all, dear brethren, said the Worshipful Master, feel this in the coming year. May we all feel the importance of what our estimable Chaplain said at the opening of the Lodge, when he exhorted us to show forth to the world that we were brethren indeed, and that Masonry is something more than an empty name. I hope all will feel this most thoroughly, and try to put it in practice. My best endeavours shall not be wanting to make the Lodge a success, and if I am seconded by your kind efforts, I shall not fear for the future, but look forward with hope and confidence. To Bro. H. Brown was entrusted the toast of "The Masonic Charities." He remarked that Masons learned something of their duty from a book which had a place in every Lodge in England, and he trusted in every Mason's heart, the volume of the sacred law, which amongst other things said, "Hold fast that which is good." There were many good things set before them and they would not be doing their duty unless they held fast to them. And that same book said that "charity covereth a multitude of sins." That must be comforting to many of them. He did not mean that that applied to Masons generally, but only to the few who did err. A friend of his who certainly displayed some anxiety to become a Mason said very solemnly, "but what are the benefits?" That was rather a poser to him because he saw the light in which his friend viewed it. He however replied that the benefits of Masonry were many, but the principal honour conferred upon the Masons was not benefit to themselves, but the privilege of being able to benefit their fellow men. They already had three noble Institutions in existence, in the shape of the Masonic Charities, the fame of which was world-wide. They had been nobly supported; they had done a great work, but they had lately been taught there were other duties devolving upon those who supported them. The pupils of their schools received a spendid education, which fitted them for any position; and it was desirable that a fund should be started to assist them to gain positions where their education could be of service to them. For giving them the required aid the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund had been formed. He then appealed to the brethren in favour of this Fund.

Bro. the Rev. S. Wathen Wigg, in acknowledging the toast, said the Masonic Schools were not mere charity schools in the common acceptation of the term. He was sorry the common acceptation of the term—for the word was really grand—should mean a livery and a subservient position. But in the Masonic Schools the boys and girls were really well educated, and were fitted for any position in life. Those who gave to these Charities were performing an act which was twice blessed, blessing the doer and those for whom the act was done; and Masonry would not be so strong if they had not these Charities on which to expend their zeal and energy. They were a bond of union between all Masons. They could not do too much to make them what they ought to be, the grandest charities of our country. They could in this way show their sympathy in a practical way for aged brethren and for the orphan children of brother Masons.

The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. M. A. Boémé. He said he was sure he had only to name the toast, and it would be received with the greatest satisfaction. There was an old phrase of Pope's, "Welcome the coming, speed the parting guest," and that was the object of this occasion; to celebrate the fact that Freemasonry was ever new, ever young in the person of the Master elected, and at the same time to wish God speed to the Immediate Past Master. They had enumerated Bro. Boémé's good qualities many times during the past twelve months, each time with the greatest enthusiasm, and he thought the enthusiasm on the last occasion when they drank Bro. Boémé's good health was not less than on the previous eleven occasions. That was because they felt what a good Master they had had, how much indebted they were to him for his kindness in taking the Mastership at the outset, the expectations then formed being amply fulfilled, so that the motto he (Bro. Sanders) had ventured to put upon the toast list was thoroughly deserved—"He hath indeed better bettered expectation." The example he had set them both in the Lodge and out of it, and especially the example set to some of the younger brethren, was one they ought to follow. It was with considerable diffidence, therefore, that he (Bro. Sanders) stepped into the shoes of their I.P.M., whose example would be remembered in the Lodge for many years to come. He had governed the Lodge to the utmost of his ability, and governed the Lodge well. Witness the fact that during the past twelvemonths not once had he been called upon to hold out the olive branch between contending brethren. He (Bro. Sanders) hoped that in his rule he might be equally fortunate. He gave them the health of Bro. Boémé. Might he long be spared to come amongst them, and never have cause to regret having taken the Mastership of the Eleanor Cross Lodge. Bro. Boémé said he had already had the honour of having a presentation made to him, which he prized very much, and now he had received their kind congratulations in connection with the toast of his health. As the Immediate Past Master of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, it was a source of gratification to see Bro. Sanders now occupying the chair, and he was satisfied that the Lodge would be worked much better than it had been during his (the speaker's) term of office. He had been told that P.M.'s were more ornamental than useful. Well, he must say he was more ornamental now, having received two jewels from their Lodge, but he hoped during the next year to be of some little use to the Worshipful Master, as he should feel it a duty incumbent upon him to attend the meetings whenever he could do so. Whatever might be said about ornamental Past Masters, they did give tone to a Lodge, and he should personally feel a pride and pleasure in giving what assistance he could in the working of the Lodge, not only for the next twelve months, but as long as he was spared. Bro. Hamilton Parker proposed "The Visiting Brethren."

On that passage of Scripture, "Be careful to entertain strangers," he said he would like to put another construction—"Be careful to entertain brethren." He loved the word brother. There was something endearing in it more than any other word of the English language, except those other terms associated with home, father and mother. He had to welcome, in the name of the Worshipful Master and the members of the Eleanor Cross, all the visiting brethren, whom they were delighted to see on this occasion, and would be glad to see at any time, for whereever they met with a brother, and found him to be such, it caused their hearts to beat for joy, and they immediately felt at home. They had here to-night not only visiting brethren, but he might say celebrated brethren, representing different provinces. Bro. Grant said in going to the anniversaries of different Lodges he always met with the most unbounded hospitality and good fellowship, and usually met many old acquaintances, and made many friends. He had visited many Lodges, but he did not know that he had ever enjoyed an installation ceremony so much as he had that day. It was the first time he had had the privilege of being at the Eleanor Cross Lodge, and he hoped it would not be the last, for his own sake. The ceremony of installation was by far the most beautiful in Masonry, and it was performed by the Deputy Grand Master in a way that excited the envy and admiration of those who had gone through it before. The Worshipful Master, too, had been most eloquent, and thoroughly effective in his work.

Bro. Cumberland congratulated the Lodge on the manner in which the ceremony of installation had been performed, and, after alluding to the apposite addresses of the W.M. Elect to his Officers, went on to say that if men would but carry out the teachings of Masonry outside the Lodge as well as inside, they would not only be good Masons, and good men, but members of society. It was thought by some people that there must be something bad in Masonry because it had been condemned by some religious bodies, but when they saw, as they did this evening, clergymen of the Church of England amongst them, he felt satisfied that there was nothing in Freemasonry contrary to those teachings which begin with the Bible, and have for their goal the Grand Lodge above. Referring to the question introduced by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, he went on to say that though some of them might have friends whom they would like to become members of the Lodge, what they had to consider was whether those friends would be acceptable to the whole of the brethren, and whether they would be likely to bring credit upon the Lodge. He advised them to judge with candour, to admonish with friendship, to reprehend with mercy, and to carry out the teachings of Masonry in the noblest form, that of charity. Let them become life-governors or life-subscribers to the Institutions, and, if possible, go up to Grand Lodge as Stewards, so that they might see what was done with the money subscribed. No less than £35,000 had been raised last year, in a year of bad trade, in aid of their Institutions. In conclusion, he gave them a friendly invitation to York, where there were some interesting relics of Freemasonry, the tradition being that at one time a number of Masons used to meet in the Crypt under the Cathedral. Bro. Phillips next spoke in a congratulatory strain as to the working of the ceremony, though if he might be allowed one word of criticism, it would be to protest against the curtailment of it, though he supposed that was necessary, because some of the visiting brethren had to leave early. He approved of what had been said about making the basis of Masonry as broad as possible, but thought they should look upon their Charities as the outcome of the system, rather than point to them, in the first place, before showing that Masonry was an organisation amongst men for the sake of doing as much good as possible in the world. In closing, he said he had visited the Pomfret several times before, but coming to-day to the Eleanor Cross, he hardly knew where the one began and the other ended. Bro. Hale said he hardly considered himself a visitor, as he was with them at the consecration of the Lodge; had watched with interest its progress since, and considered it a great honour to be amongst them again. Bro. Cole-Hamilton thanked the Lodge for the welcome that he, a young and comparatively unknown Mason, had received there, and after a characteristic speech by Bro. R. Howes, who was delighted to see the Lodge with such a Worshipful Master, Bro. Cox briefly replied to the toast, apologising for the absence of his father, Rev. R. H. Cox P.P.G.C.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Wardens and Officers of the Eleanor Cross Lodge." He said that the Officers were old and tried friends, who had been repeatedly complimented during the year, and as most of them retained the same position, it might be expected that the working would be as good next year. All he asked of them was punctuality and regularity of attendance, and a thorough

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devotion to duty, and with those he was quite sure, from his knowledge of the past, that there was great success in store for them in the future. Bro. Atkins, the S.W., responded. He believed that during the Worshipful Master's year of Office every one of the Officers would be ready to assist him in every possible way, and it was to be hoped that at the expiration of another year there would be nothing but praise for the Officers. They would do their best; angels could do no more. Bro. Hamilton Parker having announced that the box for last year yielded £7 8s, a very creditable sum for so young a Lodge, the proceedings were brought to a close with "The Tyler's Toast."

The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by the performance of a choice programme of vocal and instrumental music, which had been arranged under the superintendence of the two Wardens of the Lodge, Bro. H. J. Atkins and Henry Brown. This went off exceedingly well, and gave additional *eclat* to the proceedings, which throughout were of an exceptionally interesting character. Grace before and after meat was sung as a quartett by Bros. Atkins, Emery, Croft and Brown. The programme included songs by Bros. Atkins, Brown, Emery, Croft, T. R. Barnes, H. W. Parker, George Ellard, Geo. Butcher, and instrumental trios by Bro. Wilkins (flute), Bro. Rev. T. C. Beasley (violoncello), and Bro. Brook Sampson (pianoforte). Thanks to the excellent taste and judgment of the Officers of the Lodge, everything connected with the celebration passed off in the happiest manner possible, and the occasion will long form one of "the pleasures of memory" to the brethren who were present.

METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1507.

THE brethren of this Lodge of Instruction, having acquired new quarters at the Moorgate Station Restaurant, held their first meeting there on Tuesday, the 7th inst., on which occasion the ceremonies of consecration and installation were rehearsed by Bro. James Terry, who was ably supported by the W.M., Past Masters, and numerous Officers and brethren of the Mother Lodge, as well as a goodly array of Visitors, the number present being about 80. The Lodge was opened at 6 o'clock, and the whole ritual ably gone through, Bros. H. Stiles and A. Kent rendering the musical portion most efficiently, and thereby adding greatly to the beauty of the ceremony. Bro. James Willing was placed in the chair, and the Officers were in due course appointed. The names of thirteen brethren wishing to join the Lodge were given, and on the propositions being put to the Lodge, they were unanimously accepted. Bro. Willing then proposed that the thanks of the Lodge be voted to Bro. J. Terry for the assistance and tuition he had that evening given them. More especially Bro. Willing desired to thank him for having devoted so much of his time in attending; he thought the least the Lodge could do was to confer honorary membership on Bro. Terry. This, although a poor recompense, was the utmost it was in the power of a Lodge of Instruction to give. The proposition was seconded by Bro. J. J. Michael, who added a few words complimentary to Bro. Terry, and on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously. Bro. Terry briefly replied, and specially referred to the support he had received from Bros. H. Stiles and Kent, who had, by their musical ability, greatly assisted him in the ceremony. Bro. Willing proposed that the thanks of the Lodge be recorded on the minutes to those brethren for their share in the work of the evening; which proposal was, in due course, unanimously agreed to by the Lodge. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed. A cold collation was laid for such of the brethren as desired to partake thereof, in the adjoining room, accommodation being here provided for eighty guests. The supper was served under the personal supervision of the proprietor, Bro. Kent, who is greatly to be complimented on the arrangements he made to render the meeting a complete success. In due course, Bro. Willing, who occupied the chair, proposed Loyalty to the Throne and devotion to the Powers that be, which toast, after a hearty reception, was followed by Bro. Terry proposing the health of the W.M. of the evening. Bro. Terry referred to the many services of Bro. Willing in the cause of Freemasonry, in which, as in his private life, he had earned the greatest esteem. Bro. Willing briefly replied, thanking those present for the reception they had accorded the mention of his name. Bro. Willing now proposed the toast of the evening. It was a subject of heartfelt gratification to him to find that the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction had acquired so high a position as to be able to secure the services of one of the most distinguished Masons of the day to come and rehearse ceremonies for the instruction of its members. The attention paid to the remarks of Bro. Terry was, he thought, sufficient to prove that his efforts were appreciated by all present, and he felt convinced that each brother who had attended had had ample opportunity of learning some part of the ceremony of which their previous acquaintance was imperfect. For himself, he admitted that he had received light on many points which before he had but imperfectly understood, and he felt that such must be the case, not only with the younger brethren, but also with the oldest Past Master present. He then referred to the exertions of Bro. Terry on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and concluded by saying that, whether as a Master, a worker in the Craft, or as the ruler of the Institution of which he is Secretary, Bro. Terry had endeared himself to the Craft. Bro. Terry replied in his usual form, pointing out the difference in the finances of the Benevolent Institution at the time he was elected to the secretaryship seven years ago and at the present time. The toast of the Visitors followed, Bro. Porter and others replying. Prosperity to the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, coupled with the name of its Secretary, Bro. W. M. Stiles, was, as may be imagined, heartily drunk, and after being acknowledged, was followed by the toast of the Press, replied to by Bro. W. W. Morgan jun. Among those present were Bros. W. M. Stiles Sec., Jas. Willing Treas., F. Fletcher, Leon Jacobs, A. D. Kerrell, John Hardell, G. B. Physich, B. Kauffman, E. F. Purdon, E. E. B. Kidder, J. Yeomans, Henry Stiles, D. Hatch, B. Edmonds, S. Ward, G. Cobb, A. Norman, P. G. Tombs, S. Beattie, W. Side, J. J. Michael, T. Gilbert jun., T. H. Dimsdale, John Douglass, C. B. Putland, S. Ormiston, John G. McEwen, M. Little, A. Hubbard, C. B. Fowler, C. J. Scales, W. Shields, W. Porter, R. T. Cook, W. Soden, E. Lloyd, James C. Smith, George J. Earney, C. C. Gibb, John Greenfield, H. E. Tucker, J. T. Rowe, Thomas P. Gower, James Strugnell, J. Terry, W. H. Gimingham, J. E. Humphrys, G. W. West, G. W. Saul, E. Van Carry, W. H. Paddle, &c.

Our notice of this meeting would not be complete if we omitted to give a brief description of the quarters this Lodge of Instruction has been so fortunate as to secure. The proprietor of the Restaurant has devoted the whole of one floor for the service of Freemasonry, and has certainly provided one of the best suite of Masonic apartments in the city. The Lodge room proper is capable of comfortably providing accommodation for 100, while the banquet-room adjoining would allow of that number sitting down. The ante-room is so arranged as to cut off all communication from the Lodge room with the outside premises, and generally the arrangements exhibit careful forethought thoroughly carried out. We would recommend the brethren of any Lodge who may contemplate removing to pay a visit to Bro. Kent, when, we feel sure, it will not be for want of ability on his part to provide accommodation if they go elsewhere. We believe that three or four more Lodges of Instruction can be accommodated, but from the eligibility of the situation, and adequacy of arrangements, we imagine that such will not long be the case.

FREEMASONRY IN STAFFORDSHIRE.

FREEMASONRY is often said to have been in existence from "time immemorial," signifying that it originated at a very remote period; and although much has been written on the subject, the real origin of the institution still remains an open question. What is beyond doubt is that the first Grand Lodge, the first Grand Master, the first arrangement of Lodges into distinct organizations, with fixed membership and under the sanction of warrants or charters issued by Grand Lodge, as we now have them, can be traced to the revival of the "art" in 1717, when four previously-existing Lodges united in forming the Grand Lodge of England. Notwithstanding the attacks made at intervals upon the Order, both before and since that period, Freemasonry flourishes in a more marked degree than at any previous time. At any rate, such is the case in England; and English Freemasons have something tangible to show as the result of their meetings and their "work." They have schools for the training of orphan boys and girls of indigent Masons, and a home for the support of aged brethren, their wives or widows, while in the province of Staffordshire an association has been in existence some years with the twofold object of aiding what may be termed the national Institutions and giving local educational assistance in deserving cases. At the beginning of the present year there were twenty-one Lodges having about 1,100 subscribing members. The Tudor Lodge at Harborne was added to the number in May last, and on Tuesday the brethren of the Province met at Wolverhampton for the purpose of transacting their ordinary business and consecrating the Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers, which is numbered 1,838 on the Grand Register of England. There were about 150 brethren present, the place of meeting being the Lodge Room at the Star and Garter Hotel. Bro. Æneas J. Macintyre, Q.C., was present on the occasion. The officials of the P.G. Lodge who were in attendance were the following:—G. Tudor D.P.G.M., W. Randall P.G. Chaplain, J. Bodenham P.G. Treasurer, J. Ingamells P.G.J.D., W. Needham P.G. Superintendent of Works, W. Vernon P.G. Sword Bearer, Thomas Bedsmore P.G. Organist, F. Huet P.G.P., J. B. Morgan, F. Bastick, John Clark, G. J. C. Broom, G. W. Walker, C. A. Frantz P.G. Stewards. The following brethren signed the Tyler's book:—F. James 539 P.D.P.G.M., Frederick Binckes (Past Grand Steward), F. Gough 726 P.D.P.G.M., F. Derry 482 P.P.G.W., Thomas Taylor 418 P.P.G.S.W., J. Walker 419 P.P.G.D., T. Cooke jun. 1060 P.P.G.S.D., W. Bayliss 539 P.P.G.J.D., Henry Kitson 526 P.P.G.R., J. L. Gibbons 353 P.P.G.S.W. Derbyshire, R. Dain 98 P.P.G.A.D.C., C. A. Newnham 419 P.P.G.S.W., John Steen 526 P.P.G.R., John Storer 726 P.P.G.S.B., Henry Lewis 526 P.P.G.S.W., J. L. Hine P.P.G.S.W. East Lancashire, T. B. Mundy 1039 P.P.G.C., J. Jacobs 482 P.P.G.R., W. J. Whittall 482 P.P.G.R., James Rogers 418 P.P.G.D., Joseph Rowlands 482 P.P.G.P., E. Brogden P.P.G.P., W. U. Graham P.M. 696, Richard Jobson W.M. 1060, T. H. Cope W.M. 1520, R. Gibson W.M. 419, J. S. Kennedy P.M. 1031, K. Macrea P.M. 624, John Pierpoint W.M. 98, T. Standford P.M. 347, Joseph Round P.M. 347, John Bryan W.M. 696, B. H. Brough P.M. 546, J. Sherwin P.M. 546, J. G. Bakewell P.M. 546, T. Arkinstall P.M. 662, Charles Bunting P.M. 456, Thomas Unwin P.M. 637, Thomas Turner P.M. 460, the Rev. E. C. Perry Past Master 726, T. Wardle Past Master 966, J. Beardmore W.M. 418, James Montford P.M. 418, James Wain P.M. 418, F. Higginson P.M. 419, T. J. Barnett W.M. 526, H. Langman P.M. 419, James Rowley P.M. 539, T. E. Fowke W.M. 726, A. B. Britton P.M. 601, J. H. Love P.M. 526, J. W. Walton P.M. 696, W. Glover P.M. 419, W. J. Barker P.M. 1792, T. Wardley P.M. 419, W. J. Boys P.M. 539, N. E. Parkes P.M. 482, W. H. Ward P.M. 482, J. H. Parkes P.M. 482, J. F. Pepper W.M. 482, Arthur Ellis P.M. 451, E. Tildesley P.M. 419, W. B. Tatlow W.M. 662, Lyons Wright P.M. 317, J. Thorburn P.M. 98, C. Round P.M. 347, B. C. Cale P.M. 539, F. Walton jun. J.W. 526, Thos. James 526, George Meanley 419, J. H. Sharp 696, George Skirving J.D. 696, B. W. Parshouse 499, T. W. Bibbington 499, E. Hyatt jun. J.D. 419, W. L. Armstrong J.D. 539, S. W. Smith S.W. 539, E. F. Schmedt 419, F. H. Taylor Organist 539,

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The Acting Provincial Grand Master opened the Lodge at noon, the Wardens pro tem being Bro. T. Taylor 418 and Bro. Derry 726, Bro. F. Napier Seyde officiating throughout the day as Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Macintyre said they had assembled to consecrate a new Lodge, and he was commanded by the M.W. Pro G.M. (the Earl of Carnarvon) to attend there to perform the ceremony. He then called upon the P.G. Sec. Bro. Cartwright, who gave information as to the formation of the proposed Lodge, and the members of the new Lodge having been arranged in the centre of the room, Bro. Cartright read the petition and the warrant, which set forth the name of the Lodge, and designated Bro. G. S. Tudor the first W.M., Bro. Charles Matthews S.W., and Bro. E. H. Thorne J.W. The warrant, which bore date 16th of July 1879, was signed by Lord Skelsmerdale D.G.M. The brethren having signified their approval of the Officers named in the warrant, Bro. W. Randall Chaplain delivered an oration, in the course of which he said the nature and objects of the institution were, or at least ought to be, known to every brother amongst them. Indeed, they could not take the very first step in Freemasonry without being acquainted with its nature and objects. He would therefore take it for granted that while the general character of the institution must be well known to them, there were some of the details which were worthy of attention, but which were sometimes lost sight of. He then alluded to the relationship of the different Lodges to each other and to the Provincial Grand Lodge, showing that there was a combination and a co-operation of all members of the Craft, from the Grand Master to the newly-initiated brother. This was one of the means of cementing and strengthening and keeping the members together. He then spoke of the constitution of the Lodges, showing that although they were all bound together there was in each Lodge a little kingdom perfect in itself, and each carried out the behests of the highest Lodge. He then referred to the obligatory and lasting character of the promises made by Masons, and yet, he said, they were such promises as all "good men and true" might make. The tenets and principles of Freemasonry yielded to none that had ever been promulgated to mankind, embracing as they did the highest duty towards God, loyalty to the Sovereign, and proper conduct towards their neighbours. The cardinal virtues stood at the very threshold of the temple into which men were initiated, and they were there as landmarks guiding them in all their actions. Their code of duty was very comprehensive, and yet it might be truly said that not one of their obligations militated against their civil, moral, or religious duties. So that if they looked upon it properly, Freemasonry was a religion—not merely something to be exercised within the sacred walls of the Lodge, but also to be carried forth into the outer world—and it gave him peculiar pleasure to be able to say that it was a religion based upon God's Holy Word. No atheist or mocker of religion could be a Freemason. So that their institution being founded on the volume of the sacred law, they could easily imagine that the ladder that rested on that foundation would guide them upon the principles of faith, hope, and charity, towards those immortal mansions which in their Masonic as well as in their religious creed they hoped to aspire to. One of the great beauties and privileges and most hallowed objects of Freemasonry was to cement together all classes in one bond of common brotherhood, from the heir to the Throne to the humblest member of the Craft: a noble army ready to stand up in defence of law and order, true religion, men's rights, and those high and holy principles which tend to the welfare of mankind. There was no particular religion on earth which was so calculated to bind men together as were the principles of that great Institution under which they were assembled that day. Freemasonry was open to men of all religions, if only they acknowledged the great first principle of the cause of God. After music and a portion of the Dedication Prayer, the Acting Grand Master gave the Invocation, and the Chaplain read 16 verses of the 2nd chapter of the 2nd Book of Chronicles. The Lodge board was then uncovered, and the ceremony was proceeded with, embracing the strewing of corn, the emblem of plenty; the pouring of wine, as the emblem of joy and happiness; and of oil, as the emblem of unity. Solemn music was introduced at intervals. The music included an anthem arranged by Bro. Bedsmore the P.G.O., who presided at the harmonium, and conducted the religious portion of the proceedings. The Chaplain offered the second portion of the Dedication Prayer, the Acting Grand Master constituted the Lodge, and the National Anthem was sung by all present.

Shortly afterwards, the chair was vacated by the Acting Grand Master, and Bro. Frank James P.D.P.G.M., proceeded to instal Bro. Tudor as the first W.M. of the new Lodge, which was done in a very able manner. The following Officers, in addition to the Wardens named in the warrant of the Lodge, were appointed and were invested with the collars and jewels of their respective Offices:—F. Walton Sec., Morgan S.D., Walker J.D., Graham I.G., Colenzo Tyler. A considerable number of honorary members, joining members, and candidates for initiation having been proposed, Bro. Tudor received the fraternal greetings of the brethren, after which the Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers was closed.

After a brief adjournment, the brethren re-assembled, when the chair was taken by Bro. Macintyre, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened. The financial statement having been read and approved, Bro. Bodenham was re-elected by the members present P.G. Treasurer, and thanked for his past services. Bro. Macintyre congratulated Bro. Tudor on his having again consented to accept the Office of D.P.G.M., and hoped he would long continue to hold that office. The following is a list of the other Officers appointed by the Acting Provincial Grand Master:—C. Fendelow 526 S.W., Joseph Rowlands 482 J.W., W. Randall 482 and E. C. Perry 726 Chaplains, T. Turner 460 Registrar, John Bodenham Treasurer, W. Cartwright 460 Secretary, Briggs 624 S.D., B. C. Cale 539 J.D., T. J. Barnett 526 Superintendent of Works, F. Napier Seyde 419 D.C., R. Gibson 419 A.D.C., Joseph Round 347 Sword Bearer, T. Bedsmore 1039 Organist, T. Unwin 637 Pursuivant, H. Bagguley Tyler. Bro. Cartwright read the report of a committee appointed at a previous meeting to consider the best manner in which to provide a memorial of the late P.G.M. the Earl of Shrewsbury. The committee recommended that a fund be established, to be called the Shrewsbury Fund, for the advancement in after life of exceptionally deserving and necessitous pupils on leaving the Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys, such fund to be administered by trustees hereafter to be appointed. Bro. Jacobs moved that it be recommended that such fund should be established, and that the trustees to be appointed should have power to co-operate with the brethren in London on the subject. This was seconded by Bro. James Rogers. Bro. Cartwright said the report of the committee had not been by any means unanimously adopted. Bro. Lyons Wright moved as an amendment that the question be deferred, and that the committee make a further effort to ascertain the feelings of the brethren of the different Lodges in the Province. Bro. Thomas Turner seconded the motion. Bro. Frank James thought it would be better to extend the advantages of the Schools to an additional number than to increase the advantages to those who were now attending the Schools. After some remarks from Bro. Binckes, the amendment and the resolution were both submitted to the meeting, and both were negatived. This decision does not indicate a want of inclination to support the object for which the committee was appointed; but it was explained that the Masons of the province had within a short time raised 500 guineas as a "Shrewsbury Fund," to secure the perpetual right to send a pupil to the Boys' School, and many are in favour of a similiar sum being raised to secure the right in perpetuity of sending a pupil to the Girls' School. Five pounds was voted to the Wolverhampton Hospital, £3 3s to the Wolverhampton Orphan Asylum, and £3 3s to the Rector of St. Peter's Collegiate Church for his schools. The Lodge having been closed, a majority of the brethren, still wearing their regalia, marched in procession to St. Peter's Church, and attended Divine service. Bro. W. Randall preached an appropriate sermon on the occasion from James i. 22,—"Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." Bros. E. C. Perry and T. B. Mundy also took part in the service. The collection realised £8 3s 2d.

In the evening upwards of a hundred of the brethren attended a banquet at the Star and Garter Hotel. The Acting P.G.M. occupied the principal chair, and what may now be termed the vice-chairs (Lodge business having been completed) were occupied by the newly-appointed Wardens.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday last in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. J. Joyce Murray (in the chair), the Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master), F. H. Ebsworth, Dr. Ramsay, W. H. Perryman, D. M. Dewar, S. Rosenthal, A. E. Gladwell, R. B. Webster, W. Roebuck, Richard Tyrrell, J. G. Chancellor, A. J. Duff Filer, W. F. C. Moutrie, H. Massey, George J. Palmer, Thomas Meggy and F. Binckes (Secretary). The committee made an annual addition of £5 to the salary of the foreign master; placed one candidate on the list for election in April, and granted an outfit of £5 to a late pupil of the Institution who had obtained a situation. A petition to apprentice one boy was deferred for further inquiries. This concluded the business of the meeting.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their monthly meeting on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall. There were present—Bros. Lieut.-Col. Creaton (in the chair), W. Hale, S. Rawson, C. P. Dilley, J. Brett, J. G. Stevens, J. Newton, C. Atkins, J. H. Leggatt, J. M. Case, Wm. Stephens, R. H. Giraud, C. J. Perceval, L. Stean, J. Kemp, J. A. Farnfield, Jabez Hogg, H. S. Burney, C. Lacey, J. Willing jun., Raynham Stewart, Edgar Bowyer, and James Terry Sec. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the finance committee's report was read and ordered to be recorded. Two deaths among the female annuitants were reported. One thousand pounds, to be added to the Male Annuity Fund, and a like sum, to be added to the Female Fund, were ordered to be invested in three per cent. consols. The Secretary reported that he had arranged for the supply of coals, at 25s per ton throughout the winter months, by a firm at Croydon. A reply to the Secretary's letter to G. Secretary, on the subject of office accommodation, was read, stating that the matter was being considered by the Premises Committee. The petitions of two female candidates were approved, and the names placed on the list. There were petitions from four male candidates, three of which were approved; the other was not passed as the rules of the Institution had not been complied with.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Monday, 13th of October 1879, on the General Business of the Institution; to Elect Sixteen Boys by Ballot, from a list of seventy-seven approved candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock (or after the general business is over) and close at Three o'clock precisely. To consider the following Notices of Motion:—

1.—By Thos. Meggy, Esq., Vice-Patron,

"That a Committee be appointed to consider the manner in which the scrutiny of the votes shall be made, both for the Election of Candidates and for other purposes, and to report to the next General Court."

2.—By Charles F. Matier, Esq.,

"That in Law 55, line 3, after the word 'seven' the word consecutive be omitted."

3.—By Jas. A. Birch, Esq.

Proposed alteration of Rule 71, sub-section 2, to read as follows:—

"The Election and Removal of the Secretary shall be vested in the General Committee; the Voting to be by Balloting Papers duly forwarded to each qualified Member, not less than fourteen days before the date of Election; such Balloting Papers must be signed by the party entitled thereto, and may be presented by a Member of the General Committee on his or her behalf at the time of the Election."

The Chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

FREDERICK BINCKES V.P., P.G. Steward,
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THE EIGHTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held in June 1880, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale R.W. Deputy Grand Master and Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire in the Chair.

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By order of the R.W.P.G.M.,

ROBERT BRADLEY, Provincial Grand Secretary.

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,, 16. W. H. Bazley	,, 15. A. M. Dawson
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It may have been thought that the United G.
Resolutions, being in their words and effects le
stringent than the radical Irish anathema, were
in their application a lesser grievance for the

which, we may at once set forth the erroneous manner in which they are often interpreted abroad by English Lodges.

The action of England following that of Ireland against the Grand Orient, and under the circumstances already alluded to, is one that should be defended on other grounds than that given in the four Resolutions. Since a Committee, composed of worthy and high Masonic Dignitaries of G.L., sat upon the question of the conduct of the Grand Orient, why not have made known their report on the law upon which they founded their resolutions? There can be no question that they knew well the subject upon which they had to report, since they did not seem to have wanted even any statements or explanations from that Grand Orient, which was brought within their jurisdiction for judgment. Knowing Masonic history as well as actual facts in France, they, no doubt, never expected to realise Masonic union by insisting on perfect uniformity of opinion, and that under penalty of excommunication.

It was consequently known to that Committee that ever since the Initiation (more than a century and a half ago) of the great astronomer Lalande, down to that of the Eminent Bro. Littré and a number of other eminent men, non-professors, not distinguished, of course, for their faith, French Masons have always professed to believe: "That toleration of difference in all opinions, religious and political, scientific and social, was a cardinal doctrine of Freemasonry, one that grows out of its organism and constitution, and one which is constantly alluded to in its own rituals; that a Freemason has a right to honestly hold any decided opinions on religion, politics, and even revolution, provided that he does not less esteem his brother who is equally sincere and decided in opinions directly opposite, and that, such a doctrine, so peculiar to the Order, was its great bulwark against disunion and discord; for it is not the differing opinions that are the cause of disunion and ruptures, but the want of that other cardinal doctrine or rather virtue: charity, brotherly love; that religion being taken as a system of ethics, and not as a particular system of faith or form of worship, is, by no means, superior to those mere teachings of Freemasonry; that, on the contrary, it may be proved that the latter have vastly more powerful influence upon the minds, and are, consequently, more fruitful than the teaching of any creed or Church; for they are imparted by a method and with a spirit which no creeds possess, and which tend to unity of purpose in the union of the whole human family; and that, finally, unity of men, diffusion of knowledge, brotherly love among them, and the practice of benevolence, are worth exceedingly more to Humanity than any creed, dogma, or glittering religious theory ever mooted.

Now, it was because there was every reason to believe that those distinguished Masons of the Grand Lodge Committee knew all this, and were thoroughly acquainted with the traditional principles and peculiarities of French Freemasonry—if peculiarities all these may be called—that much surprise has been felt at not seeing published a Report of that Committee upon the alleged breach of Masonic law committed by the Grand Orient. And it was with regret and pain that the latter saw it stated, in the Resolutions, that it had eliminated the G.A.O.T.U. from its Constitution, instead of its being said that *it* was only introduced, not very long ago, under peculiar circumstances, as an indispensable fundamental of the Order; and that quite exceptionally, too, if compared with the other Masonic Constitutions, to begin with, their own English ones.

It is to be presumed that the lack of some formal and exact law, having strict and determinate limitations in the matter, compelled the Committee to purely and simply adopt the Irish Grand Lodge's opinion, and act as it did, the *non scripta lex* argument being considered now-a-days, in most cases, too threadbare an one to be used seriously. In fact, the landmark theory would justify as well the French in their raising, in 1849, to a Masonic dogma the belief in God and the immortality of the soul, and to have it inscribed as the first article in their Constitution, and sworn to, as an essential condition for admission into the Order, as the same theory would equally justify others in not having any such an article in theirs, but, nevertheless, to vindicate the right of excommunicating the French Masons, for violating a landmark by attempting, in 1877, to cancel what they had themselves laid down, uncautiously some years before. But it is not the excommunication alone, it is the stigma of atheism attached to it, that aggravates the grievance. One thing, however, is certain, and should be generally known, and that is, while in an English Lodge an Atheist may be duly elected and initiated, and the fact be unknown to the Lodge, because no confession of his unbelief is to be forced from his own lips; such a thing has always been a material impossibility in a French Lodge, where it is the practice to examine publicly the Candidate as to his views and opinions on matters religious and social.

If some true and good French brethren, passionate lovers of peace and harmony, of mutual regard and equality of rights, on seeing the misconstruction put upon the act of the Grand Orient, the manner in which it was assailed, the disunion and rupture which it has been made the pretext of, did, in true Masonic feeling, express their regret at its having taken that step, however necessary it had become for the Government of the Lodges, those Brethren, at the same time, did not forbear to give vent to their surprise at the passive *rôle* played in the matter by the Grand Lodge of England, and to pronounce that part one of the most regrettable, on all points, for both parties alike. To build up a party or sect in Masonry, and to divide it hyperbolically into "supposed" believers and unbelievers, so to cause the Grand Orient to be looked upon, among themselves, as a Masonic heresiarch, is certainly not the aim nor the wish of English Freemasons; for the rectitude of intention and the propriety of action from the Grand Lodge of England should not be doubted. And yet, how to explain what has taken place? how to conciliate its manifest embarrassment in its irrational enactment of those perplexed and conflicting Resolutions, with the desire, with which it is credited, of elevating in the world at large, so far as is, in its power, the union and consideration of the Craft Universal?

Happily for the French Lodges, either from a want of forethought, or deliberately, nothing was enjoined by those Resolutions on English brethren, as to their visiting or not the Lodges of the Grand Orient. This was left to their discretion, or perhaps the Committee that drew up the bull were not afraid of any atheistical contamination for the English brethren entering French Lodges. So the latter have been and are daily visited, not only by English but also Irish and Scotch brethren, who are welcomed then with brotherly regard and Masonic cordiality. The French brethren convince their visitors that they have neither deviated from nor abandoned any of the true principles of Freemasonry; and they do so, not by words, but by Masonic deeds: friendlily introducing and assisting the stranger, feelingly relieving the poor and distressed brother.

The question of rupture between those governing Bodies and the Grand Orient appears, to the French Masons, to lie absolutely in a nutshell. They know that to a great majority of English brethren they are not so black as painted by that Excommunication; whose mischievous effects many, in England, see with sincere regret, and would instantly erase, if it depended on them. The same may be said of a great many of Scotch and Irish brethren; in fact, of all those who are acquainted with the real merits of the case. One of the Irish G. Lodge's Officers, writing to the Grand Orient, in November 1877 says:—"Personally I consider the Grand Orient had a perfect right to do as it did; and that the introduction in 1849 was wrong, and should not have been made in the Constitution. Our English speaking Constitutions have not any declaration of faith contained in them, such being confined to the Ancient and other Charges. I cannot but express my strongest opinion against the course taken," &c. &c.

It is manifest to any English Mason of experience, who is also conversant with the practice of examination of candidates in French Lodges, that there is a vast difference between that particular trial, in which all the brethren present join, in order to arrive, so far as is possible, at a real knowledge of the *morale* of the man for whom they are about to give a last vote for admission among them, and the process of admitting a Candidate who, of course, has been duly proposed and seconded, balloted for and elected, and to whom now they read (not to say spit out), more or less comprehensively, the Old Charges. To say that the mere recital of the old Charges, thus made to the Candidate, must be taken as a formal confession of faith from him, would be as preposterous and absurd as to hold that listening to a sermon is to endorse the opinions of the preacher and be bound by them. Why the Candidate, who is, by all outward signs, what is known as an honest and honourable man may be inwardly a rank infidel or a "stupid Atheist," going, *pro forma* only, through the ceremony of a Ritual and saying, parrot-like, the few words that are whispered to him, even those of the Obligation, without thinking, for one moment, that he is compelled to make known his own *belief or unbelief*, but at the same time, ready perhaps to boldly do so if he were called upon.

The Grand Orient, though fully convinced that the step it has taken to affirm once more, before the Craft Universal, the principle of liberty of conscience as a Masonic doctrine that does not admit of any restriction, is one that will work its way and prove of great benefit to the Order in years to come, yet that Body has, certainly not, the least desire to impose its opinion upon any one. Not even within its own Jurisdiction will the Grand Orient enforce its views upon that considerable question. The Council of the Order, through Bro. Caubet, one of its members, defined, on this point, its sentiments as follows:—

"To prevent any mistaken interpretation, it should be well to always remind the brethren that, under the law that now governs us, the suppression of dogmatic formulæ does not imply a defence of making use of them. Liberty of conscience required that the obligation of using those formulæ should be suppressed, as a binding one, because that obligation was in direct violation of the liberty of conscience of those that did not accept them. However, that same liberty of conscience exacts that those forms should remain optional, so that they may be used, according to the individual feeling of each of us; the silence of the law on this point being the right and guarantee of all. Free conscience being held the supreme Rule of our Order, and the fundamental security of individual dignity, it must not be overlooked that, in matters dogmatic, individual rights should be positively absolute, and, therefore a majority has no legitimate authority to impose its opinions upon a minority."

Strange as it may appear, our opinion is that if the Craft, could bear any religious and dogmatic interpretation whatever, the so-called "Haut Grades," would never have been invented as an excrescence of Freemasonry proper, being neither strictly in nor without it. Their creation and history, their Ceremonies and Symbolism, even the name they have still retained of Christian Degrees, all tend to show that it was precisely because there was no room for creed and dogmas in Craft Masonry that those separate Degrees have been invented afterwards so as to supply those who are of a religious turn of mind with something akin to Church, Ceremonies, Dogmas, Creeds, Lights, Vestments, &c., &c. Nothing would bear out the opinion that the founders of Freemasonry, desirous, as we believe they were, that it should be a great Cosmopolitan association, to effect the union and fraternal intercourse of men of all countries, had made the Initiation into it dependent upon any formal confession of faith, and resting upon any dogmatic principle. And in support of such an opinion we have the very "Book of the Constitutions," published in 1723, wherein such a declaration of faith is conspicuous by its absence, though the author was, by profession, a man of the Church.

It may be that, while there remained still inscribed in the laws of most nations in Europe a penalty of death by fire, or one of torture, against magicians, enchanters, sorcerers, Eastern astrologers, alchemists, sacrilegious men, &c., and that all secret societies were supposed to be composed of such men, Masons then thought it, in many countries, good policy to make, whenever they had a chance, a religious show outside the Lodge, such as carrying processionally the Bible from Lodge to church, &c.; thus allowing Freemasonry to inconsistently affect to be here Calvinist or Lutheran, there Anglican, Puritan, and even Roman Catholic. But that was then only with a view to its own security; that was to be allowed to live by toleration, to try and

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dispel that stamp of being suspect to all, and to win, if possible, now and then the good grace of both Government and Church. Surely, it cannot be said that the present circumstances of our Age of liberty of association, of thought and of action, exact now from us the obligation of doing what did, as it were, compulsorily, the brethren our predecessors.

This point, we think, is one which calls the attention of those of our modern Masonic writers who have undertaken the laudable task of clearing the History of the Society from false legendary speculations, inadmissible theories, and consistencies, fanciful laws of tradition, covered with the cabalistic word of "landmarks," all into which our Order has been dragged for so long by mystical dreamers, and that, too, to the great detriment of the character of real gravity of an Association that is one of the most useful and beneficent to mankind.

Meanwhile, the Grand Orient thinks that the proper time of Appeal has come. For much stress is being laid in some countries upon its having been charged and sentenced by some Powers as a contemner of Masonic law; and, in consequence, admission is being refused to Masons whose only fault is to belong to its Jurisdiction. They are in some places, looked upon as totally deprived, *ipso facto*, of all Masonic rights, and, as downright atheists, unworthy of being associated with. And, in many cases they have been simply sent back, from the door of English Lodges, by the Tyler, without any further examination or formality. Complaints have been sent to the Grand Orient, from various parts of the world, and many of them have been accompanied by application for Charter to create Lodges in those places where French Masons are not to be recognised at all. In the *Bulletin* of May last, is published a letter from the D.P.G. Secretary of Victoria, in answer to a French Mason's remarks upon the vexatious refusal of admission which he met with in that Province. That letter speaks for itself. There is no doubt that the grievance demands the prompt consideration of the parties interested.

The Resolutions of G. L. of England fall short, in application, of the intention of their authors; the third one is not acted upon, probably owing to its complex tenor, and the difficulty of producing a certificate stating that the applicant has been initiated in, or belongs to a Lodge "professing belief in the Great Architect of the Universe." No French Lodge will ever issue such a certificate. Besides, as has been already remarked, it is evident that if English Brethren are free to enter all French Lodges, as they do, without any distinction, there can be no reason whatever to exclude a section of French brethren, which is undistinguishable besides, from being admitted into English Lodges. French Masons must all be declined admission or all admitted.

The Grand Orient, faithful to its principles of tolerance, has hitherto done everything not to be compelled to yield to the provocation of widening the breach between itself and the Powers that have passed their sentence against it. Though empowered by the General Assembly to constitute Lodges in all territories, except those wherein exists a G. Lodge in *friendly terms* with the G. Orient, the Council of the Order have yet refrained from entertaining applications from all territories. Indeed it has depended upon the Council that at least three Lodges in London were not now working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient. Its only aim has been to allow time to show how mistaken and mischievous was the action taken against it. Willing to co-operate in every measure calculated to draw into closer union all the Brotherhood, it now asks the other Powers:—

What is to be done, in true Masonic spirit?
Well, to put the question only, is to solve it.

M. B.

PARIS, 30th September 1879.

RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE.

Eboracum Conclave, No. 137.—The regular meeting of this Conclave was held at York, on Thursday, when the following brethren were present—Ill. Sir Knt. T. B. Whytehead P.S., Int. Gen. Unat. as M.P.S., E. Grikat J.S., Cumberland V.E., Sir Knts. T. Humphries as S.G., Geo. Simpson J.G., M. Millington Prefect, A. T. B. Turner Recorder, L. Murphy H.P., W. P. Husband Herald, J. Ward, S. F. Bousfield, H. Jackson, &c. Bro. J. J. Wilkes, of the Restoration Lodge, No. 111, Darlington, having been elected, was duly installed a Knight of the Order. A draft code of bye-laws was submitted and agreed upon. Bro. W. B. Dyson, of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, was proposed and seconded as a candidate. Several letters of apology for non-attendance were read, and the Conclave was closed. The Sanctuary of St. Peter and Commandery of St. John were afterwards successively opened, and those degrees conferred upon Sir Knt. Wilkes. The members subsequently met at refreshment.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—A meeting was held on Friday, 3rd inst., at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, W. Present:—Bros. S. Goodin W.M., W. Hill S.W., E. Adair J.W., J. Kennard Treas., J. C. Hayes Asst. Sec., Cavé S.D., Easton J.D., Tassingham I.G., Rudderforth Preceptor, and a numerous attendance of members. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Tribbet as candidate. Bro. Goodyear answered the questions for passing, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and closed down to the first. Bro. Hill was elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday. Bro. Rudderforth has lately engaged in business that claims much of the time that he has hitherto devoted to this Lodge; consequently, a short time since, he intimated to the members he should reluctantly be compelled to resign the post he had held as Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction. Many of the members, bearing in mind the devotion Bro. Rudderforth had always shown to promote their comfort, deemed this a fitting time to make some slight recognition of the estimation in which they held him. Accordingly, Bro. Godden, addressing Bro. Rudderforth, said: It was with pleasure and regret he rose to perform a duty—regret that he had to undertake it at so early a period, as he had looked forward to being associated with Bro. Rudderforth as their Preceptor for many years, and he should have preferred that to some more competent brother should have been entrusted the presentation he was about to make. From the foundation of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction Bro. Rudderforth had exerted himself most strenuously to make it successful, and had had to contend with many difficulties. After recounting what had been achieved, Bro. Godden proceeded to the task he had undertaken, and that was to formally present Bro. Rudderforth with a substantial gold watch, which had been subscribed for by the members. This handsome gift was accompanied by an address, beautifully framed, which read as follows:—

TO BRO. W. H. G. RUDDERFORTH.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Having received, with regret, your resignation of the Preceptorship of the above Lodge, we, the members undersigned, express our sorrow that circumstances have necessitated your (we trust only temporary) withdrawal from a position which, from the formation of the Lodge to the present time, you have held with so much credit to yourself and benefit to us. Our gratitude for the valuable Masonic instruction we have received at your hands, and for the kindly consideration and untiring energy which you have always shown in imparting it, we cannot here fully express. As a slight token of our recognition of your Masonic worth, and the assistance you have rendered whilst working with and for us, we beg your acceptance of the present which accompanies this expression of our personal regard and esteem. Wishing you the success in your future career that you have achieved as Preceptor of this Lodge,

We are, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

Signed by the subscribers to the testimonial.

Bro. Rudderforth, on rising to respond, said he was at a loss for words to speak the sentiments of his mind, in thanking the brethren for their unexpected gifts. When he joined other brethren in establishing this Lodge of Instruction, he little anticipated it would ever become so great a success. Taking pattern by what he had seen done elsewhere, he, with many of these he now saw around him, went to work. At first they met with many discouragements, but eventually their seed fell upon good ground, and reflected credit upon their husbandry. Bro. Rudderforth then explained how circumstances had necessitated his tendering his resignation, but he trusted he might long continue his association with the members, by attending the Lodge as frequently as circumstances would permit. He urged upon his hearers to make their efforts unitedly; to pull well together; by that means they would ensure success. He spoke of the limited space they possessed for accommodating large gatherings, and drew comparison with many City Lodges of Instruction. He thanked the brethren for consulting his wishes as to what form this gift should take. He hoped he should live sufficiently long to wear out, not only the case in which the watch was handed to him, but to test the time-keeping capacity of the works after they had done service for many, many years. Our brother then related a characteristic anecdote respecting watches that had been presented by two comrades, the one to the other. It appeared some dispute arose, when the accuracy of the time each marked was questioned; high words ensued, and the quarrel resulted in both watches being thrown overboard,—the one to keep the other company. He hoped the watch so kindly presented to him that night would keep above water so long as he could hold up his head, and that his sons—who he should like to see join the Craft at as early a stage in their career as was possible—would ever value it as an heirloom. Bro. Rudderforth concluded by again thanking all most heartily. The Secretary to the Committee, Bro. Hayes, who had exerted himself most energetically in discharging the duties that devolved upon him in arranging for this testimonial, next had his services duly acknowledged, after which Lodge was closed.

Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585.—This new Lodge of instruction was opened on Monday evening, the 6th instant, at the Railway Hotel, High-street, Putney, under very favourable auspices. Bro. J. W. Robinson P.M. of Royal Commemoration Lodge was elected as the first W.M., and he chose for his Officers Bros. John Noble J.W. 975 S.W., John Featherstone 1656 J.W., George Bugler 975 S.D., J. C. Radford J.D. 1420 J.D., and Joseph Wright P.M. 1585, 1158, &c., I.G. Bro. Geo. A. Watkins Treas. 1585 was elected Treasurer of the New Lodge, and Bro. C. E. Goldring Macdonald Lodge 1216 Secretary. After verifying the authority of Royal Commemoration Lodge to open and work the Lodge of Instruction under their warrant, and some other formal business was transacted, the ceremony of the first degree was rehearsed by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Harry John Carter 1585, who is the Preceptor to the new Lodge. Subsequently a number of brethren were elected members. Amongst those present were Bros. P.M. Wm. Platt 144 and 23, P.M. J. G. Carter 1014, P.M. William Carter 141, R. W. Forge S.W. 1793, John Frost Sec. 1014, J. J. Holland S.D., 1011, H. Wildey Wright J.D. 1828, A. T. Trehearne 1441, Frederick Reed 1420, Isaac Kerby 975, George Simmons 975, Edward Ayling 975, Alfred Weston 1585, C. D. Blackford 1563, Henry Langley 228, and John Phillips 196. The formation of the Lodge has been most actively promoted by Bro. J. Featherstone J.W. of the evening, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded in acknowledgment of the trouble he had taken. The meetings will be held every Monday evening from eight to ten at the Railway Hotel, opposite the station, Putney.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 11th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. (Installation)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1612—West Middlesex, the Institute, Ealing (Installation)
1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore (Installation)

MONDAY, 13th OCTOBER.

Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
R. A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R. A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
K. T.—Faith, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
H. C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 14th OCTOBER.

SPECIAL PROV. GRAND LODGE BERKS AND BUCKS, Corn Exchange, Reading, 11
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
167—St. John, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
865—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1319—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1380—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-street, E.C.
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
686—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley
1545—Basildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1678—Tonbridge, New Public Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Williamson, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R. A. 789—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R. A. 537—Zion, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M. M. 152—Dover and Cinque Forts, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R. C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 15th OCTOBER.

General Committee, Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. (Installation)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8 (In.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-square, Pimlico (Installation)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
461—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1341—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
R. A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
M. M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 16th OCTOBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High street, Deptford
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1237—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
96—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Freemasonry, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
305—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
308—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
345—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
346—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Prosody and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
525—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Connemere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1269—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1367—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1432—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R. A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
R. A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
R. A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts

FRIDAY, 17th OCTOBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
607—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (In.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgw.
834—Kennington, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road (Instruc
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 186 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1383—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1442—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6
A. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-rd., at 8 (Inst.)
M. M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
R. C.—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate

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152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
247—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
[541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
983—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1006—Lord Warden. Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
1363—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
1614—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1775—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 5.30
R. C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 18th OCTOBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—Kings Cross, Metropolitan Club, 269 Pentonville-road, N.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Kent Lodge, No. 15.—A meeting was held on the 8th inst. at Freemasons' Hall. Present—Bros. C. Ginman W.M., Ball acting S.W., E. A. Wells acting J.W., W. P. Dukes P.M. Sec., J. Sleeman P.M. Treas., E. P. Barlow P.M. Steward, W. Hirst I.G., Beckett Tyler, J. H. Cambridge P.M., J. P. May P.M., T. Wrigglesworth. Visitors—Bro. J. Greenfield Treas. 1602, and others. The minutes of the last regular Lodge Meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was successfully taken for a new member. Upon motion by J. H. Cambridge P.M., seconded by Bro. Ball, the Old Lodge Master's chair was presented to Bro. Dukes P.M. Sec., who acknowledged the gift in feeling terms, promising to preserve the same in his family. The rest of the old furniture was presented to Bro. Beckett, the Tyler of the Lodge, whose fee for tyling was by unanimous consent increased. The Lodge was then closed in solemn form, when the brethren proceeded to the banquet, where all that could be desired was provided. In the course of the evening P.M. Barlow very earnestly advocated the gift of a considerable sum to one of the Charities in lieu of increasing that to the Benevolent Fund, and the brethren present not only expressed their intention to support him, but embrace the opportunity of attending a Masonic Festival with their wives and daughters.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At Bro. Maidwell's, 119 Leadenhall-street, on Thursday, 9th inst. Bros. Vesl W.M., Moss S.W., Da Silva J.W., King S.D., Woodward J.D., Maidwell I.G., Webb Preceptor; Ellis, Grammer, Biddle, Hogg, and other brethren. The second ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Biddle candidate. The whole of the sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Moss, assisted by the brethren. After the usual business, the Lodge was closed. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction by Bro. Ellis, of Nos. 27 and 933, on the fourth Thursday of this month.

Strong Man Lodge, No. 45.—A meeting was held on 2nd October, at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street. Present—Bros. G. G. Symons W.M., Halle S.W., Driver J.W., Follett P.M. Treas., A. A. Wing P.M. Sec., Horne S.D., Dean J.D., Balls D.C., Smith Steward, Humphries I.G., Steed Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Dyer, Vass, Defriez; Bros. Stanton, Smith, Jones, Dove, Nell, Cordingley, Stewart, Callow, H. N. Symons, Wood, Brown, Luck, Sharp. Visitors—Bros. Collbran 1567, Alais P.M. 834, Josey J.D. 1828, Willey 183, and Humphries 869. The Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer, when minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. H. N. Symons, a candidate to be raised to the third degree, was examined, found qualified, entrusted, and he retired. Lodge opened in third degree, when Bro. Symons was duly raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, the W.M. giving the Traditional History in a very impressive manner. Lodge was resumed, and Messrs. Dove, Allen, and Keiswell were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The Secretary read letters from several members expressing their regret, pleading their inability to attend, from various causes. Two candidates were proposed for initiation at next meeting. Lodge was then closed and adjourned until the first Thursday in November.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at the New Market Hotel, on Monday the 6th inst. Present—Bros. Fox W.M., Halle S.W., Patrick J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Pelikan S.D., Parkinson I.G. The usual formalities were duly complied with, and then the W.M. worked the first and second sections of the first lecture, after which the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fenner as candidate. Lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees. Bro. Halle was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Lodge of Lights, No. 148, Warrington.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms on the evening of Michaelmas Day. The W.M. Bro. J. Rymer Young was supported by a goodly number of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. D. W. Finney P.M. Prov. G.D. of Cers. designate as S.W., Dr. A. H. Young J.W., John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland Sec., Thos. Grime J.D., Archibald Crawford, Charles Skinner, John Pierpoint, Thos. Domville, &c., &c. Among the Visitors we noticed Bro. T. W. Ockenden J.W. No. 1512 and I.G. Lodge of Progress, No. 1768. The Lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and declared to be correctly recorded. The W.M. then announced that the second degree would be worked as an instruction, and he was exceedingly glad that they would hear it under most favourable circumstances. Their esteemed Secretary had brought with him a Visitor who frequently attended the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and he had kindly undertaken to work the degree. Bro. Ockenden, seated at the right of the W.M.'s chair, then went on with the ceremony, at the close of which he gave the "Six Periods of Creation." Bro. Skinner volunteered as a candidate, and Bro. Bowes discharged the duties of S.D. The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Ockenden for his kindness, and said that the correct and impressive manner in which the work had been done was appreciated by all present. Dr. Young having seconded the proposition the Lodge was closed.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—The first regular meeting of this Lodge for the season was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. M. Spiegel, who was assisted by H. Hymans S.W., R. Baker as J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., J. Benjamin I.G., N. Baum Steward, Woodstock P.M. Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Berkowitz, S. Hickman, H. M. Levy, O. Roberts, L. Alexander, M. Alexander, E. H. Hunt, A. Dodson, L. Lazarus, &c. Visitors—Bros. Constantine Burke 33°, Prov. G. Master for Jamaica, S.C., Superintendent for West Indies; T. Poore P.M. 720, Rowland 1612, Klingenstein, Grunebaum P.M. 1027, J. Lazarus W.M. 1017 P.Z. 188, Frankenberg 73, W. H. Pringle 174, G. B. Fletcher late 188, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, F. B. Potts late 188. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last regular and emergency meeting were read and confirmed. The name of a candidate for initiation was on the agenda paper, but he was not present. The W.M., in the course of the evening, gave one of the Lectures on the Tracing Board, much to the edification of his hearers. In consequence of the decease of the Treasurer, that post was vacant, and the brethren proceeded to elect a successor to the late Bro. Auerhaan; the result of the ballot was in favour of Bro. Lyons, who was almost unanimously elected. Appeals from two distressed brethren were considered and a small sum given in each case. Lodge was then closed. A capital banquet was supplied by the Albion Company, under the superintendence of Bro. Jennings. Bro. Spiegel presided, and in due course proposed the Loyal Toasts; Bro. Albert P.G.P. replied for the Grand Officers. One of the toasts to which especial attention is directed in the Lodge of Joppa is its Benevolent Fund. It transpired that though the committee had had, during the past twelve months, to consider some heavy claims, there was still a balance of over £1000 to the credit of the fund. Some donations were also acknowledged by the Treasurer as received that evening. The W.M. in proposing the health of the Visitors gave them a hearty welcome, and called on Bro. Constantine Burke to respond. Bro. Burke had great pleasure in replying to the toast proposed by the W.M., and so kindly responded to by the brethren. In their Lodge that evening they had visitors known throughout the Craft as representative men. He felt infinite pleasure at being present, and being associated with an Order which carries out its distinguishing characteristics in every part of the globe. Freemasonry was thoroughly appreciated abroad; its tenets were ably inculcated and practically demonstrated; and this cosmopolitanism made up for the severance of home ties and dissevered friendships by an universal bond of brotherhood. Through the great kindness of a friend, who on each occasion of his visits to this country, had endeavoured to shew him the fair side of Masonry, he was able to meet the members of the Lodge of Joppa that evening. In the small Colony of Jamaica, to which he had the honour to belong, there were at the present time 10 or 12 Lodges working under the G.L. of England. By all of these the character for universal brotherhood was sustained. He assured any of those present who might visit the West Indies that they would find this fully exemplified; by a fervent desire on all sides to uphold the best principles of Freemasonry. He reiterated his assurance that Visitors to any of the Lodges there would meet with a cordial reception. Bro. Thomas Poore also addressed the brethren. Bro. P.M. Alexander proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, and Bro. Spiegel, in reply, remarked that, in conformity with other shortcomings of the evening that had evidenced themselves, he would favour them with but a short speech. He thanked one and all for the way they had received the toast. In replying for the Past Masters, Bro. Alexander gave some capital advice to the younger brethren, how to sustain the honour and dignity of the Lodge, which he urged them never to overlook, as where that was made a paramount consideration the proceedings would always be conducted in an agreeable and satisfactory manner. The W.M. next kindly offered the toast of the Masonic Press for the consideration of the members, associating with it the name of Bro. W. W. Morgan, and, in the course of his remarks, referred to what he considered somewhat of an innovation which the conductors of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE were he thought inclined to support, namely, the attendance of the fair sex at some of our gatherings. Bro. Morgan, in replying, said he must plead guilty to the W.M.'s impeachment; he was fond of the ladies, and he was not averse to seeing them associated with us in many of our undertakings. He felt assured the members of the Joppa Lodge were with him in this; in fact, they had but to look around the room, and on each hand they would see a list of the names of those ladies who had so generously aided in establishing the Benevolent Fund which was so well known in connection with their Lodge. Bro. Morgan thanked the W.M. for the kind way in which he had referred to the efforts of those associated with the journal he represented, and assured the brethren their kindness would stimulate him to further exertions in the interests of the Craft. The other toasts comprised the healths of the Treasurer, replied to by Bro. Lyons; the Secretary, for which Bro. Albert tendered his thanks; and the Officers, which drew forth

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replies from Bros. Benjamin and Davis. In due course the Tyler was summoned, and he gave the parting toast. The W.M. had provided a musical entertainment, which was superintended by Bro. J. Benjamin. The artistes who assisted were Madame Nita Guyman, Madame Francis, who acted as accompanyist, Miss Blanche Grosvenor, and Bros. Prenton and Lovett King.

We append the programme:—

National Anthem—Solo, Madame Nita Guyman.
Song—"The Lost Chord," Miss Blanche Grosvenor.
Song—"Homeward Bound," Mr. Prenton.
Aria—"Robert toi que j'aime," Madame Nita Guyman.
Buffo Song—"I'm very fond of water," Mr. Lovett King.
Song—"Don't be sorrowful, darling," Miss Blanche Grosvenor.
Duet—"When the tide comes in," Madame Guyman & Mr. Prenton.
Song—"Wax Work Show," Mr. Lovett King.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, on Saturday the 4th inst. Present—Bros. Mullord W.M., Brasted S.W., D. Moss J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., McMillan S.D., Giller J.D., and Carr I.G., also Bros. Powell, J. Lorkin, Slaiter, Ross, Valentine, C. Lorkin, Yates, &c. All formalities observed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Valentine acting as candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by Bro. Giller; Bro. Moss worked the fifth, assisted by Bro. C. Lorkin; the sixth by Bro. Slaiter, the seventh by Bro. Powell. Bro. Brasted was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was awarded the W.M. for the excellent manner he had conducted the business of the chair for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. In returning thanks, the W.M. felt much gratified by the mark of respect paid to him for his endeavours to perform the duties of W.M., and inaugurated the event by placing the sum of £1 1s at the disposal of Bro. Powell, on behalf of his candidate for the forthcoming Boys' Election. The Lodge Votes were also voted to Bro. Powell. After which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—A meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held on Friday evening, 3rd Oct., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road. Bros. Thorpe W.M., Bryant S.W., Walker J.W., Taylor S.D., Drysdale J.D., Francis I.G., Terry Secretary, and Bros. H. Thompson, Larlham, Hatch, Stokes, Cars, Payne, &c. The Lodge having been opened in due form, the ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed, Bro. Stokes being the candidate. After which the second and third sections of the degree were worked by the brethren, Bro. Larlham being the Preceptor. Bro. Bryant was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, who appointed the Officers in rotation, and the Lodge was adjourned until Friday evening, 10th Oct., at half-past seven o'clock.

Portland Lodge, No. 637.—The festival of St. John, and the installation of Bro. E. Roberts W.M. took place at Stoke-upon-Trent, on Thursday, 2nd inst. There were about forty brethren present, including several visitors. Bro. Roberts was installed by Bro. W. T. Copeland, assisted by Bro. S. Smith. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. W. T. Beetenson S.W., David Smith J.W., D. H. Dunning Secretary, J. W. Thomas Treas., J. Perkins S.D., T. Stubbs J.D., T. C. Slaney I.G., H. C. Faram D.C., Johnson and S. Stubbs Stewards, Kingston Tyler. After Lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, provided at the North Staffordshire Hotel. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and the evening was spent harmoniously.

Lily Lodge of Instruction, No. 820.—The members held their first meeting for the season at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at eight o'clock p.m. on Monday. Bros. Hubbard W.M., Kyezor S.W., Fisher J.W., Phillips Preceptor; Bros. Rydon, Cockburn P.M., Downs Kennedy P.M., Dight P.M., and other brethren. This being the first meeting for the season, preliminaries were arranged, and a slight alteration proposed in the bye-laws, with a view to an improved condition of matters calculated to secure a larger attendance of members of the Craft generally. This Lodge has for many years enjoyed a reputation for imparting instruction to all desirous of going forward, and can proudly boast of having more P.M.'s as members than any other Lodge of similar numerical strength. Business being concluded, Lodge was closed in the usual solemn form, and the brethren separated until Monday at 7.30 p.m., when Craftsmen are invited to attend.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 8th October. Present—Bros. Wardell W.M., Greenwood S.W., Williams J.W., Clarke S.D., Fleck J.D., Butt I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Polak, C. Lorkin, Payne, Moss, Giller, Baker, Hand, Christian, Carr, and others. The business of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Hand as candidate. Bro. Moss worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections, assisted by Bros. Giller, Greenwood, Carr, and Christian. Bro. Greenwood was appointed W.M. for next Tuesday evening.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—Held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, 8th inst., at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street. Bro. E. Abell W.M., Tate S.W., Brown J.W., Knill Abell S.D., Hallam J.D., Fox I.G., Long Preceptor, and others. The second ceremony was ably rehearsed by the W.M., after which the lecture was worked, the questions being put by Bro. Brown, who has been appointed to work the Fifteen Sections on the 21st inst. On the Lodge being resumed, Bro. Tate was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, on which occasion the third degree will be rehearsed.

Grosvenor Lodge, No. 1257.—The first meeting since the vacation was held on Tuesday the 7th, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. J. I. Cantle W.M., T. Murley S.W., J. F. Pilditch J.W., Parker P.M. Treas., C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. Sec., R. Baker S.D., J. Smith J.D., C. G. Gumpel I.G., J. White D.C. Woodstock Tyler; P.M.'s Cox, Meredith, and a numerous attendance of the brethren. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Henry Von Joel, son of the late celebrated Herr Von Joel, answered the usual questions satisfactorily, and was raised to the sublime degree. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. J. A. T. Wild, and, being unanimous, he was duly initiated into the Order. Both ceremonies were perfectly and impressively rendered by the W.M. The Officers were equally perfect. The resignation of a member was received with regret. Among the Visitors were Bros. W. Williams 173, S. Copping 169, J. C. Welch 1329, Gibson P.M. 1420, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. At the close of the day's business the brethren adjourned to substantial refreshments, provided by Bro. A. Best and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The W.M. proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. With that of the Grand Officers he coupled the name of Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., who is a very old and respected member of this Lodge. Bro. Cottebrune, in an appropriate speech, responded. The W.M. had now great pleasure in proposing the toast of the newly-initiated Brother. In the course of events many brethren pass from us, and we are always pleased to have new members, men whom we can greet with pleasure. The Brother who had been initiated showed much attention to the ceremony, consequently he (the W.M.) was sure he would become a credit to the Order and the Lodge. Bro. White sang a very excellent song, accompanying himself on the piano, after which Bro. Wild responded to the toast. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. then rose to propose the next toast; he was sure they would respond to it heartily; it was the first time the W.M. had worked the ceremonies in their Lodge, and all had seen how impressively and perfectly they had been performed; his predecessors had done well, and it was gratifying to see him following in their footsteps; he required no promoting, and his ability as president all had witnessed. In fact, Bro Cantle was a W.M. they should all be proud of. After a song from Bro. Alexander, the W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Cottebrune for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received. He was pleased to hear expressions of approval from the brethren for his humble efforts; but he thought no credit was due to himself, as he felt every one who aspired to the chair ought to be able to work the ceremonies perfectly; his earnest endeavours would be for the benefit of the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, whom he said they were all proud to see; if they were lacking in quantity, they made up in quality. He would call on Bro. Gibson P.M. 1420 and Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 to respond. At the request of several of those present, the W.M. here sang, in splendid style, "Jack's Yarn," after which Bros. Gibson and H. M. Levy responded. They thanked the W.M. for the Masonic treat they had experienced by listening to his excellent working, and also for the admirable manner each officer had fulfilled his duties. The next toast was the health of the P.M.'s; the W.M. would try to emulate them; they were a credit to the Lodge, and every member respected them. One holds the responsible post of Treasurer, another that of Secretary, and while the Lodge had two such brethren it must be successful; his thanks were due to all the P.M.'s, individually and collectively; he would call on their old and esteemed friend and Treasurer, Bro. Parker, to respond. The worthy Treasurer felt it a great pleasure in having to reply to the toast; he had been with them from the foundation of the Lodge, and he hoped to continue among them as long as he was able to do so; he thanked them on his own behalf, and also on behalf of the Past Masters. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Officers of the Lodge. The brethren had witnessed a good specimen of their ability, more particularly might this now be said as it was their first appearance in their new line of characters. He was proud to say they were all proficient, and he hoped they would continue to attend the Lodge of Instruction, and thus prepare themselves to fill the chair, which he knew they all aspired to; he thanked them for their valuable assistance. Bro. Pilditch here sang a humorous song, and then Bro. T. Murley S.W. responded to the toast. The Tyler's toast concluded the evening's enjoyment.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—We have frequently heard the remark that there were very few places where Companions might obtain the knowledge necessary to the proper performance of the duties pertaining to the R.A. degree. On Tuesday last, the 7th inst., we visited the above old-established Chapter of Improvement, which met at the Jamaica Coffee House for the first time since the recess. The offices were filled by W. H. Lee as Z., T. Brown H., S. P. Catterson J., G. Walker N., N. Moss P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. G. P. Gillard as candidate. There were, beside the above, a goodly attendance of Companions, amongst whom Comp. A. J. Thomas Z. No. 7, W. Sayer No. 1185, J. Dixon 1189, who were elected members. A letter was read from Comp. White, Scribe E., stating his inability to attend through illness, and there were unanimous expressions of regret and hearty wishes for his speedy recovery. The Chapter was then closed in due form. From the character of the proceedings, first to last, we were convinced that here can be obtained all the knowledge it could be possible to desire. The place of meeting is centrally situated, and the Companions assemble at a convenient hour; the instruction is sound, and freely given. We were surprised to hear that they do not have an overcrowded attendance on each night of their meetings, which extends from now until the last Tuesday in May next ensuing.

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The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.—An emergency meeting of The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, was held on Saturday evening, 4th Oct., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. James Freeman W.M. presided; Bros. N. B. Headon P.M. and Treasurer S.W. pro tem, W. Catchpole J.W., E. Moody Secretary, T. Hamer S.D., C. Taylor J.D., W. Kibble I.G. The first business was to raise Bro. King to the third degree; he being a friend of Bro. Moody P.M. and Secretary, the W.M. vacated the chair in Bro. Moody's favour, by whom the ceremony was performed in a most able and painstaking manner. The next business was to pass to the second degree Bro. Edwin Charles Percy Stevens, a member of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, by request of the W. Master of that Lodge, The ceremony was, by permission of Bro. Freeman W.M. allowed to be rendered by Bro. J. Stevens, the candidate's father, by whom he was initiated in No. 1326, and who is a P.M. of this Lodge. It was agreed, on the motion of Bro. Greening, seconded by Bro. Cadiot, and supported by Bro. H. Thompson P.M., "That a jewel of the usual value be presented to Bro. J. Freeman W.M., on completion of his year of office." A discussion arose as to the construction of one of the rules, but any action upon it was deferred until the next meeting. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 7th October. Bros. Smith W.M., Barker S.W., Johnson J.W., Pavitt S.D., Brownson J.D., Power I.G., P.M. Musto Preceptor; also Bros. Slaiter, Rawe, Watkins, Keable, Dixon, Spencer, Andrews, and P.M. Myers. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Keable candidate. Bro. Andrews worked the first four sections of the lecture. Bro. Fyfe 182 was elected a member. Bro. Barker was elected W.M. for next Tuesday.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bro. D. Legg's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Thursday last, the 9th inst. Present—Bros. Gieseke W.M., B. Lyons S.W., Westfield J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Wallbrecht Sec., Patrick S.D., Clark J.D., Hine I.G.; also Bros. Pearcy, A. W. Smith, Nailor, Klein, and others. The usual ceremonial was observed. Bro. Gieseke vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Patrick, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Pearcy being the candidate. The ceremony of initiation was also rehearsed, Bro. Gieseke candidate. Bro. F. S. Nailor, of No. 174, was elected a member. In pursuance of notice of motion, the dues were raised, and Bye-law 12 was expunged. Bro. Lyons, the I.P.M. of the Mother Lodge, was appointed W.M. for next week.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Langthorne Lodge of Instruction, No. 1421, at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, on Wednesday, 15th October. Bros. James Boulton S.D. 1056 W.M., T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 S.W., B. Cundick P.M. 1421 J.W., F. Y. Latreille P.M. 1056 P.M. First Lecture—Bros. F. C. D. Fenn, W. H. Myers, G. F. Dix, M. Christian, A. Robbins, A. Carver, E. Williams; Second Lecture—Bros. W. G. Durrant, J. J. Berry, J. G. Defriez, W. Musto, F. Y. Latreille; Third Lecture—Bros. F. King, B. Cundick, T. J. Barnes. The Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock precisely.

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PROPOSED VISIT OF THE PRO G. MASTER TO READING.

ALMOST at the eleventh hour the ceremony of setting the memorial stone of the new Municipal Buildings at Reading had to be deferred, in consequence of the illness—which all our readers must regret—of Lord Carnarvon. Bro. Robert Bradley, Provincial Grand Secretary of the Province of Berks and Bucks, lost no time in communicating the intelligence, and used every possible precaution to prevent inconvenience by sending, on Friday evening, the 10th inst., to every Mason in the Province a copy of the following notice:—

PROVINCE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

In consequence of the sudden illness of Lord Carnarvon, the ceremony of laying the memorial stone of the Public Buildings in Reading, intended for Tuesday next, the 14th inst., is unavoidably postponed.

Lord Carnarvon is suffering from a very severe attack of gout, which makes it absolutely impossible for him to attend.

It is hoped that the ceremony may take place on or about Tuesday, the 4th November.

The Provincial Grand Lodge, summoned for the 14th October, will therefore not be held.

ROBT. BRADLEY,
Prov. Grand Secretary.

Reading, 10th October 1879.

The next day notice was sent to all other members of the Craft who there was reason to believe would have attended. It has not yet been *definitely* settled when the gathering will take place, but we believe we are correct in saying it will be on an early day in November.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A QUARTERLY General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Saturday last. Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes Bro. Thos. Meggy, Vice-President, moved—

"That a Committee be appointed to consider the manner in which the scrutiny of the votes shall be made, both for the election of candidates and for other purposes, and to report to the next General Court."

Several times, within the last few years a scrutiny of votes has been demanded, after the poll was declared, and such scrutiny has disclosed the fact that the declaration had been incorrect. There was evidently some laxity somewhere, and possibly the arrangements were slightly at fault. If a Committee was appointed to consider the arrangements, a plan might be framed whereby the declaration of the poll would be correct. The motion, which was seconded by Bro. John G. Stevens, was put and lost. Col. Creaton carried a motion recommended by the Building Committee:—

"That a dwarf wall be built on the south side of the Institution grounds, at a cost not exceeding £300."

Bro. James A. Birch moved, as a proposed alteration of Rule 71, sub-section 2, to read as follows:—

"The Election and Removal of the Secretary shall be vested in the General Committee; the Voting to be by Balloting Papers, duly forwarded to each qualified Member, not less than fourteen days before the date of Election; such Balloting Papers must be signed by the party entitled thereto, and may be presented by a Member of the General Committee on his or her behalf at the time of Election."

His proposition, he said, was intended to assimilate the form of voting for Secretary to that of voting for children to the Institution. At present the voting for Secretary was by personal attendance in London, which involved heavy expense on the provincial brethren. From his own province (Lancashire) it would cost a Life Governor £3, and as there were 3,000 Life Governors of the Boys' School this would represent an outlay of £9,000, which he thought would be better invested if given to one of the Institutions. It was said that there was a jealousy on the part of the London brethren on this question, but if there was, it was unbecoming of such a universal brotherhood. He did not believe there was this jealousy; the only jealousy there should be was an emulation in benevolent work. It was urged that if the provinces had the power of voting by proxy papers they might put forward an inefficient candidate, and thus sacrifice the Institution. He could assure the Court that the provincial brethren had a lively interest in the Institutions, and were not likely to sacrifice them. If they did, it was impossible that all the provinces could be united against London. He hoped the brethren would make the fair and just concession he asked to the brethren of the provinces. After the motion had been seconded by Bro. John Constable, it was carried by a majority of twelve.

Bro. H. Smith, Provincial Grand Secretary of West Yorkshire, gave notice that he would move, at the Quarterly Court in January, that the Court accept the sum of 1000 guineas from West Yorkshire for the purchase of a perpetual presentation for the Province. Bro. Louis Hirsch gave notice of motion for the Quarterly Court in January, in the words of the above-mentioned rejected motion of Bro. Thomas Meggy. The election of eighteen girls out of a list of forty-eight was then taken, and, at the declaration of the poll, the following was announced as the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on list	Name	Forward	To-day	Total
5	Deeley, Agnes A.	762	596	1358
48	*Bladon, Maud Eva	—	—	1352
17	Fellows, Charlotte Amelia (*last*)	546	802	1348
20	Kirke, Alice Clara	753	526	1279
26	Tipper, Mabel Harrison	389	876	1265
30	*Rogers, Beatrice Amy	—	—	1265
21	Lang, Margaret Ethel	672	581	1253
1	Sampson, Mabel Jane (*last*)	646	602	1248
15	Dawson, Alice Mary	475	756	1231
3	Keighley Harriott Geraldine (*last*)	459	766	1225
19	Hicks, Edith	858	348	1206
7	Hart, Eva C. H.	436	758	1194
13	Hill, Emily S. H.	480	699	1179
4	Allison, Ethel Frances W.	547	601	1148
40	*White, Adelaide Louisa	—	—	1118
44	*Wilson, Jessie Dalaval	—	—	1101
25	Pratt, Clara	436	636	1072
14	Wain Fanny Elizabeth	245	796	1041

UNSUCCESSFUL.

27	Wyatt, Mary Ann A.	75	930	1005
11	Parker, Annie Sarah	135	849	984
12	Check, Laura Sophia	360	598	958
9	Williams, Emma Eliza	557	355	912
23	Howle, Minnie	2	878	880
10	Cecil, Emily Alford	209	563	772
33	*Stewini, Alice Maria Louisa	—	—	429
43	*Harvey, Julia Maud	—	—	395
8	Priestley, Juliet S. H.	194	121	315
39	*Bridgeman, Rose Agnes	—	—	307
24	King, Emily Beatrice	77	192	269
45	*Hale, Florence Pauline	—	—	207
34	*Riley, Sophia	—	—	204
36	*New, Francis Jane	—	—	169
16	Evens, Mildred	139	9	148
31	*Oberdoerffer, Fanny Maria Ignace,	—	—	121
22	Hill, Annie Elizabeth	13	106	119
29	*Pelham, Rosa Pauline	—	—	108
42	*Mee, Kate Sarah	—	—	104
41	*Owens, Annie Adelaide	—	—	100
32	*Coales, Clara Eliza	—	—	90
6	Brown, Edith	40	24	64
2	Parker, Elizabeth Minnie	49	11	60
46	*Hodgson, Ada (*last*)	—	—	23
18	Gover, Annie	15	4	19
35	*Ashton, Ada Ellen	—	—	11

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47	*Bennett, Sarah Jane	-	-	-	-	—	—	6
38	*Deacon, Emily	-	-	-	-	—	—	2
28	*Drake, Mary Cranch	-	-	-	-	—	—	1
37	*Crow, Caroline Ada	-	-	-	-	—	—	—

* Indicates first application.

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers of votes, and to Col. Creaton for presiding, closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held in the large Hall at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. The motion by Bro. Thos. Meggy, Vice-Patron :—

"That a committee be appointed to consider the manner in which the scrutiny of the votes shall be made, both for the election of candidates and for other purposes, and to report to the next General Court,"

was first discussed. Bro. Meggy submitted that inaccuracies had been discovered on several occasions in the work of the Scrutineers, and he wished a Committee to inquire whether a mode of scrutiny of votes differing from the present mode could not be adopted. The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford thought there was the great objection to the motion that it had been rejected on Saturday in the Girls' Institution, and it was desirable that there should be uniformity in all the Masonic Charities. Bro. Raynham Stewart bore testimony to the care, honesty and fairness with which the Scrutineers had always performed their work. Bro. A. H. Tattershall thought that parties bringing forward such a motion should act as Scrutineers themselves, and see how the work was generally done. Mistakes occurred sometimes, but they generally arose from new brethren being on the scrutiny who were not used to the work. Bro. Meggy said he wished to be a Scrutineer himself, and it was in consequence of that that he had brought forward this motion. On a division the motion was lost. The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, in the absence of Bro. F. C. Matier, moved the omission of the word "consecutive" after the word "seven" in Law 55 of the Institution, line 3. The motion being intended to qualify a candidate if his father should have subscribed to one or other of the Masonic Institutions seven years in all, instead of seven consecutive years as at present laid down by the rules of the Institution. Bro. Woodford said that, without going into this question, as the Girls' School allowed the subscription for seven years to be for an aggregate seven, it was not advisable that there should be a different system in the Boys' School. On the ground of the desirability of uniformity he brought forward this motion. Bro. R. B. Webster seconded the motion. Bro. W. Roebuck opposed it on the principle that the Boys' School and the Girls' School were in different positions, there being more candidates and fewer vacancies in the former than there were in the latter. Many Masons attended Lodge for four or five years, and then did not belong to any Lodge at all for many years before their death. The children of such Masons frequently pushed out the children of deserving and energetic Masons at these elections. The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford said it did not follow, because there were more candidates and fewer vacancies now in the Boys' School than in the Girls' that it would always be so. There had been occasions when the contrary was the case, and it might happen again. The motion was then carried by a majority of 19. Bro. James A. Birch moved an alteration of Rule 71, sub-section 2, as follows :—

"The election and removal of the Secretary shall be vested in the General Committee; the voting to be by balloting papers duly forwarded to each qualified member not less than fourteen days before the date of election; such balloting papers must be signed by the party entitled thereto, and may be presented by a member of the General Committee, on his or her behalf, at the time of the election."

After repeating his statements made at the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School on Saturday, he said the Province of East Lancashire trusted it would be many years before they would be called upon to exercise the privilege they sought, for the eloquent advocacy of Bro. Binckes had tended to extend the prosperity of this and other Institutions. He had awakened in the hearts of the brethren the feelings which led to the prosperity of the Masonic Institutions, and he trusted that it would be many years before he was removed from the office of Secretary by any cause. Bro. Binckes sincerely sympathised with the afflictions of the fatherless and widows, and there was no one more eloquent or able to plead their cause. Bro. Raynham Stewart thought it inexpedient to make any alteration in the present law, after it should be framed by a committee with due consideration. Bro. H. Smith Provincial Grand Secretary of West Yorkshire, supported the proposition of Bro. Birch, and said that the privilege, if granted, would be used with caution, and that the London brethren, while taking nothing from themselves, would be giving a great deal to the Provinces. Bro. Binckes, replying to Bro. Stewart, said the expense of printing and posting the balloting papers would perhaps be £25, but as the election of Secretary would not be likely to recur every year he did not think the question of expense should be allowed to weigh in the consideration of the question. Bro. James A. Birch, in summing up, said the benefits of the Institution were not confined to any locality, and the interest felt in the Institution should be co-extensive with its benefits. The provincial brethren wished to exercise a privilege for the benefit of the Institution without the additional tax of the journey to London and the loss of two days' time being imposed on them. The motion was then put, and carried by a majority of 28 votes. The election of sixteen boys then took place, and at the declaration of the poll the following was found to be the result :—

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on list	Name	Forward	To-day	Total
43	Stone, Percy Herbert	512	1303	1815
60	Johnson, John Charles	—	1734	1734
45	Garstin, Paul Belmore	861	836	1697
21	Beckett, Ernest George	919	714	1633
3	Wait, Emanuel	541	1070	1611
56	Healey, William Henry	—	1603	1603
20	Hounslow, Herbert Rich	614	954	1568
52	Aspden, Albert Grice	—	1555	1555
54	Godfrey, Frederick F.	—	1528	1528
2	Wilkinson, Percy Charles	1289	234	1523
30	Wagstaff, Charles C.	199	1320	1519
58	Young, John Alfred	—	1510	1510
23	Henderson, John	929	575	1504
49	Murgatroyd, John Roebuck	—	1474	1474
16	Bazley, William Henry	400	1067	1467
5	Allin, Charles James Fox	1219	238	1457

UNSUCCESSFUL.

24	Thomas, John M. Alex.	575	881	1456
7	Parker, George Shadwell	1255	194	1449
9	Spalding, Edmund Purcell	765	678	1443
29	Colbeck, Frank	1065	348	1413
22	Norrish, Herbert	819	454	1273
18	Brooks, George Bertie	619	470	1089
10	Black, William	2	1073	1075
42	Seddon, James Albert	313	713	1026
62	Moore, Ernest Stambler	—	785	785
6	Barclay, Henry G. Hackett	676	51	727
72	Gough, E. A. Brinsmead	—	623	623
11	Scott, John Sheppard	375	242	617
19	Grave, Richard Arthur	358	234	592
27	Fellows, Herbert M.	49	542	591
38	Kennedy, Arthur James	316	169	485
61	Smith, William Henry	—	428	428
17	Gauntlett, George Fredk.	377	13	390
44	Shrapnel, A. E. Scrope	158	203	361
57	Saville, William James	—	356	356
51	Knott, Herbert Wilfred	—	351	351
32	Brown, Walter Boston	16	300	316
55	Hobbs, Robert Norton	—	310	310
73	Gee, Arthur Alban	—	263	263
4	Ridpath, Lovell Hope	234	19	253
15	Tracy, William	135	116	251
41	Coe, Albert Edward	102	142	244
36	Unwin, Fras. Arthur	57	185	242
13	Marshall, Philipson	101	122	223
69	Estlin, Charles Nathaniel	—	222	222
26	Wilton, Ernst Colville C.	166	40	206
39	Neville, Fredk. John	106	98	204
33	Fellows, Arthur	103	84	187
50	Thomas, Frank Robert	—	182	182
54	Richardson, Sidney Wm. F.	—	180	180
25	Crane, Harry Samuel J.	142	27	169
35	Goldsbrough, Jno. Tom	79	86	165
48	Lee, Sidney Edward	—	153	153
76	Wilson, William Leslie	—	135	135
46	Woolons, Walter H.	84	34	118
75	Gunnell, William Pearse	—	106	106
1	Cole, Alfred Thomas	42	49	91
74	Lucas, Edmund Charles	—	88	88
28	Steinhauer, George W.	5	70	75
68	Ibbs, Robert Leigh	—	56	56
70	Watson, William Renwick	—	45	45
77	Frost, James Bray	—	41	41
65	Ball, Edward Thomas	—	27	27
59	Webb, Charles Edward	—	24	24
8	Bell, James Herbert	22	—	22
12	Gay, George John	15	3	18
14	Read, John	2	2	4
66	Granger, Ernest Bloomer	—	4	4
71	Loveridge, Sydney Earle	—	3	3
34	Barker, Arthur	—	2	2
31	Hawke, Edwin Ernest	—	1	1
67	Laing, Herbert Lawson	—	1	1
37	Foot, William Robert D.	—	—	—
47	Mey, George	—	—	—
53	Pike, William Thomas	—	—	—
40	Pratt, Robt. Williamson	—	—	—
63	Sparks, Albert Edward	—	—	—

The proceedings of the day were brought to a termination with votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman.

It is gratifying to us to be able to state that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Past Senior Grand Warden, so far sympathises with the objects contemplated by the promoters of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund that he has forwarded a donation of £20 in aid of the movement.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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NEW CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 813.

THE installation meeting and regular Convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. Present:—Comps. W. Crawford M.E.Z., J. Wright P.Z., H. T. J. Cusworth J., Stillwell Treas., W. H. Main S.E., H. J. Gabb P.S., Gallant P.Z., James Terry P.Z.; also Comps. Odell, Boulton, G. Mustoe, J. Abbott, Atkins, Allardyce, S. George, Pierpoint, Sinclair. Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Comp. J. Wright P.Z. was installed as M.E.Z., T. J. Cusworth H., and W. H. Main J. These ceremonies were rendered by Bro. James Terry P.Z. in his customary perfect and impressive manner. The newly appointed M.E.Z. invested his Officers as follows:—Comps. W. Crawford I.P.Z., Tiddeman S.E., Gabb S.N., Stillwell Treas., Gabb P.S., Chicken First Asst. Sojourner. A ballot was successfully taken for the admission of Bro. Potter, No. 813, and he was duly exalted by Comp. James Terry P.Z. The M.E.Z. gave the historical portion, and the newly installed H. the symbolic. Comp. Gabb effectively acted as P.S. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. Comp. Gallant proposed, and the M.E.Z. seconded, that a jewel be presented to Comp. W. Crawford P.Z. for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair during his year of office; this was carried unanimously; also that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the M.E.Z. for his elegant gift of a handsomely bound volume of the Sacred Law. After this compliment had been acknowledged, the Chapter was closed until the second Thursday in January. A sumptuous banquet and dessert was provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford, that gave every satisfaction. The M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal toasts. Comp. Crawford P.Z. proposed the health of the M.E.Z.; every one knew his good feeling towards the Chapter. He hoped he would experience the pleasure of a successful year of office. Bro. J. Terry gave the recitation, "Daniel v. Dishclout," which drew forth roars of laughter. The M.E.Z. then thanked Comp. Crawford and the members for their kind expressions. So long as he had his health his services would always be at their disposal. The M.E.Z. then proposed the health of the newly exalted Comp. From the attention he paid to the ceremony, the M.E.Z. was convinced he would become a credit to the Order, and would do essential service to the Lodge in the future. This toast having been responded to, the M.E.Z. gave that of the Visitors, and Comps. Eves, McDougal, and H. M. Levy responded. The health of Comp. James Terry, who is welcomed, not only in London but in all parts of the country, was next proposed by the M.E.Z. Comp. Terry eloquently returned thanks. The New Concord Lodge was the first he saw consecrated, nineteen years since; he little thought then that he would ever be in his present position. Last year, when Comps. Gallant and Crawford asked him to assist them, he did so; they then had the help of Companion W. Smeed P.Z., who is perfect in Royal Arch Masonry. The present Z. was one who needed not his (Bro. Terry's) services; however, he should consider with pleasure the fact of his being an honorary member. The toast of the P.Z.'s Comps. J. Gallant and W. Crawford followed. With great pleasure the M.E.Z. would place on the breast of Comp. Crawford a jewel worthy his acceptance. He wished him health, long life, and prosperity. Comp. Crawford returned thanks for the valuable gift. After the kind remarks of Comp. Terry, he might say with pride that he with others were associated in the foundation of the Chapter; he had worked hard for their benefit, and on the present occasion he regretted the absence of their kind friend, Comp. Smeed, who in conjunction with Comp. Terry, that day twelve months had installed him into the chair. He hoped he might realise the wishes of the M.E.Z., and live long to wear their gift in the Chapter. He thanked them cordially for their kind expressions. Comp. Gallant was likewise pleased to respond to the toast. With pride he was about to wear a jewel for the first time—that was the Charity jewel. The other toasts comprised the H., the J., and the Junior Officers, and replies were given by Comps. Cusworth, Morris, Stillwell, and Tiddeman. The Janitor's toast followed, and the company separated, after expressing to the M.E.Z. the pleasure they had derived from this genial gathering.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

ONCE more the time has come round for the regular installation meeting of this Lodge, and again we have the pleasure of chronicling the doings of the members of the famous "Great City," and recording the advance in office of the various members who, in the few years that have elapsed since its foundation, have so materially contributed towards the work of conducting its affairs, and have thereby been the means of raising it to its present high position. On Saturday, the 11th inst., on which date the meeting took place, Lodge was held as usual at the Cannon-street Hotel, London, E.C., and was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. Freeman, about three o'clock. As is customary with this Lodge, an emergency meeting was held on the previous Saturday (reported in our last issue), in order to clear off all business previous to the installation; accordingly, there was nothing to occupy the attention of the brethren previous to the important ceremony of the day, beyond the confirmation of the minutes of the last regular Lodge and of the Lodge of emergency already referred to. These two items being disposed of, and the Lodge raised to the third, and resumed to the second degree, Bro. Jas. Stevens P.M. presented the W.M. elect, Bro. G. W. Blackie, for Installation. The W.M. Bro. James Freeman conducted the ceremony up to the formation of the Board of Installed Masters, when, in the presence of a large assembly of Masters and Past Masters, the newly installed Master of The Great City Lodge was placed in the chair of K.S. and, having been saluted in ancient form, received the congratulations of those amongst whose numbers he had been enrolled. The remaining part of the ceremony was ably completed by Bro. Past Master Headon, assisted by Bro. Past Master Stevens as D.C., and the entire proceedings were distinguished by an amount of orderly procedure and correctness of detail which is characteristic of all Masonic work in this Lodge. The concluding addresses, by Bro. Headon, were faultless, both in respect of diction and delivery, and the favourable comments made thereon were fully deserved. The W.M. Bro. Blackie also gave proof of his great proficiency by his manner of investing his Officers, and there can be no doubt that the working of the Lodge in the future will be at least equal to that in the past, which has gained for The Great City its wide-spread reputation:—The Officers were appointed as follows:—W. H. Catchpole S.W., Thomas Hamer J.W., Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain, N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer, Edward Moody P.M. Secretary, Charles Taylor S.D., W. F. Kibble J.D., F. T. C. Keeble I.G., G. Jenkins Organist, W. Baber D.C., R. Fendick and F. W. Potter Stewards, and W. Steedman P.M. Tyler. Propositions for initiation were taken, and the petitions of two distressed brethren considered, with the result of relief being afforded from the Samaritan Fund. Lodge having been closed, the brethren proceeded to the Great Hall of the Hotel, where the customary banquet awaited them. The festivities of the day were ably presided over by the newly appointed W.M., who throughout the evening successfully directed his efforts to bring the meeting to an early conclusion, at the same time taking care that all assembled should thoroughly enjoy themselves. At the conclusion of the banquet, grace (Non Nobis Domine) was sung by the musical artistes; and then the W.M., in brief terms, introduced the usual Loyal toasts. He considered that the Prince of Wales deserved their especial esteem, by reason of the great interest he took in the Craft, and in all that concerned the welfare of Freemasonry. With the health of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Bro. Blackie had the pleasure of being able to couple the names of two distinguished members of that body—Bros. Fenn and Simpson. Bro. Fenn, in replying to the toast, after tendering his thanks, said that he had been a Grand Officer for upwards of fifteen years, during which time he had always found the members of Grand Lodge ready to undertake their duties with cheerfulness, although at times they were of a somewhat arduous nature. He missed one Grand Officer from the meeting who might perhaps be said to have done more for the Craft than any other, and who, he thought, had won the esteem of all with whom he had had dealings. He referred to their esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, who he considered one of the few remaining links between Freemasonry of the past and present generations. Bro. Fenn then proceeded to dilate on his connection with the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, in connection with which Bro. Hervey had for very many years past occupied a prominent position. Bro. Fenn next referred to the work just issued by Bro. James Stevens, Past Master of this Lodge, advocating some steps being taken towards ensuring a greater uniformity in the ritual. Whether he intended his remarks to be taken as the dictum of Grand Officers, or whether as his own personal idea, we do not know, but we think he somewhat exceeded the limits of discretion when he stated that if ever an attempt was made to reform the ritual it would be a difficult task to know where to begin, and an impossibility to know where to leave off. Brother the Rev. R. J. Simpson Past G. Ch. followed, and tendered his thanks. Bro. James Freeman next rose. He had great pleasure in introducing the toast he was about to propose, that of the W.M. of The Great City Lodge. He was sure there was not a member present but was glad to see Bro. Blackie in the position of W.M. He had been connected with the Lodge since its consecration, and no one had worked harder than he. Bro. Freeman felt that, however good others who had filled the chair may have been, Bro. Blackie would go far to improve on them; he was also convinced that the brethren would support him, and co-operate in ensuring the success of the Lodge during the coming year as cordially as they had in the past. The W.M., after thanking the brethren, said he could assure them that, since the time he was first connected with the Lodge, which was at its consecration, and when he was seated with the collar of junior officer of the Lodge, he determined that his duties, in whatever position he might be placed, should be performed as near perfection as possible. The way in which he had advanced year by year led him to believe that he had succeeded in satisfying the respective Masters and the brethren also. The compliment of electing him as W.M. was the greatest the members could offer, and he hoped his deeds in the future would be of such a nature as to warrant the confidence that had been reposed in him. The next toast he had to propose was one that was always cordially received by the members of 1426—it was that of the Visitors. On the present occasion they had a goodly array of guests, to all of whom, in the name of the Lodge, he tendered the heartiest welcome. With the toast was coupled the names of Bros. Perceval, Pearson and Saul. Bro. Perceval, in the name of the Visitors, thanked the Lodge for its hospitality. Each time he had paid a visit to the Lodge he had noticed an improvement in the working. Bro. Pearson was very proud to see the present Master in the position he now occupies. The Great City Lodge had attained a position in the Craft which the W.M. was well able to maintain. Bro. Saul, after thanking the members, urged their attendance at the Lodge of Instruction, which was held under their sanction. If the brethren wished to advance in Masonry, and perform their duties creditably, it was necessary they should have tuition, and nowhere could this be obtained better than at the various meetings which were held from time to time in Lodges of Instruction. Bro. Poore was next called on. Having taken a small share in the instruction of some of the Officers he naturally felt anxious to see what they did. He was more than gratified at what he had witnessed and hoped they would go on

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improving. Bro. G. Thistle Thorne also responded to the toast. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, the Installing Master, and the Past Masters. Their Installing Master, who had that day so ably worked the ceremony of Installation, was entitled to his personal thanks for the very creditable way in which he had inducted him into the chair. He had never heard the ceremony better performed or more impresively than he had that day. Bro. Jas. Stevens—who was termed the Father of the Lodge, not only on account of having been its first Master, but also by reason of the number of candidates he had initiated during his term of office—as well as all the others, were deserving of their best wishes and heartiest support of the members. With regard to the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Freeman, he had worked zealously for the interests of the Lodge from the time of its consecration, having faithfully fulfilled the duties of Treasurer, Warden, and later on the important post of Master. The brethren, recognising his great services, had unanimously voted him a Past Master's jewel, and the W.M. now had pleasure in being the means of investing Bro. Freeman with it. He presented it in the name of The Great City Lodge, as a mark of the appreciation by the members of the way in which the duties of Master had been carried out during the past year. Bro. Freeman thanked the members for the kindness that had been shown him during his year of office. He had been amply repaid for any exertion he had made in having had so successful a term of Mastership. As the brethren were aware, he had, not long since, taken unto himself a wife. On his return from the country, after his wedding, he had found a very handsome tea and coffee service, the gift of the members of The Great City Lodge. He and his wife esteemed it greatly, as the gift of the brethren of the Lodge. In conclusion, he could but again express his thanks for all their kindness during the year of his Mastership. Bros. N. B. Headon and James Stevens followed. The latter considered the position of Master of The Great City Lodge was a position of which any brother might be proud. Bro. Stanway considered that he had but done his duty. The small services he had rendered to the Lodge were nothing more than should be done by every Mason. Bro. Seex concluded the list of Past Masters. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given from the chair. Bro. Headon, the Treasurer, thanked the brethen for the confidence they had reposed in him during the past year, a confidence that, he trusted, in the interest of the Lodge would in one important item be omitted for the future. Bro. Moody followed. If anything could repay him for the time he devoted to performing the duties of Secretary it was the kind reception he always met when his health was proposed. He was greatly indebted to Bro. Treasurer for the assistance he had accorded during his (Bro. Moody's) absence from England. Had it not been that Bro. Headon had looked after the affairs of the Lodge as he had done, the accounts and other matters could not have been presented to the Auditors as they had been. He pointed out that the thanks of the Lodge were due to the Auditors for the work they had undertaken, and, as he could vouch, so faithfully carried out. He was gratified to witness the prosperity of The Great City Lodge, and hoped that its condition would continue to improve year by year. He expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing Bro. Blackie in the chair; it was in consequence of the way in which the duties of Deacon were performed by that brother that The Great City Lodge so early attained a first place in the Craft. Bro. Blackie was universally recognised as one of the best Deacons ever found in the Craft. Bro. Blackie next proposed the health of the Officers of the Lodge, to which Bro. S.W. responded, followed by the J.W. The latter considered it a great honour to be an Officer of The Great City Lodge. He felt sure it was the desire of his brother Officers to do their duty, and as he felt that any Officer who had not satisfactorily discharged his duties should be passed over, he thought his own promotion was proof that he had satisfied the members. The Tyler was now summoned, and he gave the concluding toast of the evening. Among the Visitors were Bros. G. Bisset 405, G. W. Goulden 854, W. A. Frost 1728, T. Gittins 1056, W. Earl 1695, T. Poore P.M. 720, G. Thistle Thorne W.M. 1632, G. W. Saul 1201, C. J. Perceval W.M. 1607, J. Panton P.M. 749, 1365, F. Gleeark 1365, T. Eastgate 1563, H. T. Tiddeman 813, G. Black 859, W. L. Partridge 1445, A. Jamieson 1297, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, C. Lawrence 1804, J. Chapman 194, R. H. Pearson P.M. 1196, T. W. Hanson 1706, and F. Green 275. The musical arrangements of the evening were under the direction of Bro. H. Bertram, who on this occasion was assisted by Bros. W. Frost, Hanson, Kempton, and H. Frost (piano), with Mr. T. Harper (trumpet). The latter gentleman's performance was enthusiastically applauded, and on his second appearance an *encore* was demanded.

ROYAL MILITARY LODGE, No. 1449.

THE brethren of this Lodge held their annual meeting on Monday, 13th inst., at the Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Edwin Beer, the W.M., who was supported by his Officers, several visiting brethren, and a good attendance of the members of the Lodge. After the transaction of the usual formal business, the W.M. elect, Bro. H. Miskin, was formally presented for the benefit of installation, and the ceremony was performed on his behalf by the W.M. of the past year, Bro. E. Beer, who by this last act has again proved his aptitude for the office to which he was appointed twelve months since. In due course the newly appointed Worshipful Master invested the following brethren to assist him in governing the Lodge for the next year, viz.:—Bros. T. Blamiers S.W., G. H. Coates J.W., H. T. Naylor P.M. Prov. G.Sw.B. (re-elected) Treas., W. Price Sec., J. Vautier S.D., J. S. Evison J.D., W. Tyler I.G., Carter D.C., Jeffery and Howarth Stewards, Harnett (re-elected) Tyler. In investing each officer the W.M. explained their various duties, and gave a few words of encouragement, his remarks and the several appointments receiving general approval. During the ceremony Bro. P.M. Naylor greatly assisted by acting as Director of the Ceremonies, while Bro. Plant P.M. 31, who presided at the harmonium, materially added to the impressiveness of the ceremony. The report of the Building Committee in connection with the Masonic Hall being provided by the brethren of Canterbury was next presented, and a proposition made therein was brought formally under the notice of the brethren by Bro. Naylor. After some little discussion it was decided to let the matter stand over until the next meeting, in order that the brethren might have an opportunity of making further inquiry into the subject. Bro. Beer, the Immediate Past Master, was appointed to act on behalf of this Lodge as auditor of the building committee's accounts, and briefly thanked the brethren for so appointing him. The thanks of the Lodge were voted to Bro. Dr. C. Holttum, who had acted as Almoner for the Lodge during the past year, and on motion he was duly appointed to that office for the following term. The thanks of the Lodge were also ordered to be recorded to Bro. Anderson, who has fulfilled the duties of Secretary during the past few years. This ending the business of the day, the W.M. proceeded to close his Lodge, the brethren afterwards sitting down to a banquet provided by Bros. Shaxby, in a manner that reflected great credit on them. The various viands provided having been partaken of by those assembled, grace was sung by the musical party, which comprised Bros. Plant, Moulding, and Higgins, and then the W.M. proceeded with the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The first on the list, as usual, was that of the Queen, coupled with success to the Craft. This was followed by the National Anthem, and then was given the toast of the M.W. the Grand Master of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. In quick succession followed the toasts proposed in honour of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and other Officers of the Grand Lodge of England; Viscount Holmesdale the Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. Eastes the Deputy of the Province: with the latter was coupled the rest of the Provincial Officers past and present. Each of these toasts having met a hearty reception from those assembled, the I.P.M. Bro. Beer rose, and proposed the health of the W.M. In doing so Bro. Beer referred to the great services rendered by Bro. Miskin to the Lodge, and concluded by expressing a hope that he might be spared to preside over the brethren, the interests of whom, he felt, Bro. Miskin would ever strive to advance. After a song, the W.M. rose to reply. He first thanked Bro. Beer for proposing the toast in the hearty way he had done, and the brethren for having received it with such kind sentiments; and then expressed the pleasure it always afforded him to attend a Masonic meeting. His earnest wish was to see 1449 prosper, and stand on an equal footing with the other Lodges of Canterbury, with whom he trusted they would continue to work with that love and harmony which should at all times characterise Freemasons. The W.M. now proposed the health of his immediate predecessor in the office of ruler of the Lodge—Bro. Beer. In doing so the W.M. referred to the zeal with which the work of the past year had been performed, and with a result which was gratifying to every member of the Lodge. He and the brethren generally felt that Bro. Beer had performed his duty most efficiently, and to show their esteem they had subscribed among themselves for a testimonial, in the form of a Past Master's jewel, which he now had the pleasure, on their behalf, of presenting to Bro. Beer, with the sincere wish of the brethren that he might live long to wear it, and assist the Royal Military Lodge with his advice and support. Bro. Edwin Beer, on rising to respond, was received with applause, he briefly thanked the W.M. and brethren for their expressions of good feeling. Throughout his year of office he had endeavoured to carry out his duties to the best of his ability, and when he was convinced that he had done so to the satisfaction of the members generally, he was extremely gratified. He hoped that if any of the members of the Lodge should, by reason of their professional duties, be called away from the district, that success would attend them, and wherever they might be, they would enjoy long life and prosperity. In conclusion, he trusted that all who, in years to come, might attain to the position of ruler of the Lodge, would have as successful a year as his had been, and at the conclusion of their term meet as hearty reception as was now accorded him. In proposing the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge, the Chairman recounted the acts each had performed during their respective years of office, and pointed out that the present prosperous condition of the Lodge was in a great measure due to their exertions; brethren who had been initiated by one or other of the Past Masters of the Lodge were dispersed over all parts of the world, and he felt assured that their names, as well as that of their Lodge, would be appreciated for many years to come, and, it might be said, in every part of the civilized world. The toast of the Visitors was next proposed, and then that of the Masonic Charities was given by Bro. P.M. Greenwood, who briefly referred to the duty incumbent on every Mason to support, as far as lay in his power, those who, from unforeseen calamity, were forced to appeal to the bounty of their more fortunate brethren. Bro. W. W. Morgan jun., the joint Secretary of the Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, replied. He pointed out the praiseworthy manner in which the brethren of Kent supported the Schools belonging to the Order, and also the Institution by which the Craft provided for the aged who might fall into need, and then proceeded to explain the objects for which the Pupils' Assistance Fund had been started. He urged on the brethren of Canterbury to lend their aid in the furtherance of the objects contemplated, pointing out that each and all of the members could materially assist the fund by forwarding contributions, either of money or goods, in aid of a Fancy Bazaar to be held in London in June or July next, on behalf of the Fund. As a result of his appeal Bro. P.M. Naylor promised his services as Steward for the occasion, and other members offered to contribute, or in other ways work for the benefit of the cause. Bro. Beer, by permission of the W.M. now proposed the health of the Treasurer, pointing out the benefit that must always accrue to any

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Lodge whose funds were taken care of by so painstaking a brother as Past Master Naylor. He was gratified that the brethren had recorded their votes in favour of Bro. Naylor's re-election, and he hoped that for many years to come not only that a similar compliment would be paid, but that Bro. Naylor would be among them and able to perform the duties attached to the office. Bro. Naylor, in the course of his reply, detailed the various items in connection with the accounts of the Lodge, and pointed out to the brethren their financial position in regard to the Masonic Temple that was in course of construction in the city. He heartily thanked them for their kind expressions, and hoped he might be among them and retain their confidence for many years to come. Bro. Naylor then proposed success to the Press, both Local and Masonic, coupling with the toast the names of Bro. Cattelle, as representative of the Local, and of Bro. Morgan, in connection with the Masonic journals. Each of these brethren replied, assuring the brethren that they were at all times happy to do any thing likely to advance Freemasonry or the interests of its members. Bro. Senior Warden proposed the health of the host, Bro. Shaxby, and that brother having briefly replied, the toast of the Officers was given from the chair. The W.M. felt assured that he might rely on all of the brethren who had that day been appointed to office, and hoped that, in due course, they would each be elected to the proud position he then occupied. In reply to the toast, Bro. Blamiers, the S.W., tendered a few words of thanks on behalf of himself and fellow Officers. This concluded the various items usually observed at Masonic gatherings, and accordingly the Tyler was called, and he proposed the usual closing toast. In addition to those already mentioned there were present, Bros. Major Philip H. Knight P.M. 31, E. Plume P.M. 972, H. Minell P.M., W. J. Greenwood P.M. 1449 P.P.G.P., C. Holttum P.M. 31 P.P.G. Supt of Works, several members, and the following visitors:—Bros. John Overy Eve I.P.M. 1209, Geo. Page P.M. 1209 P.P.G.J.D., H. E. Fuhr P.M. 1208, J. H. Higgins 972, H. F. Pringuer 972, R. Ewell 31, John Wilson 972, W. H. Vile S.W. 972, C. J. Ayton W.M. 1209, H. Ward 586, 622, 1112, G. Pilcher P.M. 972, John Secra P.M. 972, A. Moulding 972, J. Holmes P.M. 1208, Davies 1043, G. Fred. Harris P.M., &c., H. Sutton 1110, A. Taylor I.P.M. 1110, J. Welsh P.M. 972, G. H. Chexfield W.M. 127, J. A. Goldfinch P.M. 1273, R. W. Philpott J.W. 1208, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, Alf. Cattelle J.D. 31, &c.

WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 1612.

IN our youthful days we were deeply impressed with the lively doings of an old gentleman whose qualities were always summed up by those of his acquaintance with whom we associated in the one expression—"He is a capital fellow for a dinner party." We may perhaps be pardoned if we attempt to trace a resemblance of expression and idea in the remark we hear frequently now-a-days, that So and So is the brother for an installation meeting. Well, Brother So and So has had a good time of it this past week, as our record of Installation Meetings will testify. But the printer's "devil" is at our elbow, and tells us we must "cut it short," as "the paper is already overset." Well, "devil," we'll leave our "damnable faces" and begin. The place of assembly on Saturday last was at the Ealing Institute, where the brethren congregated at 2.30. The chair was taken by Bro. Thomas Kingston, who was supported by Bro. A. Beasley I.P.M., all the Officers of the Lodge, and the following Visitors:—Samuel T. Kingston S.D. 1269, Walter Goss P.M. 780, H. J. Alexander W.M. 1423, A. E. Hannis D.C. 771, D. W. Harrison S.D. 1681, W. W. Trueman J.D. 1566, T. Youens W.M. 1287, T. Brown P.M. 780, E. Hopgood P.M. 946, J. Hamilton Townend P.M. 1426, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, W. Gardiner P.M. 780, Alexander Emmerson 780, W. H. Underhill P.M. 59, J. C. Wheeler 1310. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditors presented their report, which was adopted. The installation ceremony was performed by the outgoing Master, who placed Bro. Henry Kasner into the chair with the customary formalities. The W.M. was in due course saluted by the brethen, and he made the following appointments:—Bros. A. J. Burr S.W., J. Green J.W., H. E. Tucker Treasurer, J. Chambers Roe P.M. Secretary, Dyer and W. Seward jun. Deacons, Fisher I.G., Delevanto Organist, Wright Steward, and Harrison Tyler. The ballot was successfully taken for two candidates for initiation—Messrs. Marmaduke Wolverton Wyville, proposed by Bro. Tucker Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Roe Secretary; and Mr. Frederick Millsom, proposed by Bro. Stephens, seconded by Bro. Tucker Treasurer. These gentlemen were present, as likewise was Mr. C. P. Bellerby, who had been ballotted for at an earlier meeting. It is the custom in this Lodge to initiate all candidates separately; accordingly Mr. Bellerby was the first who was introduced, and Bro. Kasner carefully performed the ceremony in his favour. Bro. W. Seward admirably fulfilled his duties as Deacon. Bro. Kasner next signified his willingness to receive Mr. Wyville, and here Bro. Tucker acted as Deacon. Bro. Kingston I.P.M. performed the ceremony in favour of the third candidate. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and proceeded with routine work. A proposal to raise a fund for presenting a popular member of the Lodge with a tangible mark of appreciation, was entertained, and several energetic members undertook to aid in carrying out this proposition. After the tendering of congratulations and good wishes from the Visitors, Lodge was closed. The numerical strength of the membership in this Lodge has so greatly exceeded what was anticipated, that the brethren have to look about them for quarters wherein to hold their installation banquets; however, on this occasion they were singularly fortunate, as the Christ Church School-room had been placed at the disposal of the W.M., and a more comfortable apartment for the purpose it would have been difficult to find. To Bro. Stephens had been entrusted the providing of the banquet, and he had secured the goodly help of Messrs. Chisnall, of Hammersmith, and the efforts of these worthy caterers were eminently successful. After full consideration had been given to the discussion of the good things provided, the W.M. rose to propose the toasts. The first one—"The Queen and the Craft," met with a hearty reception, and a musical party, whose services Bro. Delevante had secured, sang the National Anthem. In proposing the health of the M.W. the Grand Master, Bro. Kasner referred to the period of anxiety that followed the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon. The Prince of Wales had kindly stepped into the breach thus created, and the many qualities he brought to bear on his government of the Craft were fully recognised by all Englishmen, wherever located. After "God Bless the Prince of Wales" had been sung, the W.M. proposed the third toast—"The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers Past and Present." The part-song, "The Cloud Capp'd Towers," was here capitally rendered, and Bro. I.P.M. Kingston rose, and, in a few manly remarks, proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Kasner had been associated with them in the active work of the Lodge since its consecration, and all had greeted with pleasure the announcement of his election to the chair. Here Bro. Beasley sang most artistically "You'll remember me." Bro. Kasner, on rising to reply, said he scarcely knew how to express the pleasure he felt at the hearty way in which Bro. Kingston had offered the toast, and the kind way in which it had been received. He felt extremely proud at being in the position of Master of this Lodge, a position to which he was elected by the unanimous vote of the members. Indeed, he should have felt it somewhat of a barren seat if the brethren had not been unanimous. Bro. Kasner remarked that long speeches were not in his line; there were many distinguished Masons present who would like to have an opportunity of addressing the brethren, and he would, therefore, conclude by again thanking them for having placed him in his present position. In giving the toast of the Past Masters, Bro. Kasner referred to the very appropriate motto which was associated with the toast on the list,—which, by the way, was a most artistic production. The brethren might well be proud of Bro. Kingston; no better Master could have been wished for, while no better Mason breathed. He had infinite pleasure in presenting him with the jewel which the brethren had voted him. After this gift, which was much admired, had been acknowledged by Bro. Kingston, the W.M. gave the toast of the Initiates, and those three newly-made brethren acknowledged the compliment. The other toasts comprised the Visitors, the Treasurer and Secretary, the Officers of the Lodge, &c. In speaking to the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bro. Kasner directed the attention of the members to the responsibility of the respective duties of those Officers, and reminded the members that each had a laudable aspiration for the post of W.M., a post for which they had special claims which he urged the members not to overlook. The several replies were terse, and offered in a desire for brevity which characterised the proceedings. The final toast was then called for, and the brethren separated. The musical party we have already referred to, but we must not forget to tender thanks to Miss Delevante for the ability she displayed throughout the evening.

UNITY LODGE, No. 1637.

THE installation meeting was held on Saturday, the 11th inst., at the Abercorn Arms, Great Stanmore. Carriages were waiting at Harrow and Edgeware Stations to convey the brethren to their destination. The Lodge was opened by Bros. W. Stephens P.M. P.G.D. Middlesex, C. J. Davis P.G.S. S.W., W. Grist J.W., E. C. Woodward P.M. Treas., W. Coombes P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex Sec., S. A. Cooper S.D., T. W. Cooper J.D., Atkins I.G., Varley P.M. The minutes of the former and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Mr. W. R. Bristow was balloted for, and duly initiated into the Order by the W.M., whose working was perfect. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. C. J. Davis P.M. P.G.S. was presented to the Lodge, and inducted into the chair by the retiring W.M., in the presence of sixteen W.M.'s and P.M.'s. Bro. Stephens well merited the encomiums passed on him at the conclusion of the ceremony. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers—W. Stephens I.P.M., W. Grist S.W., S. A. Cooper J.W., W. Stephens P.G.D. Treas. and Sec., T. W. Cooper S.D., Atkins J.D., Slyman I.G., G. Penn P.M. D.C., Linscott W.S., Oldrey Assist. W.S., Middleton Tyler. The W.M. addressed the newly-appointed Officers, who all received the congratulations of those present. Hearty good wishes were given from the Visitors. Referring to the resignation of the post of Secretary, Bro. Woodward P.M. said he regretted the decision Bro. Coombes had arrived at; his loss in that capacity would be felt, but he would propose that he be made an honorary member. Bro. Hendricks seconded the proposition, which was supported by Bro. W. Stephens P.M., who hoped the memb · would present Bro. Coombes with a Secretary's jewel, as every one who knew him respected him. The W.M. addressed a few pertinent remarks, and then the proposition was carried unanimously. The W.M. said he would defer the appointment of a Secretary until the next meeting. A letter of apology was read from Col. Burdett Prov.G.M., regretting not being present owing to the death of his son-in-law. The report of the audit committee was read and adopted, it showed that the furniture, &c., was paid for, and that the Lodge was in a flourishing state. A deserved compliment was paid to Bro. Coombes for the excellent manner in which the accounts were kept. The Lodge was then closed until the second Saturday in April 1880. The brethren sat down to a very simple and *recherché* banquet and dessert provided by Bro. Veal. The wines and viands were of first-rate quality. Grace having been sung by Bros. Cantle and Knight-Smith, the W.M. said that many Brethren had to return to town, and necessarily his speeches would be short, but he hoped his remarks would be to the purpose. He then gave the

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Queen and the Craft. The National Anthem was sung, Bro. Knight-Smith taking the solos. The health of the M.W.G.M. was received with enthusiastic cheers, and Bro. Cantle sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The W.M., in speaking to the toast of the Pro G. Master, referred to the arduous duties of that worthy and esteemed Brother; he has always a kind word for every one, and his judgments have been unerring. After Bro. Murlis had favoured the company with "The Lass of Richmond Hill," the toast of the R.W. Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers followed, and Bros. Knight-Smith and J. I. Cantle gave the duet "Excelsior." The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master Col. Burdett was next toasted. Bro. Davis said he was initiated before the province was constituted; Col. Burdett is one who takes a great interest in Freemasonry, and his was a toast that was always well received throughout the Province. This toast was followed by that of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the rest of the Officers, for which Bros. Stephens, Swallow, and Coombes replied. Bro. W. Stephens I.P.M. then rose to propose the health of the W.M. They were all proud of Bro. Davis, and all acknowledged his worth. He but expressed the sentiments of every member of the Lodge when he trusted their W.M. might have a happy and a prosperous year of office. Bro. Davis thanked Bro. Stephens for the kind expressions he had given utterance to, and the brethren for the hearty way they had responded. He was received into Freemasonry in the district that now comprised the Province of Middlesex. When the Unity Lodge was started he was asked to join it. This he did, and received the post of Senior Deacon. He must congratulate the brethren on the removal of the Lodge; he felt a great pleasure in being elected its W.M., and he hoped he might have as successful a year as that he enjoyed when filling the chair of No. 382. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiate, who might congratulate himself on being received into this Lodge, as the number of members was limited. It was desirable to have members like Bro. Bristow, who had paid great attention to the ceremony, and he was sure he would be a credit to the Order. After this toast had been suitably acknowledged, the W.M. gave that of the Visitors. After a reply from Bro. Pattison W.M. 1678, the claims of the Masonic Charities were forcibly brought before the brethren. We have with us to-night one of the representatives of those Charities, an honorary member of our Lodge. He is a very hardworking member in the noble cause, and he felt it a great pleasure in proposing "Prosperity to the Masonic Charities," coupling with it the name of Bro. James Terry. Bro. James Terry, in replying, did the cause he pleads so well goodly service; he informed the brethren that the R.W. the Earl of Zetland would take the chair at the next Festival, and Bro. King was so impressed with Bro. Terry's eloquence that he consented to act as Steward on behalf of the Lodge. The toast of the Past Masters was replied to by Bro. W. Stephens Treasurer and I.P.M.; he informed the members that the Lodge was free from debt, and declared his determination to look well after the interests of the members. Bro. Woodward followed. He was pleased to see Bro. James Terry present; he has a good and kind word for every one. As a founder of this Lodge, he (Bro. Woodward) was proud of it; he was sure it would prosper under such a W.M. and Officers. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Wardens and other Officers, for which compliment each brother referred to replied. With the toast of the Masonic Press was associated the name of Bro. H. M. Levy, who, in responding, said that the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE was started on liberal and independent principles, and it was gratifying to know that the way it was conducted was approved of by the majority of its supporters. In due course the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren returned to town. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. H. Reed P.M. 733, W. Murlis P.M. 1662, T. J. Maidwell P.M. 27, C. Daniel W.M. 65, W. Brown P.M. 65, Parkhouse W.M. 1642, Rea 1096, Williams W.M. 874, Glover 1489, W. B. Brown 1642, J. I. Cantle W.M. 1257, J. Knight-Smith W.M. 1441, B. Swallow P.P.G.D. Middlesex, C. Hickling 538, James Terry P.P.G.J.W. Herts; J. Hurdell 1348, Pattison W.M. 1678, Rea 1069, Willing Holmesdale, H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1558.

THE anniversary and installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 9th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road. Bro. Walter Mitchell W.M. presided; Bro. Runacres S.W. and W.M. elect, Chalk J.W., Boyton S.D., Power J.D., Daun Secretary; Past Masters Cackett and Sleap, and the following Visitors—H. A. Robinson Prosperity Lodge, Smith 1158, H. Thompson 1426 and P.M. 178 and 1158, Yeomans 167, Macan 26, Hilton 1475, J. Dixon P.M. 1728, Malthouse 1623, Sandall 907, Renant 1623, Bott 1839, Bath 788, E. Dodson P.M. 72, Graham 1513. The Lodge having been opened in the first and second degrees, Bro. G. H. Trenshaw was examined as to the progress he had made in the science; his answers being considered satisfactory, he retired, and the Lodge was opened in the third degree, Bro. Sleap P.M. taking the chair, and Bro. Trenshaw was impressively raised to the degree of M.M. The Lodge was lowered to the second degree, when Bro. Daun P.M. and Secretary presented Bro. Runacres the W.M. elect to receive the benefit of installation. Afterwards a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Runacres was duly installed into the chair of K.S.; on the brethren being re-admitted, he received the customary salutes. Bro. Daun acted as Director of Ceremonies. The new W.M. then appointed his Officers as follows:—Bros. Chalk S.W., Boyton J.W., Daun P.M. and Secretary, Corpe Treasurer, Power S.D., Taylor J.D., Sims I.G., Harris D.C., Emens W.S., J. R. Smith A.W.S., Wilkins Organist, and H. Thomas Tyler. The W.M. said his first duty was a very pleasing one, as it was to present his predecessor and immediate Past Master with a jewel, which had been voted to him by the brethren, in acknowledgment of his valuable services during the year he had presided over them as W.M. of the Lodge; and in attaching it to his breast, he hoped he might long live to wear it, and afterwards that it might be preserved as an heir-loom in his family, and be passed down from generation to generation. The jewel is a very splendid one, and bore the following inscription:—

Presented to Bro. WALTER MITCHELL,
By the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1558,
On his retiring from the Master's chair,
October 1879.

Bro. Mitchell P.M. said he thought he should best consult the wishes of the brethren by deferring any observations he had to offer until a later period of the evening. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired for refreshment. At its conclusion, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. W. Mitchell, in proposing the health of the W.M., said he was sure he would prove as good a Master as ever sat in the chair, and perhaps better. He found out his good qualities during the time he had worked under him, and therefore he needed no recommendation on his part. Bro. Runacres was constant in his attendance during every year he had been a member of the Lodge; he had the welfare of it at heart, and he was sure that their W.M. would do all in his power to promote the interests of the members. Words failed him to speak what he should wish to say on behalf of the W.M., but had he not possessed their good opinion they would never have elected him to fill the chair; he could only say that if Bro. Runacres only carried out in Masonry the good qualities which distinguished him in private life, the brethren would have no reason to regret the choice they had made. The Worshipful Master, in reply, said the very flattering speech that Bro. Mitchell had just addressed to them had so much taken him aback that he knew not what to say. He would say, however, that they might take it for granted that he would do all in his power to make the Duke of Connaught Lodge one of the best Lodges in London. They now numbered forty-four members, and that was as many as they required, for their wish was they should only admit those who would prove a credit to them, and such men as they should feel a pleasure in having to sit beside them. The W.M. then gave "The Past Masters of the Duke of Connaught Lodge," and Bro. Mitchell I.P.M., in returning thanks, acknowledged the honour conferred upon him; he was grateful for the confidence reposed in him during his year of office, when he had done everything in his power, to the utmost limit of his capacity. Bros. Sleap and Cackett also returned thanks. "The Visitors," and some other toasts were given, and responded to. Bro. Chalk entertained the brethren with some choice ballads during the evening, for which he was deservedly applauded; and the brethren separated, well pleased with this truly fraternal meeting.

METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1507.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday. Lodge was opened with the usual formalities by Bro. John Douglass, who was supported by a numerous assembly of members and visitors, among the latter being Bros. E. E. Barratt Kidder J.D. 12, S. Hollidge 1602, B. Kauffmann 1732, Leon Jacobs I.G. 1732, T. W. Kingston P.M. 1107 912 615 P.P.G.D.C. Kent, A. Dawkerrell I.G. 145, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, H. Stevens 1732, H. A. Dubois P.G.J.W. Middx., C. Reingpach 392 G.O. France, J. Cherry 19, F. G. W. Guyer 1288, W. Read 177, C. Harcourt 1319, A. Hubbard 1732, J. L. Simpson 1076, W. Walden 49, W. Medcalf 206, E. F. Pierdon 948, A. Mullord J.W. 1288, T. Wilson D.C. 1328, W. Searle 907, M. S. Boyle 1777, J. J. Wine 862, J. Terry P.P.G.W. Herts Sec. R.M.B.I., C. B. Putland 1732, J. H. Lamer 733, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, Bradshaw Brown J.W. 1, G. W. Charchley P.M. 615, F. Morgan 169, &c. Bro. C. J. Scales the W.M. elect occupied the position of S.W., Side J.W., J. Willing P.M. Treas., G. Clark acted as S.D., Colls J.D., Edmonds as I.G., and H. Lovegrove Steward. Among the Past Masters were Bros. Kingham and Michael. After the confirmation of the minutes the report of the Audit Committee was presented and adopted. On the proposition of Bro. Stiles, seconded by Bro. Kingham, the sanction of the Lodge was given for the removal of the Lodge of Instruction held under the sanction of this Lodge to the Moorgate Station Restaurant. Bro. Weiss, of No. 145, was passed to the second degree, and then Bro. Scales was formally presented for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was ably performed by the outgoing Master Bro. John Douglass. The following brethren were, in due course, appointed and invested as officers for the coming year—W. Side S.W., W. M. Stiles J.W., J. Willing P.M. Treas., J. J. Michael P.M. Sec., G. Colls S.D., H. Stiles J.D., J. Clark I.G., H. Lovegrove D.C., G. W. Brunell and T. Gilbert jun. Stewards, J. Daily Tyler. The installation ceremony was then completed and the W.M. called upon to show his proficiency, there being two candidates for initiation, viz.—Messrs. H. Connolly and C. Rooks; each of these gentlemen were admitted to a participation in the secrets of Freemasonry, and then the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge. Previous to doing so, Bro. Michael proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Douglass for the able way in which he had installed his successor, this was seconded by Bro. Willing, and carried with acclamation. It was then announced that the W.M. had undertaken the office of Steward for the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and as it was pointed out that the Lodge was already Vice President of one branch of that Fund, a hope was expressed that on the occasion of the Master's Stewardship sufficient money would be forthcoming to entitle the Lodge to the rank of Vice Patron. Bro. Michael also offered his services to represent the Lodge at other of the Festivals, and trusted that the year on which they had just started would be marked for the amount devoted by the Lodge to the Charities of the Order. Nothing further offering the Lodge was closed, the brethren proceeding to the banquet hall where a first rate repast awaited them.

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Bros. Clemow personally superintended the service, and although they had the capabilities of their establishment fairly tested, proved they were equal to the task demanded of them. One thing the W.M. mentioned previous to proposing the toasts was that during his year of office brevity would be observed by the chair, and he hoped followed by members. If the speeches on this occasion are a criterion of what may be expected in the future, we may assume the remarks of the W.M. will be acted on thoroughly. The usual first three toast were quickly disposed of, Bro. Douglass proposed the health of the W.M., merely remarking that the present was the first occasion on which Bro. Scales had been thus honoured, and he (Bro. Douglass) hoped therefore that the response would be a hearty one. Bro. Scales thanked the brethren for the compliment they had paid him, and then proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master. Bro. Douglass had, he said, by installing him that evening, conferred on him the greatest honour it was possible to receive from a Lodge. He had very great pleasure in carrying out the wishes of the brethren and investing Bro. Douglass with the Past Master's jewel which had been voted from the Lodge Funds. Bro. Douglass in acknowledgment tendered his hearty thanks. If the way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation that evening had met the approval of the Lodge he was highly gratified. He hoped the brethren were satisfied with what he had done for the Lodge during the past twelve months; the very handsome jewel they had presented to him led him to believe that such was the case; and for it and their support during the term of his Mastership, he tendered the heartiest thanks. Bro. Scales now proposed the health of the Past Masters; the toast was one that had been so often proposed, and the brethren it included were so well known, it was quite unnecessary to dilate long on their merits; he hoped the brethren who had occupied the chair of the Lodge in years past would for a long time to come be found in their respective places in the Lodge, where they would always command, and, he felt sure, receive the greatest respect. Bro. Willing in replying tendered his congratulations to Bro. Scales on his promotion to the chair of his Mother Lodge and likewise the Lodge on having so early initiated a brother who had proved himself capable in performing the various duties he had undertaken. It was a great satisfaction to the Past Masters to see the brethren they had initiated fill the chairs of the Lodge. Bro. Michael considered that his office of Secretary was one requiring him to write rather than speak. He was pleased to see the Lodge in the position to which it had risen, and pointed out the great credit that attached to the members in having so zealously supported the Charities on each opportunity that had arisen since the Lodge was consecrated. He thought the idea of giving up one of the banquets, and devoting the money that would thus have been spent was a good one, and hoped that, should the present Master see fit to adopt such a course during his year of office, the members would attend in as great a number as usual, and show they were really sincere in their support of the Institutions. He should ask each brother, on some future occasion, to put a few shillings towards making the Lodge a Vice-President of the various Charities. Bro. Kingham followed; in a few words mainly supporting Bro. Michael's plan for placing the Lodge in the proud position of Vice-President of the Institutions. Bro. Scales now proposed the health of the initiates. The two received that evening were worthy brethren, and likely to advance the interests of the Lodge. Bro. Rooks thanked the members; he greatly appreciated the compliment that had been paid him in receiving him into the Lodge. Bro. Connolly likewise thanked the brethren. The W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors, calling upon Bro. Dubois to respond. That brother, on behalf of himself and fellow Visitors, expressed the gratification they felt at hearing that the rule in the Lodge had been for each Master to instal his successor; he considered such a course was of great benefit to a Lodge, and any brother who thus finished his year of office was entitled to greater honour than could otherwise accrue to him. Bro. Brown followed, complimenting the Lodge on its efficient Officers; he should endeavour to emulate their example, and point them out as a pattern for young brethren to copy. Bro. Cherry also replied. The toast of the Charities followed, Bro. Terry responding. He urged the brethren to support their Master in the laudable endeavour he had promised to make to place the Lodge among the ...P.'s of the Benevolent Institution, this was a position attained by only 30 of the 1845 Lodges on the roll of English Grand Lodge, and the fact of so young a Lodge as the Metropolitan qualifying itself would reflect the greatest credit on all connected with it. The next toast was that of the Treasurer, Secretary, and other Officers of the Lodge, which was heartily proposed and responded to by each of the Officers there present, all of whom expressed their intention to work in their new offices as much for the benefit of the Lodge as was possible. The Tyler's toast followed, and thus the proceedings terminated.

ROYAL HANOVER LODGE, No. 1777, HOUNSLOW.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held in the Town Hall, Hounslow, on Saturday, the 11th inst. The Lodge was opened half-past four o'clock, by the W.M. Bro. H. A. Dubois Prov. ...W. P.M. P.Z., &c., supported by Bros. H. Lovegrove S.W., Clark jun. J.W., W. Ramsey Hon. I.P.M., H. B. Marshall Treas., Clark S.D., C. C. Cruikshanks J.D., F. J. Perks D.C., G. S. ...ham Organist, J. Daly Tyler; also Bros. M. S. Larlham P.M., ...tis, Gritten, W. S. Dunkley, C. A. White, Wood, Villars, &c., ...mbers of the Lodge; and Bros. J. F. Wenst P.M. 753, W. Browne ...lder P.M. 12, G. W. Dixon P.M. 209 P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, After the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting and an emergency meeting, and confirmation of the same, the ballot was taken for Bros. E. W. Dubois and Cannon as joining members; the ballot was then taken for four gentlemen for initiation—Messrs. Elliott, Thorn, Holliday, and Boyle, which being unanimous they were admitted, and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Considerable interest attached to the initiation of Mr. Boyle, who is the Consul representing the Republic of Liberia at Sierra Leone, and is a native of the latter colony. The W.M. then left the chair, which was taken by Bro. Mark S. Larlham P.M. M.E.Z., for the purpose of proceeding with the installation. Bro. Dubois W.M. then presented Bro. H. Lovegrove S.W. W.M. elect, who assented to the usual charges, and having been obligated, the brethren below the rank of Installed Master retired. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, with Bros. Dixon as S.W., Stiles as J.W., Ramsey as I.G.; and Bro. Henry Lovegrove was installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient form. The new W.M. having declared the Board of Installed Masters closed, the brethren were admitted, and saluted him in the three degrees, after which the addresses were very ably given by the Installing Officer. The Officers were then invested as follows:—Bros. G. Clark jun. S.W., Harry Clark J.W., C. C. Cruikshanks S.D., F. J. Perks J.D., W. S. Dunkley I.G., W. Heelis D.C., T. G. W. Wood W.S., G. S. Graham Org., and J. Daly Tyler. The retiring W.M. was invested as I.P.M., and Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., F.R.G.S. was invested as Treasurer, the W.M. alluding to his re-election to that office, and his liberality to the Masonic Charities during the past year. A letter was read from Bro. H. C. Levander Prov. Grand Secretary, announcing that the M.W. Pro. Grand Master had consented to the removal of the Lodge to the Albany Hotel, at Twickenham, an announcement which was received with much pleasure by the brethren. After receiving some names for initiation, and passing a vote of thanks to the Installing Officer for his services, the Lodge was closed in due form. The retiring W.M. declined to accept any recognition of his services until the Lodge had been longer established. At seven o'clock the members and visitors assembled at the banquet at the Red Lion Hotel. The printed list of toasts was appropriately embellished with texts from Shakspeare, arranged by the W.M. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. Bro. H. Lovegrove. Those of the Prov. G.M. Col. F. Burdett and the Provincial Grand Lodge being especially well received. The latter was responded to by the I.P.M., who, owing to the meetings of other Lodges, was the only Provincial Grand Officer present. The health of the W.M. was proposed by the I.P.M. who alluded to the energy shown by him in the formation and working of the Lodge. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast, and proposed that of the I.P.M., who had skilfully managed the affairs of the Lodge. Bro. G. Clark S.W. suitably responded for the Officers. In proposing the health of the initiates, the W.M. made some pleasing remarks about their private life, as two of them had been known to him for some years, and their initiate from Africa for over sixteen years. Bro. Stiles W.M. of the Kings Cross Lodge responded on behalf of the Visitors, and congratulated the W.M. on his advancement, also on the Officers who had been appointed by him. As the time for the departure of the last train approached, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren departed after spending a very pleasant evening.

Venerable Order of St. Laurence, Ebor Lodge.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at York on Thursday evening, at which were present Bros. G. Simpson R.W.M., J. S. Cumberland S.W., T. B. Whytehead P.M. as J.W., M. Millington S.D., T. Humphries I.G., W. P. Husband K. of G., A. T. B. Turner Sec., L. Murphy, S. F. Bousfield, P. Pearson Tyler. The degree was conferred upon Bro. J. J. Wilkes, Restoration Lodge No. 111, Darlington. Bro. T. B. Whytehead gave a report of the proceedings at a meeting he had attended at the Alexandra Palace on the 9th August, for the purpose of forming a Council of Side Degrees. The Lodge expressed its general approval of the course adopted, and after some conversation and suggestions relating to the government of the Order of St. Laurence, the Lodge was closed.

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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of this Institution held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, W.C. on Saturday, 11th October 1879.

COLONEL JOHN CREATON, Treasurer and Trustee, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by Ballot, of 18 children into the Institution, from a list of 48 approved candidates, when the following were declared duly Elected :—

On List.			On Poll	
5.	Deeley, Agnes A.	...	1	1358
48.	Bladon, Maud Eva	...	2	1352
17.	Fellows, C. A. (last)	...	3	1348
20.	Kirke, Alice Clara	...	4	1279
26.	Tipper, M. Harrison	...	5	1265
30.	Rogers, Beatrice A.	...	6	1265
21.	Lang, Margaret E.	...	7	1253
1.	Sampson, M. J. (last)	...	8	1248
15.	Dawson, Alie May	...	9	1231
3.	Keighly, H. G. (last)	...	10	1225
19.	Hicks, Edith	...	11	1206
7.	Hart, Eva C. H.	...	12	1194
13.	Hill, Emily S. H.	...	13	1179
4.	Allison, Ethel F. W.	...	14	1148
40.	White, A. Louisa	...	15	1118
44.	Wilson, Jessie D.	...	16	1101
25.	Pratt, Clara	...	17	1072
14.	Wain, Fanny E.	...	18	1041

The number of votes recorded for unsuccessful candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's Office, and will be duly carried forward at the next Election, if eligible.

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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Monday, 13th of October 1879.

V.W. Bro. Col. Jno. Creaton (P.G.D.), G. Treasurer, V.P., Trustee, in the Chair.

A Ballot took place for the Election of Sixteen Boys from an approved list of Seventy-seven candidates, at the close of which the following were declared duly elected :—

	Votes Polled		Votes Polled
1. Stone, Percy Herbert ...	1815	9. Godfrey, F. Frankland ...	1528
2. Johnson, John Charles ...	1734	10. Wilkinson, Percy C. ...	1523
3. Garston, Paul Belmore ...	1697	11. Wagstaff, C. Cammaun ...	1519
4. Beckett, Ernest George ...	1651	12. Young, Jno. Alfred ...	1510
5. Wain, Emanuel	1611	13. Henderson, John	1504
6. Healey, William Henry ...	1603	14. Murgatroyd, Jno. R. ...	1174
7. Hounslow, Herbert R. ...	1568	15. Bazley, W. H.	1167
8. Arpden, Albert G.	1555	16. Allin, Chas. J. F.	1457

List of Candidates, successful and unsuccessful, with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application at the Office.

FREDERICK BINCKES V.P., P.G. Steward,
Secretary.

13th October 1879.

MRS. HOUNSLOW begs leave to tender her sincere thanks to the numerous friends to whose kindly aid is due the election of her son Herbert Richard Hounslow, to one of the vacancies in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at the poll on Monday, the 13th instant. He stood 7th, with 1568 votes.

BRO. C. H. WEBB, P.M. 1607, tenders his sincere thanks to those brethren who so kindly helped him in advancing the candidature of Mary Ann Amelia Wyatt. Though unsuccessful at the election on Saturday last, Bro. Webb is none the less mindful of the strenuous exertions made by those who worked for this case.

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FREEMASONRY AT FALMOUTH.

A Meeting of unusual importance and interest was held on Monday evening in the Masonic Hall, Falmouth, by the Lodge of Love and Honour, No. 75, in celebration of the Centenary of the "Freemasons' Hall Fund," established in 1779, to which this ancient Lodge subscribed so liberally that the Grand Lodge presented the members with a silver medal, to be worn by the W.M. for the time being so long as the Lodge lasted. This distinction has been conferred on only three other Lodges out of London, the nearest of which is No. 41, Bath, and the other two are 154, Wakefield, and 237, Swansea. The medal has been quite lost sight of for many years, and on inquiry cannot now be found, so a duplicate has been obtained, and the W.M. was invested therewith for the first time on the evening of the celebration of the Centenary. Bro. Hughan was called upon to furnish a sketch of the medal and its historical associations, which he did most readily, and Colonel J. W. Perd, the newly-appointed D. Prov. G.M., congratulated the members on being the possessors of so rare and highly-valued a souvenir from the Grand Lodge of England. The D.P.G.M. was warmly received, and unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge. Bro. W. C. Borlase, F.S.A., added his congratulations, and it was dis-

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covered during the evening that his great, great grandfather, the celebrated historian and antiquary of the county, was initiated as a member of the Lodge in 1751, and was its first Chaplain. Several votes, expressive of the character of the meeting, to be recorded on the minutes, were duly passed, and all united in considering the event as one not surpassed in importance in the annals of the Lodge, the whole of the proceedings having afforded the utmost satisfaction. The following were present in honour of the occasion, viz.:—Bros. W. J. Hughan P.S.G.D. of England, Colonel J. W. Peard D.P.G.M. of Cornwall, William C. Borlase, F.S.A., P.P.G.S.W., John Vivian P.P.G.S.B., W. F. Newman P.P.G.S.D., F. Dennis P.P.G.P., T. C. Polglase P.P.G.A.D.C., Michael Little P.M. 75, W. H. Dunstan P.P.S. of W., Harry Tilly P.G. Reg., W. L. Fox W.M. 75, John H. Michell P.M. 589, J. Wallace S.W. 75, W. D. Rogers J.W., Richard Carter P.P.G. Organist and Sec. 75, and visitors from Lodges beyond the county, as also a large number of the members of No. 75. At the supper several happy speeches were made, and much regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of the P.G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe.

We extract the following from the *Norwich Argus*:—

The Craft in Norwich have at length fallen upon what they consider comfortable quarters away from the contaminating influence of hotels and taverns. The residence of the late Mr. H. Bolingbroke, situate at 23 St. Giles'-street, coming to the hammer, a couple of speculating Masons went in for the purchase thereof, and with Bro. H. A. Wooster Reeves as Secretary, and "having the cordial support of R.W. Prov. G.M. Lord Suffield, a Masonic Club has been started with all the usual facilities of such places. Subscription, one guinea per annum." It remains to be seen how this will succeed. Anyhow, three Lodges have already located themselves at No. 23 for their usual monthly meetings—Walpole taking the initiative (with a splendid opening last Thursday evening), followed by Cabbell and Perseverance, and it is expected Social and Sincerity will come in shortly, and, may be, the aristocratic Union; this latter, however, we doubt, unless his lordship smiles benignly and says yes. Provincial Grand Lodge this year is also to be held in this house, and as the ruling powers are going in strictly for economy, and do not intend advertising in the local press, we give their announcement free, gratis, for nothing. Major Penrice, D.P.G.M., is unaccountably averse to newspaper reports of Masonic banquets, and expressed himself to that effect at the opening of the new North Walsham (Suffield) Lodge the other day, and yet half a column appeared in our non-Masonic daily contemporary—full of inaccuracies, we admit, nevertheless it must have been supplied by a brother standing well in the Craft. How was this? Here is the circular above alluded to:—

"PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORFOLK."—The Right Honourable Lord Suffield, K.C.B., R.W.G.M., Major Penrice D.P.G.M.—Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of this Province will be holden at No. 23 St. Giles'-street, Norwich on Friday, 17th October 1879, at half-past twelve o'clock precisely, when and where the provincial Grand Officers, Past Officers, with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens are summoned to attend, and at which all Master Masons are invited to be present. [Here follows the agenda.] At half-past three o'clock the brethren will assemble in the School-room in the Cathedral Cloisters, and from thence proceed, in their Masonic Clothing, to the Cathedral, for Divine Service, at four o'clock, when the Rev. H. T. Griffith, Felmingham Rectory, P.G.C., will preach a sermon. H. G. Barwell P.G. Sec. A. Banquet at Cooper's Restaurant, Bank-plain, Norwich, at 6 o'clock, at which the R.W. Prov. G.M. will preside. Tickets 11/ each (to include half a bottle of champagne), to be obtained of W. Bro. James Dunsford P.P.G.S.D., St. Giles'-street, Norwich, and of Bro. H. A. Wooster Reeves, No. 23 St. Giles'-street, Norwich, not later than Tuesday, the 14th inst."

Touching this migration to "Cooper's," we have received a letter from "A Mason," protesting against holding a Masonic banquet "under the roof of the greatest Atheist in the Eastern Counties, when we have such respectable hotels in our midst." These hotels are many of them Lodge houses, held by brethren, who naturally feel aggrieved that they should be passed over in favour of one—however good a caterer—who reviles at religion, and holds Freemasonry in contempt. The matter has created some stir among the Craft in the Province.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked as under:

At the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday, 20th October. Bro. Martin, of the Southwark Park Lodge, No. 879, will occupy the chair of W.M. on this occasion, and the Lodge will be opened at seven p.m.

At the La Tolérance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., on Wednesday, 22nd October. Bros. J. Hurlell I.G. 1348 W.M., E. Farwig W.M. 180 S.W., W. J. Burgess I.G. 1472 J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. L. G. Langdon, G. A. Cundy, T. W. Cooper, E. Child, J. Paul, C. A. Woods, E. White. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. A. Ginger, W. J. Burgess, W. C. Smith, E. Farwig, R. F. Potter. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. J. Hemming, G. Festa, D. M. Belfrage. Lodge will be opened at seven p.m.

At the Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 23rd October. Bro. Ellis 27, 933, in the chair. Bros. Webb P.M. 1607 Preceptor S.W., Musto P.M. 1349 J.W., T. J. Barnes P.M. 554, 933 I.P.M. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Valentine, Da Silva, Veal, McDonald, D. Moss, Slaiter, Webb. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. King, Forss, Grammer, W. Hogg, Musto. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. I. P. Cohen, Maidwell, West. At seven precisely.

At the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, the Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, 24th October. Bros. Squirrell W.M. 206 W.M., Gush I.G. 1541 S.W., Woods S.D. 145 J.W., Fox 201 I.G. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Radford, Kearney, Smith, Abell, Snelling, Gush, Tate. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Morgan, Fox, Larchin, Woods, M'Culloch. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Briggs, Lardner, Creak. At six p.m. precisely.

At the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, 25th October. Bros. Lardner 1625 W.M., D. Moss 1275 S.W., J. A. Powell S.W. 186 J.W., R. Pearcy W.M. 228 Preceptor. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Giller, J. Lorkin, W. Bartle, A. W. Fenner, C. Lorkin, Slaiter, J. A. Powell. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. J. Gibbs, D. Moss, A. McMillan, H. R. Hallam sen., J. Garrod. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. A. Trewinnard, H. Hall, F. Brasted. At seven p.m.

At the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 28th October. Bros. Moss 1275 W.M., Webb P.M. 1607 S.W., Brasted J.W. 1524 J.W., Wallington P.M. 860 I.P.M. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Giller, Greenwood, Carr, Christian, Forss, Lardner, Slaiter. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Wardell, Webb, Taylor, C. Lorkin, Stephens. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Brasted, J. Lorkin, W. Wallington. At seven p.m. precisely.

At the Great Northern Lodge of Instruction, No. 1287, Berwick Arms, Berners-street, W., on Thursday, 30th October. Bros. E. Farwig W.M. 180 W.M., W. Cleghorn I.G. 1287 S.W., G. West W.M. 1287 J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Cane, Jupe, Tribbel, West, Staton, Kerrill, Christie. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Reed, Burgess, Forbes, Cleghorn, Adair. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Hemming, Paul, Lancaster. At seven p.m.

At the Manchester Lodge of Instruction, No. 179, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, on Saturday, 1st November. Bro. Koester P.M. will take the chair, assisted by Bros. Kew P.M. as S.W. and G. Baker P.M. as J.W. At seven precisely.

The Ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed by Bro. Geo. King P.M. Preceptor, at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, at Bro. Wright's Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, on Tuesday, 21st September, at seven p.m. Brethren are invited to attend. Bro. A. Withers W.M. 211 Hon. Sec.

The nuptials of Bro. T. O. Buss, No. 147, of 33 Hatton Garden, and Miss Ellen Roberts, were celebrated on Monday, 13th inst., at St. Andrews Church, Holborn, in presence of a numerous assemblage of private friends and brethren, by the Rev. Mr. Brunt. Mendelssohn's March was played on the departure of the wedding party, who, forty-two in all, were conveyed in seven carriages to the Crystal Palace, where they sat down to a sumptuous déjeunor and dessert, provided by Bros. Bertram and Roberts. Bro. Buss, bridegroom, in appropriate terms, responded to the toast of the bride and bridegroom. Bro. S. Rawley, P.M. 174, made many complimentary remarks in recounting his early association with, and knowledge of Bro. Buss's good qualities; but to know him was to respect him as a good and charitable man. He hoped the step he had taken would open a source of happiness to him and his bride. Bro. Hall, Levy responded to the toast of the bridesmaids, and Bro. J. R. Stacey for the Visitors. As another old friend of Bro. Buss, Bro. Binckes testified to his excellent qualities. The health of Bro. Ray, who had the control of the day's proceedings, which gave great satisfaction, met with a hearty reception. Several ladies and gentlemen contributed to the amusement of the company, particularly Mrs. Bladen and Bro. Thomas, and, amidst a shower of rice, the bride and bridegroom departed on their wedding trip, and the guests returned to town. Among the company were Bros. John Coutts, S. Rawley, J. R. Stacey, A. Pendergast, Binckes, Weatherly, Simpson, Hubbert, Stanton, Beal, Hall, &c.

ANCIENT CARTHAGE LODGE, No. 1717, AT TUNIS, NORTH AFRICA.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on the 4th October. Present—W. Bro. A. M. Broadley D.D.G.M. W.M., Bros. J. H. Stevens S.W., Dr. Perini J.W., A. Bianco Treas., M. Lumbroso Sec., V. C. Clement D. of C., G. Pentecost S.D., V. Finzi as J.D., Professor S. Sommer Interpreter, J. Lumbroso Org., M. de Gallais I.G., and J. Symon Tyler. Hon. P.M.'s Sulema and Magnaini, and more than fifty brethren. Visitors—W. Bro. Vais 33°, and Professor Ayra representing the Italian Lodge Risorgimento; Bro. Carletto S.W. 1859 E.C., and others. The minutes having been confirmed, W. Bro. T. F. Reade P.D.D.G.M. Egypt and P.M. 1008 E.C., British Political Agent and Consul General at Tunis, was unanimously elected a member of the Lodge. The D.D.G.M. then proceeded to instal Bro. Dr. Perini as W.M. for the ensuing year, in ancient form. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as officers:—W. Bro. A. M. Broadley I.P.M. and Hon Sec., Bros. Professor Sommer S.W., G. Pentecost J.W., Blanch Treas., Cassuto Assist. Sec., General Elias Musah Interpreter, I. Ben Zaineb Assist. Interpreter, A. Bokobsa D. of C., B. Padoa A.D. of C., M. D. Gallais S.D., V. Finzi J.D., Cæsar, Jessel and Pacologo Stewards, and J. Lumbroso Organist. The ceremony of installation concluded, Bro. J. Symon was elected and invested as Tyler. The correct business of the Lodge was then transacted, and the Hon. Sec. handed to the Treasurer £5, voted by the D.G. Lodge of Malta in aid of the widow of a deceased brother. The annual banquet was fixed for the 15th inst., to which day the Lodge was adjourned.

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THE OLD CONCORD LODGE, No. 172.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read with interest Bro. Gould's paragraph respecting the Old Concord Lodge. I do not know where to address him direct, so will feel obliged if you will kindly inform him, with my compliments, that he need not remain in doubt about the *exact* date of its origin as the Lodge possesses the original warrant. At the present moment it is in the care of our W.M. Bro. Gaubert, 85 High-street, Kensington, who would, I have no doubt, be pleased to exhibit it to any one interested.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

ARTHUR E. GLADWELL,

(Old Concord 171).

24 Great Ormond-street, 13th Oct. 1879.

"UNIFORMITY OF MASONIC RITUAL AND OBSERVANCE."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The only unfavourable critique of the above work I have yet seen is that of your contemporary, *The Freemason*, in its number of the 11th inst. I should be sorry to attribute this to any other than a fair expression of opinion were it not for circumstances known to myself and relating to the existence of press rivalry. Nor should I notice it at all but for assertions which are not warranted by fact, and which, if uncontradicted, might materially influence for evil the decision of the question at issue. The first of these assertions is fully answered at pages 93-95 of the work itself, wherein is set out the difference of opinion of *The Freemason* in 1878 from that expressed by the same publication in 1870. What in the earlier year was designated "a great movement, deserving the serious attention of every thoughtful Mason," is now condemned as "meddlesome interference;" what then had "long been a source of mortification and pain to witness," it is now alike "unnecessary and uncalled-for" to attempt to remedy. "The promulgation of an 'orthodox,' and unchangeable ritual," which was then "one of the most desirable reforms," would now be "utterly injurious to industry and energy in our Officers, and to true and educated and sensible Freemasons." What was then "a strange anomaly," is now "an allowable difference." "The modest request which we are sure will be granted by Grand Lodge," now reads "we feel persuaded ourselves that Grand Lodge will never consent to any such proposition." Is this consistency? Does it warrant the statement, "We have never changed our opinion on this vexata questio?" Whilst I wrote on this subject in the pages of *The Freemason*, was ever a word printed adverse to the arguments I then advanced? On the contrary, the correspondent who is now credited with "zeal which, in our opinion, outruns his discretion," then "indicated a remedy which we believe would prove effectual." I could quote and quote to prove this glaring evidence of inconsistency, and also of many other departures from the truly Masonic manner in which your contemporary was originally conducted, setting aside altogether its late extraordinary articles wherein inverted commas shield slang epithets which are abusive of the Order it professes to represent, but *cui bono?* It will not be through the influence of *The Freemason*, or any other journal, that the "great movement" will have ultimate success, but through the sterling good sense of the intelligent portion of the brotherhood represented by the members of the Grand Lodge itself. My work is but a preparation for still greater efforts in that direction, and I am daily favoured by communications from all parts of the kingdom which will strengthen and increase my zeal without, as I believe and hope, lessening my discretion. I am not the first, nor shall I be the last, whom certain editors have deemed indiscreet because their opinions are outrageously opposed to any project not of their own introduction; but all powerful as the *fourth estate* may be, there are yet tribunals before which submission must be made if the judgment arrived at is a proper one. To such a tribunal amongst Masons I am about to appeal, well supported, I hope, by able and intelligent men, who see the errors I see and what they are leading to, and I await the result, whatever it may be, with a sound conviction that the required remedy will be, if not as soon as practicable, yet, at no distant date, carried into effect. Were it not so I could not accept, as I do, our late Bro. Oliver's 75th aphorism, "Whoever promulgates any new scheme for the benefit of Masonry must expect loud and reiterated applause if he be successful, and marked derision and degradation if he have the misfortune to fail." Pity it should be so! but no victory was ever yet won without a risk of defeat; and there would be no triumph without an adversary. I am equal to either fortune, and seem to let "*I dare not* wait upon *I would*."

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS.

P.S.—I have sent a verbatim copy of this letter to the *Freemason* to be used by its Editor as he may see fit.—J. S.

Clapham, S.W., 13th Oct. 1879.

A WOMAN'S PLACE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—Your remarks on ladies joining Masons attending banquets are meant I know in good part. I, as a Mason's wife of twenty years' standing, must differ with you. I think an outing good for every man, and it would be selfish for any lady to deny her husband such pleasure, as she must know a little recreation is good, and if men are not to move without their wives, I am afraid they will become a henpecked lot. I am sure my wiser sisters will admit Masonry is not for ladies, nor have we any desire to join even in the social portion of the "work." I hope it will be a long while before ladies, spite the rapid strides women are making into men's pursuits, are initiated into Masonry, if only at the festive board, as undoubtedly a man's privilege only.

I am, Dear Sir,

ONE WHO LOVES HER LORD

Chapter of Fidelity, No. 477, Birkenhead.—The first meeting of this Chapter, after the recess, was held on Wednesday, the 1st instant, when the following Officers and members were present—Companions John G. Adams Z., John Dutton H., William Bennett J., Donald Fraser P.Z. Treas., Samuel Jones P.Z. S.E., Frederick Thompson S.N., Arthur K. Gardiner P.S., James T. Thompson and Enoch Evans Assist. Sojs., William Hopkinson D.C., James H. Holloway Janitor; Henry Seaman, James Marsh, George Lloyd, William Penk, Thomas Barrow, John West, Wm. Scholefield, James Thomson, Robert Hamilton, George Dicken, Alexander Russell, John Hooper, Charles Berry, and Thomas Shaw H. 605. The Chapter having been opened in ancient form, Bros. William J. Brenchley and Thomas Inglefield, of No. 477, and Frederick Smith, of No. 1276, were, in an effective and impressive manner, exalted to the supreme degree of Royal Arch Masons by the M.E.Z. Companion J. G. Adams. After the general business of the Chapter had been transacted, Companion Samuel Jones P.Z. and S.E., on behalf of the members of the Chapter, presented to Companion Donald Fraser P.Z. and Treasurer, a valuable Past Principal's Jewel, in recognition of the many valuable and important services rendered by him to the Chapter. Comp. Jones alluded to the many changes that had taken place both in the Mersey Lodge and Chapter of Fidelity since Companion Fraser had joined them, and although it had been his lot to encounter many difficulties and obstacles, he had never allowed himself to be turned aside from the object upon which he had set his heart—the promotion of the welfare and reputation of his Mother Lodge and Chapter; and Comp. Jones trusted Comp. Fraser might long be spared to wear the jewel which he placed upon his breast, and that the genuineness of its character might be the faithful index of the purity of the principles which reigned within. Comp. Fraser, in suitable and feeling terms, expressed his thanks to the Companions for the honour they had conferred upon him, and expressed his determination, while he had the opportunity and power, to promote the interests of the Chapter. The jewel, of pure gold, and enriched with diamonds, &c., elicited general admiration from the exquisite workmanship upon it, and gave every satisfaction both to the donors and recipient. After the closing of the Chapter the Companions sat down to dinner at the Ranelagh Hotel, provided by Comp. Charles Berry in excellent style, after which the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were duly given and responded to, the evening being passed in the most enjoyable manner.

Windsor Castle Chapter, No. 771.—The installation meeting was held at the Masonic Temple, Windsor, on Thursday, and will be fully reported in our next. Ex. Comps. G. H. Powell P.G.S., W. B. Cantrell P.G.S.B., and J. O. Carter are the three newly-installed principals.

Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction.—The usual meeting of this Chapter of Instruction, which has now resumed its meetings for the season was held on Tuesday evening, 14th October, at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill. This Chapter, like the Lodge of Emulation in Craft Masonry, is looked upon as the authority for instruction in the superior degree, and is attended by some of the most efficient and best working R.A. Masons of the Metropolis. Comp. W. L. Lee presided as Z., F. Brown H., W. H. Kimpton J., H. Higgins P.S., G. L. Walker N. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Comp. Poore P.Z. of the Panmure Chapter 720 being the candidate, and he was afterwards elected as a member. The ceremony was excellently performed, and after some formal business the Chapter was adjourned until Tuesday, 21st October.

The installation of Bro. William Vincent as fourth W.M. of the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, took place at Grosvenor Hall, S.W., on Wednesday last. A full report of this most successful meeting will appear in our next.

A very successful meeting of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, took place on Wednesday. Report will appear next week.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Diarrhœa and Bowel Complaints.—These maladies are ever present, and if left unattended frequently terminate fatally. It should be everywhere known that both cholera and diarrhœa originate in the presence of some undigested substance in the stomach or bowels, or some deleterious matter in the blood, and that Holloway's Pills can expel either with ease and expedition. They concentrate in a surprising degree purifying, alterative, restorative, and strengthening qualities, and thus exert over every internal organ the wholesomely controlling influence so necessary for subduing excessive action in the human frame. Holloway's medicine may be advantageously taken as a means of keeping the blood pure and the body cool—the only practicable plan of maintaining health in youth, manhood, and old age

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 18th OCTOBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green. (Installation.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall Mare-street, Hackney
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—Kings Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction. Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

MONDAY, 20th OCTOBER.

45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185.—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. At 5.
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1488—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel. King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
622—St. Cuthbergа, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7 30 (Instruction)
824—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New street, Birmingham.
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
985—Alexandra Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1193—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
K. T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury.
K. T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston.

TUESDAY, 21st OCTOBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
M M.—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet street, E.C.

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6 30 (Instruction)
249—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Boodle, 146 Bury-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1514—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
R. A. 269—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
R. A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford.
R. A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd OCTOBER.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. at 6.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masons Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
536—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Marlborough-st., W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Barlow-road, E. at 7.30 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Class Room, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth, at 8 (In.)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
R. A. 605—De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
R. A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M. M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 23rd OCTOBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Checquers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.6 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8 (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7 45 (In.)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8 (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
74—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
694—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
1325—Stanley, 214 St. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R. A. 218—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 124—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
R. A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.
R. A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 24th OCTOBER.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 152 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1442—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 8
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8 (Inst.)

780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1147—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.C. 20—Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 25th OCTOBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R. A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction. Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623.—At the regular meeting held at Bro. Butt's, New Market Hotel, Snowhill, on 13th instant. Bro. J. F. Van Raalte occupied the chair. He was supported by Bros. R. Greenwood S.W., J. King J.W., W. Butt S.D., Hiscox J.D., Johnson I.G.; Past Masters W. Pennefather Preceptor, E. Mallett Hon. Sec., W. Stuart, Kidder; also Bros. Moss, Stephens, Renaut, Laurence, Danaher, Torkington, &c. Lodge was opened with customary observance, and Bro. Lawrence was tested. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was carefully worked, Bro. Lawrence candidate. Bro. Van Raalte acquitted himself very well, especially considering his difficulties in mastering the ritual in the English language. Bro. D. Moss afterwards worked the first, Bro. G. H. Stephens the second, and Bro. Moss the third sections of the Lecture, with the assistance of the brethren. Lodge was closed in solemn form and adjourned. Bro. R. Greenwood will be the W.M. for the ensuing meeting, when a full gathering is expected.

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Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on 16th October. Bros. D. Moss W.M., A. Ellis S.W., Biddle J.W., L. Norden Sec., Maidwell S.D., C. H. Webb Preceptor, Lake I.G., Bros. White, Grammer, Hollands, &c. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, giving the traditional history, Bro. Grammer as candidate. Bro. Grammer assisted the W.M. in working the third section of the second lecture. Bro. Ellis was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, on which occasion the Fifteen Sections will be worked. The attendance of the brethren is kindly requested.

Derwent Lodge, No. 40.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, on Monday, the 13th inst., when there were present:—Bros. W. Glenister W.M., C. M. Morris P.M. acting S.W., T. Trollope P.P.G.S.W. P.M. acting J.W., G. Wellerd P.P.G.D.C. P.M. Treas., Crosswaite acting Sec., E. F. Cave Brown Cave I.P.M. P.P.G. Chap., E. W. Hennah S.D., Puttick acting J.D., Emmerson acting I.G., Attersall Tyler; also Bros. Forss, Pearce, Hudson, Dawson, Joseph Russell, Wilson, Gaze, Bray, Wadd, Rodda, Duke, Wood; Visitors—Bros. Stuart 140 and Holmes P.M. 387. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. stated that he, with several brethren, had the honour to attend the Provincial Grand Lodge at Brighton, on the previous Monday, when ten guineas was voted for the temporary support of Bro. Hayter. The Provincial Grand Lodge had also decided to adopt and carry out through the Province the scheme so successfully worked by the Derwent Lodge, by which brethren who pay a subscription of one shilling per week can draw for Life Governorships in the different Charities. Messrs. Powles and Gansden were then admitted, and initiated in an efficient manner by the W.M. Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bros. Joseph, Duke, and Ranger answered the questions before raising, very satisfactorily. After they had retired for preparation, Lodge was opened in the third degree, when the candidates were admitted and raised. Too much credit cannot be given to Bro. Glenister for the able and impressive manner in which he performed the ceremony. The W.M. thanked the acting Officers for their able assistance, and regretted so many of his regular Officers were absent. Lodge was then closed in due form.

Strong Man Lodge, No. 45.—At the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, on Monday. Bros. Halle W.M., Patrick S.W., Isaac J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Wing S.D., J. W. Smith J.D., Oliver I.G.; also Bros. Pelikan, Symons, Fox, Hallam sen., King, Butt, and others. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Pelikan candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first, Hallam sen. the second, Isaac the third, Tolmie the fourth sections, assisted by the brethren. On the resumption of the Lodge, Bro. Oliver of the Duke of Connaught Lodge 1558 was elected a member. Bro. Patrick will preside at next meeting. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction on the 27th inst.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction.—Held at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on 30th Sept. Present—Bros. King W.M., Daniel S.W., Hogarth J.W., Chicken S.D., Caton I.G., Hollands Sec.; Bros. Moss, Valentine, Poole, Maidwell. After preliminaries, Bro. Valentine answered the questions leading to the third, and was duly raised to the sublime degree. The W.M. rendered the ceremony in a very impressive manner; it was the first time he had attempted it. The Lodge was closed to the first degree, when the W.M. rehearsed the initiation ceremony, Brother Valentine candidate.

On Tuesday, 14th instant, Bro. Chicken W.M., Roberts S.W., King (27) J.W., Daniels S.D., Hamilton J.D., Caton I.G., Sayer Pos. Shadler, Wiseman, Songhton, Bone, Jones, &c. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Pilcher candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Roberts, who resumed the Lodge to the first degree and duly raised Bro. Chicken to the sublime degree. Bro. Roberts was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The annual banquet of this Lodge will be held at the above tavern on Tuesday, 18th November. Bros. King, Hollands, and Roberts have undertaken the duties of Stewards for the occasion.

Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, No. 87.—16th October, at the White Hart, College-street, Lambeth. Bros. John Skirving W.M., Isaac S.W., Watson J.W., G. Isaac Treasurer, J. G. Bond Sec., Nicolson S.D., Oakley J.D., Crabtree I.G., Ball, and others. The business comprised the rehearsal of the third ceremony, Bro. Ball candidate. The Lodge was closed in the three degrees. The proprietor of the White Hart (Bro. Isaac) having some time since obtained permission for the removal of his license, has undertaken the furnishing of a thorough Masonic Hall in the new building he has erected for the requirements of his business. The suite of Masonic rooms will comprise Lodge and banquet halls, retiring and preparation rooms, and in short every convenience that can be provided. We understand that the building will be finished in about six weeks, when both the Vitruvian Lodge and the Lodge of Instruction working under its warrant will meet there. Should any Lodge require accommodation in this district, we feel assured that Bro. Isaac will be pleased to give every information.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141.—At 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., on 13th October. Bro. Rhodes W.M., Bassington S.W., Perceval J.W., Hunt S.D., C. J. Perceval J.D., Gladwell I.G., Cottebrune Preceptor; Bros. Von Joel, Buck, Cross, Kohler, Allison, and several other brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Foot candidate. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Von Joel candidate. Lodge advanced again, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Kohler candidate. Three brethren were admitted members. Lodge closed, and adjourned till next Tuesday at eight o'clock, when the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—On Wednesday evening, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Bros. Thomas B. Biddle W.M., A. W. Smith S.W., J. K. Pitt J.W. and Sec., John E. Fells S.D., Fells I.G.; Past Master Bro. Thomas J. Barnes, Bro. G. L. Walker Preceptor; Visitor—Wm. J. Ramsay, Pengo 1815. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Fells candidate. Bro. Ramsay was elected a member.

On Wednesday, 15th instant. Bros. Thos. B. Biddle W.M., W. Sayer S.W., John E. Fells J.W., J. K. Pitt Sec., A. F. Lang S.D., T. W. Bone J.D., A. W. Smith I.G., Johnson. Visitor—J. Smith Confidence 193. The third ceremony was rehearsed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Bone, who desired to work the ceremony of installation, which he did to the satisfaction and profit of the brethren present. Bro. Sayer was appointed W.M. for next meeting. Bro. J. Smith was elected a member.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, on Saturday the 11th inst. Present—Brothers Brasted W.M., D. Moss S.W., McMillan J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Giller S.D., Carr J.D., Lorkin I.G., also Bros. Lorkin, J. A. Powell, Garrod, W. Williams, Slaiter, Davis, Mackay, Vizzard, C. K. Killick sen., &c. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Williams candidate. Bro. Garrod gave the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. Pearcy worked the first and second, Bro. Moss the third and fifth sections of the lecture. Lodge was closed to the first degree. Bro. D. Moss was elected to preside at the next meeting. The sum of £5 5s was ordered to be placed on Bro. Pearcy's list, he going up as Steward on behalf of the R.M.B.I., after which the Lodge was closed and adjourned. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on the 25th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Lardner, of the West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1625.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 14th October. Present—Bros. Greenwood W.M., Clark S.W., Fleck J.W., Butt S.D., King J.D., Quay I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor. Bro. Wooding was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Garrod gave the lecture of the second tracing board in a very able manner. Bro. C. Lorkin assisted Bro. Moss in the fourth section of the lecture, which was worked very creditably. Lodge was called off, and after resuming its Masonic duties, P.M. Wallington assisted Bro. Moss to work the third section of the third lecture. Bros. I. P. Cohen P.M. 205, Wooding 1306, Langton 538, were elected members. Bro. Clark was appointed W.M. for the ensuing meeting. Bro. P.M. Wallington proposed, and Bro. Fleck seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes, it being the first time the W.M. had filled the chair. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday evening, 28th Oct., at seven o'clock, when Bro. Moss will preside. In addition to those already mentioned, Bros. Langton, Garrod, Polak, Moss, C. Lorkin, Brasted, Brand, Cohen, Baker, Christian, Westfield, Carr, Wardell, Dubus, Forss, and others, were present.

St. Augustine Lodge of Instruction, No. 972.—On 8th inst. at the Masonic Hall, Canterbury, Bros. Moulding W.M., [illegible] S.W., Price J.W., Mi kin S.D., Vile J.D., Secra I.G.; also [illegible], Pilcher P.M., Welsh P.M., Rossiter, Wiltshier, H. Pringuer, [illegible] Beer, Hyde, S. F. Pringuer Sec. After preliminaries, Bro. S. F. Pringuer worked the first and second sections of lecture in second degree. Lodge was called off, and resumed. Lodge was opened in third degree, and afterwards closed in due order. The sections will be continued on the 22nd inst.

St. John of Wapping Lodge, 1306.—The opening meeting of the season was held on the 8th inst., at Bro. Mortlock's, Gun Hotel, Wapping. Bro. W. H. Hayward W.M. opened the Lodge in due form, assisted by the following Officers and brethren:—Bros. C. Veal S.W., J. Magrath J.W., T. Wooding S.D., Horsley J.D., Carrociero I.G.; also Bros. Past Masters W. Coleman I.P.M., Beck, Poore, Mortlock, Hayward, and Bros. T. Tyers, Tarling, Willetts, &c. Visitors—Bros. J. Bowron P.M. 933 and G. H. Stephens I.G. 1623. The minutes of the previous regular and an emergency meeting were read by the Secretary, Bro. H. T. Hardy, and were confirmed. The business on the agenda paper could not be carried out, owing to the unavoidable absence of the candidates for passing and initiation. This, however, furnished ample time for the brethren, on the opening night of a new season, to re-establish that *entente cordiale* which is so pleasant a feature in our Lodges. The brethren, after partaking of some light refreshment, paid the customary tribute of respect to the usual loyal and Craft toasts, in proposing which Bro. Hayward displayed great tact. The Visitors, Bros. Bowron and Stephens, were duly honoured, and both brethren briefly replied. The toast of the Past Masters, heartily received, elicited replies from several of that body. Bro. L. Beck thanked the brethren for the hearty reception of the toast. He was glad to see it had been a small quiet meeting, free from too much business. Bro. Poore also returned thanks, and said he had been greatly pleased to see the W.M. do his work so well, and to be quite able to do without his Past Masters,

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although they were there to render any service the Lodge might require. He was sure it was most gratifying to the brethren, and to the P.M.'s in particular. Bro. Mortlock returned his thanks. He had known the Lodge a long time, although not a P.M. of the Lodge, which he wished he had been, he had, first as a constant visitor, and now for some time past as its caterer, endeavoured to do all in his power for the welfare of the Lodge, and should continue so to do. The Officers' toast followed. This, the W.M. said, was a very important toast. No Lodge, whatever degree of perfection may be possessed by its Past Masters and W.M., can hope to be a good working and successful Lodge unless it has Officers who not only know their duties, but whose hearts are in their work. Good Officers are essential, and keep the Lodge in trim. Unfortunately this evening he had not had the pleasure of witnessing what his Officers could do, but at their future meetings he was sure they would find nothing wanting. Our S.W. Veal is a brother full of zeal, and no doubt will, when he attains the position of W.M., do his work admirably, and be a pattern Master. The J.W. Magrath is a promising Officer, and will do credit to any office he may be called upon to fill. Our S.D. Wooding is a first-rate member, and is coming forward in his working. If I can credit the whispers I hear, we shall find him a fitting brother, and wish we had had an opportunity of witnessing his work. The same remarks apply to our J.D. Horsley, who, we all know, to be qualified to do higher work than he at present has to perform. I hope it will not be long before he attains the highest position. The I.G. Carrociero's duty, although it may appear a small office, yet is a most important one, and I hope the brother who holds that office may work his way up to the highest post. In mentioning the Treasurer, Bro. P.M. Hayward, the W.M. said he felt very bashful, as his son, in proposing his health. Without him he should never have been able to fill his position, and it gave him great joy to see him in their midst. He has won the respect and esteem of all in this Lodge. Our Secretary, Bro. Hardy, has been called away through sickness, but we all know how he discharges his important duties. The toast was heartily received. Bro. S.W., in returning thanks, said he was afraid the W. Master's account of him was highly coloured. He was doing his best, and hoped to do the duties he might be called upon to perform with credit. Bro. Magrath also returned thanks. He was only a young member, but the Lodge might be sure of his best endeavours. Bro. Wooding endorsed the remarks of the previous speakers, and would endeavour to acquit himself with satisfaction to the Lodge. The other Officers also replied. The meeting, which was not large, was a most successful one, and a pleasant augury for the work just commenced. Bro. I.P.M. Coleman again performed excellent service on the piano, and also accompanied some good singers. Among the songs were, "Happy be thy dreams," and "The Wreath of Roses," from Bro. Poore; "Welcome, brothers, welcome friends," from Bro. Mortlock; "The Father's Love" (Lurline), Bro. G. H. Stephens; an old song of Sheridan's, "The Bottle," from P.M. Beck; Henry Russell's stirring "Ship on Fire," from Bro. Willetts; Bro. Tyers also sang, and Bro. Veal contributed two humorous songs, causing great enjoyment. Thus the time sped happily on, and the brethren retired at a reasonable hour to seek their homes.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 14th October. Bro. Shepherd 1349 W.M., Johnson S.W., Pavitt J.W., Brownson S.D., Power J.D., Keable I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor; also Bros. McDonald, Peterken, Fyfe, Watkins, Smith, Andrews, Sadler, White, and P.M. Myers. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Smith candidate. Bro. Worsley worked the five sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Johnson was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. As already stated, the Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge of Instruction on the 28th instant.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 13th inst., at York, when there was a very large attendance of members and visitors, the Lodge room being quite filled. Amongst those present were Bros. J. S. Cumberland W.M., C. G. Padel S.W., J. T. Seller J.W., T. B. Whytehead I.P.M. P.P.G.D.C., J. Kay Sec., T. Humphries Asst. Sec., M. Millington S.D., T. D. Smith J.D., G. Simpson M.C., A. T. B. Turner Asst. M.C., G. H. Simpson Organist, J. Blenkin I.G., W. Hill and G. H. Hebblethwaite Stewards, J. Ware, W. P. Husband, Girling, Jackson, Dyson, Marshall, Atkinson, Clark, Briggs, and others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. J. Hanley W.M. St. Patrick's Lodge, J. Todd P.M. 236 P.P.G. Reg., and several brethren of the York and St. Patrick's Lodges. A successful ballot for a candidate having been taken, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. J. Davies was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and Bro. W. G. Carter was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, the ceremonies being throughout worked in a perfect manner by the W.M. The Lodge was then lowered to the first degree, and on the proposition of Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., seconded by the W.M., Bros. W. J. Hughan P.G.D., A. M. Broadley, D.D., G. Master of Malta, and Charles E. Meyer P.G.H.P. Pennsylvania, U.S., were elected honorary members of the Lodge; Bro. Whytehead referring, in high terms, to the services rendered by these brethren to Masonry, and to the honour which would accrue to the Lodge by their names being enrolled on the list of honorary members. This being the first meeting of the Lodge since the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge under its banner, votes of thanks were moved by the W.M., and passed, to the Dean of York for the use of the Minster; to Bro. Dr. Monk, Mus. D., for the musical arrangements; to the Lord Mayor of York for the use of the Guildhall and Mansion House, as well as his great hospitality; to Bro. Major Shaw-Hellier and the Officers of the 4th Dragoon Guards for the use of the Band without expense; to Bro. W. S. Smith, Bandmaster, for his services to Lieut. Col. York and the Officers of the West Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers for the use of seats, &c., and to several brethren of the Lodge for special aid on the occasion, as also to the W.M. and brethren of the York Lodge for the loan of several objects of Masonic interest on view at the Conversazione. It was then determined that the sum of ten guineas, being a proportion of the collection at the Minster on the occasion, should be placed on the list of the Brother who should represent the Lodge at the next Benevolent Festival. Ten guineas from the Charity Fund of the Lodge was also voted as the nucleus of a list for the next Festival of the Girls' School. Thus the Lodge will be well represented at the next year's Charity Meetings. During the evening it was mentioned that Bro. Sir James Meek P.M. was announced to act as Steward at the Benevolent for the York Lodge 236, and that that Lodge had voted ten guineas to his list, and also that Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett would represent the Zetland Chapter 236, so that the City of York was setting a good example to the whole Province. A satisfactory report from the Treasurer was received, and laid upon the Secretay's table. The next business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and the unanimous choice of the Lodge fell upon the S.W. Bro. Christian G. Padel, who returned thanks to the Lodge for the honour done him. Bro. G. Balmford P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer and Bro. Paul Pearson was also re-elected Tyler, the W.M. taking the opportunity of thanking Bro. Pearson for his uniform and unwearied attention at all times. Bro. J. S. Cumberland was then re-elected as the representative of this Lodge in the Provincial Charities Committee, and sincere wishes were expressed in the Lodge that during the coming year the Charity Organisation might be thoroughly completed and placed in working order. Bro. G. Ayre P.M. 1416, Thirsk, Prov. J.G. Deacon, was then proposed and seconded as a joining member. Bro. Padel presented to the Lodge a Masonically bound copy of Pauer's Organ March Book for the use of the Lodge, Bro. G. H. Simpson presented a copy of the Freemason's Pocket Companion (17—), and several other minor gifts were mentioned, for all of which hearty votes of thanks were returned. The Lodge was then closed. The Installation Ceremony will take place on the 10th November.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the meeting of this Lodge held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 2nd October, there were present—Bros. J. Green W.M., Gasson S.W., W. Seward J.W., Coop S.D., Tink Brown J.D., J. Wells I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, T. Kingston, H. Kasner, J. W. Woolmer, W. A. Batho, E. C. Porter. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. J. W. Woolmer candidate. Bro. J. Green vacated, and Bro. Coop occupied the chair. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. E. C. Porter proved himself an efficient F.C., and was entrusted. Lodge being advanced, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed; the traditional history being given by Bro. Preceptor Tucker. The Lodge resumed, and Bro. W. E. Batho, of Clifton Lodge, No. 703, was elected a member of the Lodge.

Thursday, 9th October, was the night appointed for the Officers of the Mother Lodge to fill their respective posts. Accordingly, the Lodge was opened with Bros. Thos. Kingston W.M., H. Kasner S.W., A. J. Barr J.W., J. Green S.D., S. Dyer J.D., W. Seward I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, J. Wells Secretary; J. W. Fisher, E. C. Porter, Gasson, W. E. Batho, A. Jones, H. Stephens, J. S. Wright, T. J. Arnold. The minutes of previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. Kasner took the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Gasson candidate. The Lodge was opened in second degree, and advanced to third degree, and the ceremony of raising was very well rendered by the W.M. Bro. Arnold being the candidate. Bro. T. J. Arnold, of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, was elected a member. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned to 16th October, Bro. Gasson to preside.

West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at Bro. T. Butt's, New Market Hotel, Snow-hill, E.C. The business before the Lodge was to initiate a gentleman into the Order who had been several times unable to attend the regular meetings, owing to being engaged at sea. Bro. J. Howes P.M. W.M. opened the Lodge punctually at 3 o'clock, and was supported by the following Officers and brethren:—Bros. T. Butt as S.W., W. Malthouse J.W., E. Mallett P.M. Sec. T. M. Butt S.D., H. J. Lardner J.D., G. H. Stephens I.G., Egbert Roberts Organist; also Bros. Greenwood, W. Smith, W. Butt, S. Renaut, W. H. Smith, C. H. Smith, W. Silver, &c.; Bro. W. Smyth Tyler. The notice convening the meeting was read by the Secretary. The candidate, Mr. Edmond Pettett, now being in attendance, was initiated into the mysteries of the Order in a very impressive manner. After the ceremony the W.M. addressed to Bro. Pettett some appropriate remarks upon his leaving England, and gave him some good advice. Two brethren were then tested, thus proving satisfactory, Bros. C. H. Smith and W. H. Smith were duly passed to the second degree, and Lodge was closed. There was no banquet, but the W.M. invited the brethren to spend a short time with him. The usual loyal toasts were honoured, and the initiate was paid the usual compliment. The W.M., with much humour, gave the toasts of the "Officers," of whom he spoke highly, and the "Lay Members." The whole of the proceedings were of a most enjoyable character which was due partly to the genial influence of Bro. J. Howes, who is an old and experienced P.M., and the excellent musical efforts of Bro. Egbert Roberts, Organist, who is a great acquisition to the Lodge, which possesses several musical members.

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Sackville Lodge, No. 1619.—The closing meeting for this year of this prosperous Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 7th instant, at 5 p.m., at the Crown Hotel, East Grinstead. The following brethren were present:—Bros. John G. Horsey W.M., S. Davison S.W., Chas. Sawyer I.P.M. and Sec., C.W. Noehmer P.M., J. G. Calway J.D., W. Harwood, I. Cooper, C. Firbank, G. W. Holmes and Mark Ovenden. Visitors:—Bros. A. W. Thorpe S.W. Caveac 176, S. Harrison P.M. Carnarvon 804 and P.P.G. Supt. of Works Hants and Isle of Wight, I. Hopkinson Union 38, and Jos. Irinth 1507. The Lodge having been opened in the first and second degrees Bros. Christopher Firbank, G. W. Holmes and M. Ovenden replied very correctly to the usual questions before raising, were then entrusted, and retired. The Lodge having been opened in the third degree, they were re-admitted and raised in a very impressive manner to the sublime degree of M.M. Upon the conclusion of this ceremony the Lodge was resumed to the second and first degrees, when the W.M. referred to a letter he had received from Bro. Head J.W., giving as the cause of his absence the death of a very near relative. Upon the suggestion of the W.M. the brethren unanimously agreed that the Secretary should write Bro. Head expressive of their sympathy with him in his affliction. The Secretary then read letters of regret at being unable to attend from Bros. P.M. Noke, Dickman, Woolgar and Pile. The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony and the brethren afterwards assembled in the spacious Market Room of the Hotel, and did full justice to a substantial repast, served by Bro. Ovenden, at which all the usual loyal and other toasts were duly honoured. At about eleven o'clock the W.M. brought the proceedings to a close.

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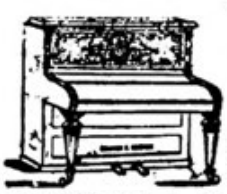

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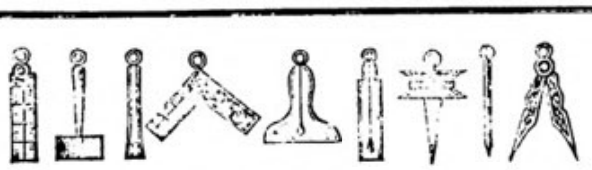

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NEW MASONIC TEMPLE, ST. JOHN'S, NEW BRUNSWICK.

SOME few months since we drew attention to a Masonic Fair which the brethren of St. John's, New Brunswick, contemplated, for the purpose of raising funds to enable them to build a Masonic Temple, to replace that destroyed by the fire of 1877, when the greater part of the City was laid in ruins. We now have pleasure in recording the success which has attended their efforts. Articles for sale were received from numerous friends, while others made it their duty to provide comfort and enjoyment for those who attended the Fair. The latter body must have had no light task, for we read in the official publication issued in connection with the Fair that as many as three thousand persons were present at various time. The ladies and others more intimately associated in the labour of the undertaking having consented, it was decided to continue the Fair for a second week, and at the conclusion of that time an evening Promenade Concert was arranged, as a compliment to the ladies who contributed so much to the success of the undertaking. At the time of closing the Fair the Committee found themselves still in possession of a number of articles, and they decided to remove them to a store, in order that, as far as possible, they should be disposed of in the ordinary way of business. It is proposed to continue the sale in this way until Christmas, when an auction will be held of the articles then remaining, and the whole matter cleared off. We hope when this shall have been effected the brethren will find themselves in possession of a sum worthy of the cause for which they have worked, and that for many years their Masonic Temple may stand, a record of what can be accomplished by hearty co-operation and united effort.

A few details of the building—which, from a drawing in THE VOICE OF MASONRY we imagine, when finished will be an elegant structure—may not be uninteresting to our readers, as they may serve to show the outlay necessary for such an undertaking, and may induce some of our brethren to undertake the providing of homes for the Craft in the mother country. The cost is set down at 80,000 dols., the plot of ground on which the building is situated has a frontage of 100 feet, with a depth of 200 feet. The adjoining plot is occupied by Trinity Church, which, standing about 100 feet back from the street line, allows an uninterrupted view of the side of the Masonic building, and affords in many ways advantages which could not otherwise have arisen. The ground floor is divided into five stores running from front to rear, three of which have warerooms over, the other portion of the second floor being set apart for Masonic business. The third floor comprises a hall 14 by 34 feet, at the further end of which is the entrance to the Blue Lodge or main room of the building; this room, which is 64ft. long, 33 wide, and 30 high, has the usual ante rooms attached, and is to be finished in first-class manner. On the opposite side of the hall is a room (30½ ft. by 42 ft.)—to be used by the Knights Templars—which has two large armouries attached. On the next floor accommodation is provided for Royal Arch Chapters, and a banquet hall, 33½ ft. by 22½ ft., takes the remainder of the space. Every improvement that can add to the comfort of the building is to be introduced, and we think when finished the brethren of St. John's will possess as handsome and spacious a Temple as they can reasonably desire.

As we have before announced, the sale of fancy articles continues until Christmas, so that, should any of our friends wish to assist their Transatlantic brethren in their laudable desire, ample opportunity is still open to them. Any contributions sent to Bro. J. W. Bone, care of Messrs. Faudel, Phillips and Co., Newgate-street, London, or to Bro. E. R. Kimpton, 3 Summer-row, Birmingham, will be faithfully applied for the benefit of the desired object.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

THE last official abstract of proceedings of this grand body comprises particulars of a Special Communication held at Salem, on Thursday the 24th of June, and of the regular Quarterly Communication of September, which was held in the city of Boston on the 10th of that month. At the first named there were present Charles Alfred Welch Grand Master, Abraham H. Howland jun. Deputy Grand Master, and numerous Present and Past Grand Officers. The special objects for which the meeting was held were the celebrating the Feast Day of St. John the Baptist, and more especially for the commemoration of the Centennial Anniversary of the institution of Essex Lodge, and of the introduction of Masonry into Salem. Grand Lodge was opened at 11.45. At twelve o'clock a procession was formed in Washington-square, and proceeded, under escort of the Winslow Lewis and Newburyport Commanderies of Knights Templar, to the Hall of the Essex Lodge, where the Grand Master and other Grand Officers were received and escorted to the Universalist Church. Here appropriate services were performed, the Rev. Bros. E. C. Bolles, Fielder Israel, and Bartlett acting as Chaplains. An oration, having reference to the formation of Essex Lodge, and the establishment of Masonry in Salem, was delivered by Bro. Tracy P. Cheever, Recording Grand Secretary. At the close of the services in the church, the procession reformed, and the brethren marched to the banquet-hall, where a sumptuous entertainment had been provided by the entertaining brethren. Among the guests during this part of the day was the Mayor of the city, Henry K. Oliver. The customary toasts were given; the Grand Master took the opportunity of addressing the large assemblage on the peculiar significance of the day, and expressed the hope that those who would celebrate the next centennial of Freemasonry in Salem might be as happy as those engaged in that of 1879. At the conclusion of the banquet, the Grand Officers were again escorted to the Lodge hall, and in due course Grand Lodge was closed.

At the Quarterly Communication of 10th September, the Grand Master again presided. On this occasion he was supported by the Grand Officers of the year, numerous D.D.G. Masters, Past Grand Masters, Past Officers, and representatives from ninety-one of the Lodges under his jurisdiction. The records of the last regular Communication and of the special one held at Salem were duly confirmed, after which the bye-laws of various Lodges were presented for approval. A communication from the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, requesting further consideration of the subject of their recognition, was referred to a committee, as was also a petition for a new Lodge at South Westport. The reports of committees which had been appointed by Grand Lodge on various subjects were brought forward and accepted. Satisfaction was expressed at the action taken by the Lodges throughout the jurisdiction in regard to the discharge of the debt of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Master also congratulated the brethren upon the success of the movement which had

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been commenced for the payment of that debt. Many of those, he said, who at first had expressed an adverse opinion to the method which had been adopted for raising the necessary funds, had, upon reflection, and more careful examination, become satisfied, and were now working with zeal and energy to carry it out. No further business offering, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, with prayer by Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain.

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"WHERE in the Bible can I find the principles or groundwork of Masonry?" said Anthony Trollope to me one day, as the topic of conversation turned upon that thought.

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"I supposed that if it had a foundation upon the Bible it should point a particular command or fact."

"Have you ever found any place where it has been said by Christ or the Apostles, 'Thou shalt organise a church?'"

"No."

"Where do we found the organisation of the Christian church of the present day?"

"Upon a number of facts, viz.; the promise of a Messiah, the coming of Christ, His baptism, life, suffering, death, resurrection, and finally His command, 'Go ye into all the world,' &c. After that, the meetings of the Apostles, their organization into societies, and step by step until we have the Church in its present form."

"From this, then, I learn that you have no direct command, but a chain of circumstances and the growth of history."

"True, but I have never been able to find such a chain of circumstances as these to favour the organizationof societies like Masons or Odd Fellows."

"To organize a society upon the Bible, does it follow that there must be a command? Certainly not, for that you have already developed. Does it follow that it must be a single thought or historic fact? No, for that is seen in the many that enter into the organization of the church. Must it be based on a certain principle? No, for one principle cannot embody all."

"That may be true, but in Masonry I do not find any chain of circumstances leading me back to the days of the Saviour, as I do in the church."

"Well you are aware of the claim for the ancient orgin of Masonry."

"Yes, but I do not believe it."

"Well, I do not know that its ancient or modern origin is of any importance or value to the argument of a Bible origin. Suppose, in reading the Bible, I find a beautiful thought, allegory, parable, or historic fact, in which I see a principle which I can illustrate in a number of ways, and by which I can impress men in a way to do them good. I enter into the work of developing it, in doing which I bring out a set of forms, ceremonies and truths that make men better, and I gather a number of men together to assist in administering them to others, and after awhile find that I have quite a society around me, have I not founded that society upon the Bible?"

"Certainly, upon a principle taught therein."

"That being the case it does not matter whether Freemasonry is of ancient or modern origin; whether it was commanded or organized by Moses or Solomon, or some one of later date, impressed with some one or more truths found in the Bible, but as its foundation is upon principle and facts found there and nowhere else it is certainly founded upon that sacred volume. I have, then, no need of any argument of its antiquity to establish the evidence of its foundation."

"I see, but even then there must be something more than mere truth or principle; for I find that certain truths in the Bible were also the truths of ancient Greek and Roman philosophy, and if you have merely truth and precept it may be a relic of ancient heathenism, as is claimed by many of its opposers."

"But you have already agreed that a fact may enter into this organization as well as principle. If, now, I find a precept or principle common to heathen philosophy and Bible teaching, and then find a fact, or history, that is peculiarly biblical, I am justified in the assertion of its biblical origin."

"True, but the forms and ceremonies were things belonging to heathenism."

"But do we not also remember that the forms of worship, their ceremonies, sacrifices, circumcision and purifications, were inductive and sacred means attending the work of the Jewish Church? Was not baptism a means of induction into the Christian Church after circumcision was done away, and was not the sacrament of the Lord's Supper introduced as a means of worship in the later church? Because we find things of similar character in heathen religion we do not charge Christianity as being the relic of barbarism; we can, therefore, with no more reason lay that charge to Masonry. We therefore, do not have to point to any single thing or thought to establish a Bible foundation."

"I understand, then, that Masonry has for its foundation a number of facts peculiar to the Bible alone; that its principles, though found in the Bible and heathen philosophy, were taken because they were in the one without reference to the other; that your ceremonies are inductive and for the purpose of inculcating the divine principle; if that is so I cannot see any justice in the charge of its being a relic of barbarism. Am I correct?"

"You are."

"That being correct, where do you point to the facts? I cannot take virtue, because I find that in ancient philosophy; nor faith, for that is a natural principle evidenced in all men; nor charity, for I find that, in certain conditions, everywhere; nor love, because I find that a constitutional element in man and animals. To substantiate your statement you must produce other matters that I find only in the divine writings, and that must be a divine command or its result."

"I may direct you to the prayers to the Almighty, but you will meet the argument by saying the heathen prayed to their gods; but if I direct you to the words used in the work, 'Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! it is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garment; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion;' you have thoughts and references that are peculiar to none but GOD's word. If I refer you to the name Boaz, one of the pillars in Solomon's temple, you will not recognize it as belonging to any heathen, nor modern temple: nor if I refer you to its constant references to Jerusalem will you find any heathenism there, because that city was peculiarly GOD's city. I turn your thoughts, then, to the incidents of Ruth and Boaz, as being peculiar to the Bible, and Jewish customs; also to the constant reference to the many things connected with Solomon's temple. I grant that there were temples among other nations, but we are to bear in mind the fact that no temple reference in Masonry will at any time apply to any other than Solomon's, neither in its symbols nor facts. Then as to Freemasonry's acknowledgment of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, that can apply to nothing but the ancient Jewish thought. Although ancient philosophy recognized a great creative, unknown power, yet it was not so specific in its reference as what we find in this. Then, referring farther back in history to the crossing of the Red Sea by Moses and the children of Israel; to the character and work of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist; to the dream of Jacob where he saw the angels ascending and descending the ladder; to the plumb-line spoken of in the prophecies of Amos; to the valley of Jehosaphat, the wailing place of the Jews; to the altar in Solomon's temple, and to its middle chamber; to the character of its pillars; to the Jewish Sabbatic year; to the crossing of the river where the distinction in pronouncing Shibboleth was the death warrant of the enemy in the Ephraimitic and Ammonitish war; to the character of Hiram of Tyre in his alliance with Solomon King of Israel; to the expressions of Ecclesiastes, 'Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say I have no pleasure in them. * * ;' and to the circumstances of the death of the masterbuilder of the temple. All of these take a wide range of Bible history, and a history that is found, nowhere else. Now, if these are the principal parts of Masonic organization, can it be denied that so far it has a foundation in Bible history, not to say precepts? for in this I have purposely omitted the precepts, because, as you have said, they may be found elsewhere. Now, if for its foundation Freemasonry has these facts, and the corresponding precepts and principles which are also found in that book, is any one justified in separating these and charging even a combination of biblical and heathen origin?"

"No, because the principles are perfectly consistent with the facts."

"We will, then, carry the thought a little further, and in the SAVIOUR's parables we find the workman who began at the close of the day receiving the wages of him who had borne the heat and burden of the day; then we return again to the thoughts, 'The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof. * * Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? and who shall stand in His holy place. * * This is the generation of them that seek Him, that seek thy face, O Jacob! * * The LORD, strong and mighty; the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates,' &c. A perfect acknowledgment of GOD and the coming Messiah; besides numbers of other quotations from the written word. Then the representation of the holy fire that came down and consumed the sacrifices upon the altar of the temple. So we pass on to the admonition 'to be fervent in our devotions to GOD,' to the rebuilding of the temple, and on, in higher degrees, to the crucifixion and finally to the resurrection of CHRIST, embodying also the teachings of a life in immortality, or a faith in GOD, and the redeeming principles of a divine faith. Now, in all these, I have delineated only a part, a mere synopsis of the foundation principles of Masonry, and in none of them do I recognize anything that I find is allied to the principles or practices of heathenism. I therefore, after a thorough examination and study, have been unable to detect anything but that which is taken from the Word, save only such forms or words as are necessary to connect the different words or facts for the purposes of the work."

"You have a larger groundwork than I thought."

"Yes, and you will also see that the same thing you showed to be a foundation of the Church, 'a number of facts,' is the groundwork of Freemasonry. The main principles are the same."

"Will you argue, then, that the organization of Masonry is by divine authority, as we argue for the church."

"No, I will not take that ground."

"Will you argue that it is a church, and necessarily a form of religion?"

"No. Though there have been arguments that it was the ancient church, I will try nothing of the kind. I do not believe it to be a church, nor do I believe it a form of religion, and I think him mistaken who does. Nor do I think it a means of salvation, notwithstanding its beautiful precepts, teachings and examples; but I believe if a man desires spiritual salvation he must receive it through the medium of the church. I believe Masonry to be a voluntary organization of men, founded upon some of the grandest teachings of GOD's word and designed to lift men up into better lives, if they will follow what they are taught. I see men led into better thoughts, and, though they are not always better men in general practice, I find them better in their fraternal action, in taking a wider and deeper thought in charity."

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According to Philosophers	——

Had any one published the above in Switzerland, either before or immediately after the Reformation, he would probably have been burnt for doubting the orthodox belief in the age of the world. In a book before me, however, viz., "The Dawn of History" (by C. F. Keary), though the author does not try to guess the age of the world, yet he evidently believes the world to be much older than we were once taught to believe.

Evidences of the existence of man upon the earth exist as far back as the glacial period. At that time, the now British Isles formed part of the Continent. If I understand the author rightly, there was then neither an Irish Sea nor a North Sea. Scotland and Denmark in the north, and France and England in the south, joined each other alike. The Thames and other eastern rivers were then tributaries to a large stream, which bore through this Continent and up to the Northern Seas, wherein mingled the waters of the English rivers with those of the Rhine and other German rivers. Spain was then united to Africa, and Africa itself extended as far as the Azore Islands. The Great Sahara was then part of the Mediterranean, in which was embraced the Red Sea; and a great Mediterranean Sea existed then in Central Asia, of which the Caspian and Arab seas are merely traces.

The melting of the glaciers gave rise to enormous rivers, which flowed from every hill; the now little river Ouse, flowing through Norfolk into the Wash, was then, probably, many miles broad. Vast forests grew upon the river banks, which left their traces in the peat formations, and in those forests roamed animals unknown to us. The most notable of these was the mammoth, a huge elephant, whose skeleton and gigantic tusks are conspicuous in our museums, and who has given its name to this earliest age of man's existence, or what is known to us as such; it is called the "Mammoth Age." With the mammoth, too, lived other species of animals which are either now extinct, or have been driven away from our latitudes. The woolly rhinoceros, the cave lion, and cave bear, the Lithinrian bison, the urus, the reindeer, and the musk ox. It is with the remains of these animals, in the beds of the great rivers, that we find the earliest tools and weapons made by human hands.

We can scarcely conceive how man could live through so many ages in this world of ours before he discovered minerals and metals. "The pen I write with" (says Mr. Keary) "is of metal, or if it were a quill the steel knife would have to shape it; the rags of which this paper is made had to be cut by metal knives," and so it is in almost every department of human wants. But the primitive man, who had no knowledge of the metallic treasures hidden in the earth, sought for his materials to make tools of on the surface of the earth only, and finding stone to be the hardest substance, so he made his implements out of stone. This period is called "The Stone Age," and its duration was very long. This age is divided into two distinct periods, viz., "the old stone epoch," so-called because the implements were never polished, and "the new stone period," called also "the polished stone age," and, during the greater part at least of this stone period, the condition of life was the same as that of the arctic regions of the present time.

These stone implements are found associated with the remains of the mammoth and woolly rhinoceros, animals naturally belonging to the arctic or semi-arctic climates which succeeded the glacial era. But similar implements are also found associated with the bones of the lion, the tiger, and the hippopotamus, all of which, especially the last, are rarely living outside of the torrid zone. This shows that the drift implements sufficed for man's wants through a succession of changes of temperature—from that of the frigid to that of the torrid climate, and probably after the climate became again temperate; and under all these conditions, frigid, torrid, and temperate, man had to defend himself from the attacks of all kinds of animals with mere stone weapons, and not of the most improved make either. Surely, in those old times England could not have been for man "a happy land."

The author next introduces us to a little more advanced state of human civilisation. Thus, in caves generally formed in limestone rocks the most remarkable "finds" have been obtained in Devonshire; also in the department of Dordogne, in France; from caves in Belgium, and from a very remarkable cave in Neanderthal, near Dusseldorf, in Germany. But there is scarcely a country in Europe where some cave containing human bones and weapons has not been discovered. The rudest drift implements seem older than almost any found in caves, and on the whole the cave implements indicate an advance in civilisation from that of the drift period. Thus, in addition to stone, are found also implements made of bone, such as harpoon heads, with many barbs, arrow-heads made both of stone and of bone, they also found awls made of stone, likewise knives and needles made of bone. The author thinks that with the awls they pierced holes in the skins of animals designed for clothing, and the sinews of the animals formed the thread to sew the skins with. Man then began to be a tailor, or, more properly, something betwixt the tailor and the furrier. So he was then a manufacturer of stone implements, and of clothing too; he must also have formed wooden handles for his harpoon heads, which gave rise to the carpenter trade. But there is also evidence that the principle of political economy, viz., "division of labour," as well as that of commerce, was practised at that time. For in one of the caves was found such a large quantity of stone implements, as to leave no doubt that the owner of the cave made the manufacture of that article a speciality; and specimens of amber, which can only be found on the coast of the Baltic, were discovered in caves in Central Europe: thus, some exchange of the natural and manufactured productions of different parts of the country must have then been going on.

Poor as man's implements were in those days, he nevertheless actually found time to cultivate the *Fine Arts*, for both stone and bone implements were found on which were sculptured faithful imitations of heads of animals, as well as other objects; and in a cave of La Madeline, in Dordogne, was found a tusk of a mammoth, upon which was an engraving of the animal itself: thus proving that the mammoth was a contemporary of that man, for otherwise he could not have made a delineation thereof. All these facts demonstrate clearly that Voltaire's philosopher was right in not pretending to know how old the world was.

For obvious reasons, I cannot follow the author's narrative through the successive steps of man's further advance towards a higher state of civilization. It seems, however, highly probable that even during the stone age man must have hungered for some method to supply the deficiency of his memory. His first effort in that direction was probably to make a mark, and to tell his children what that mark meant to commemorate. Such mark, wherever or whenever made, may truly be called the embryo, or parent of our alphabet and literature, for we may naturally suppose that one kind of mark could not commemorate everything; hence additional marks had to be designed, and the meaning of them had also to be impressed on the mind of the younger generation. We will now suppose that the man who slew a mammoth wished to commemorate that event. In that case, the picture of slaying the mammoth, perhaps followed by a picture of the moon in either of her phases, with pictures of trees or flowers, to denote the season, would convey an idea to posterity of the event, and the time of the month and year. But be that as it may, it is certain that such picture writing existed in Egypt before the invention of the alphabet, which is called "Egyptian hieroglyphics." These are formed of pictures of beasts, birds, and fishes; also that of a *hand*, of a *heart*, of an *eye*, a *circle*, &c. Now, as our pictorial Masonic Manuals contain also the picture of a heart, an eye, a circle, &c., our Masonic luminaries jumped therefore to the conclusion that the ancient Egyptians had *speculative Freemasons*, and that the same symbolism they taught in their Lodges about the eye, heart, circle, &c., came down to us through successive generations of Masons, and hence they talk about "our ancient Egyptian brethren," and about an "affinity" between our mysteries and those of the ancient Egyptians. Our Scotch Rite, Memphis Rite, and other moonshine rites luminaries will even swear that there was then in Egypt Supreme Councils and *Thrice Illustriouses*. In our Boston Masonic Temple there is an "Egyptian Hall," wherein, by order of the late C. W. Moore, was painted on the wall Egyptian hieroglyphics, among which is the picture of a bird. I suppose it was meant for a *pelican* (which is a very important symbol in the A. and A. Rite), to show a connecting link between the symbology of the Egyptian *Thrice Illustriouses* and the present ones.

The truth, however, is, no one knows anything about the Egyptian mysteries, but it is known that the pictures, or hieroglyphics, represent either words, sentences, or syllables; they were placed on the Egyptian buildings to commemorate certain events for the information of posterity, and these hieroglyphics were no more mysterious to the ancient educated Egyptians than the inscriptions in our churches and churchyards are mysterious to our grammar-school boys.

To make the idea of picture writing still more clear, I must remind the reader of a rebus, which is really in part picture writing. Now suppose a rebus was placed before an intelligent youngster, upon which was a picture of a pair of scales, followed by the word "of," and next to "of" was a picture of a judge, the child would guess that signified the scales of justice. The Egyptians, however, had no letters then to convey the idea of the word "of," so they had either to vary the picture, or had some other picture to denote the verb. Thus, a heart, drawn in a certain way, always stood for love, and, so far as I know, they may have called their lady loves sweethearts. An eye, with a tear on the lash, meant grief. Two hands, holding a shield, combine the verb and noun, viz.—to fight. A tongue meant to speak; a man, kneeling, denoted a conquered enemy. But here are pictures denoting only syllables—thus the word "Os," in the Egyptian language was used for throne, and iris meant an eye; hence the picture of a throne, followed by that of an eye, read Osiris, the name of an Egyptian deity: and, in like manner, a hand they called "tot," and a circle "tro." When, therefore, the picture of a hand was followed by a circle it stood for "totro," which was the name of one of their kings.

We see, then, that notwithstanding the ecstacies our luminaries manifest when talking about "our ancient Egyptian brethren," and about the affinity between our mysteries and those of the ancient Egyptians, &c., that there is really nothing in the Egyptian hieroglyphics to denote *mystery*, &c., and there is really not a particle of evidence that either Egyptian priests or Egyptian Masons regarded the pictures of the *heart*, the *eye*, the *circle*, &c., as either mystic, sacred, or what we call *Masonic*. And such being the case, I think it is high time for our luminaries to cease deluding themselves and others with the notion that our Speculative Masonry either originated in Egypt, or that it was ever known to the ancient Egyptians.

Boston, U.S., 3rd October 1879.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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CRUSADERS LODGE, No. 1677.

THIS Lodge held its Installation Meeting at the New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, E.C., Bro. Butt, proprietor, on the 8th Oct. The reason of this Lodge leaving its old quarters is, that the Knights of St. John require the exclusive use of the Lodge rooms at St. John's Gate, thereby compelling Bro. Gay, reluctanly, to part with the Lodge, of which he is a member and Officer. Bro. Hunter W.M. opened the Lodge in the usual form, Bro. Simmonds S.W., Bro. T. Goode J.W., Bro. Rothschild S.D., Bro. Millward J.D. The minutes of the last regular meeting, and of two emergency meetings were read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report was received and passed. The W.M. opened the Lodge in the second degree, Bros. Mount, Keiller, Gilbert and Scull being candidates for raising. The W.M. having put the usual questions, the brethren were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and the brethren were raised in the W.M.'s usual impressive style. The Installation of the W.M. elect Bro. T. Goode was the next business; Bro. Dr. Hunter being Installing Master, Bro. P.M. Maples D.C.; the ceremony was performed most creditably by Bro. Hunter. The brethren being admitted, and the W.M. proclaimed, the following received the collars of office:—Bro. Simmonds S.W., Rothschild J.W., Millward S.D., Calderwood J.D., Pigott I.G., Gay D.C., W. Goode J.W.S. The addresses having been given, the W.M. proceeded to take the ballot for the following gentlemen for initiation:—Messrs. James Fletcher, W. Aynsley, J. H. Budden, and Edward Lenard. This proving satisfactory, the W.M. performed the ceremony, for the first time in the Crusaders Lodge, in a style that augurs well for his year of office. Business being finished, the brethren, nearly seventy in number, adjourned to the spacious Hall recently built by Bro. Butt, where a *récherché* banquet was provided, which did great credit to mine host of the New Market Hotel. The usual toasts followed. The banquet was enlivened by a selection of vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of our experienced Bro. Millward. Among the visiting brethren were Dr. Barringer P.P.S.G.W. Herts, Terry P.P.J.G.W. Herts, E. Bowyer Prov.S.G.D., Dr. Carpenter P.M. 1196, Price P.M. 1288, Pearcy W.M. P.M. 228, and many others.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 795.

THE brethren of this Lodge celebrated their anniversary on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead. Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. J. R. Foulger P.M. Nos. 177 and 613, who was assisted by W. H. C. Sharpe S.W., Cownie J.W., Sharpe Treas., H. H. Hodges P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Sec., Stollard S.D., J. C. Innes D.C., C. N. Harvey P.M. Steward, and Nowell Tyler. Among the Past Masters were Bros. J. Finch P.M. 173 and 180, Deacon, Ludovici, G. M. Williams, and others; while Bros. Drew P.M. 890, Jeffrey 891, Reed, and J. Greenfield Treas. 1602 comprised the Visitors. At the appointed time Bro. Foulger regularly opened the Lodge, and the minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was brought into requisition on behalf of Bro. T. B. Linscott S.D. 55, who was a candidate for joining, and the result proving in his favour, he was formally enrolled a member of the Lodge. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed that the Lodge, notwithstanding its charitable grants, was in possession of a considerable balance, was then presented and adopted, and this concluding the minor business of the day, Bro. W. H. C. Sharpe was presented as W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. This portion of the day's proceedings was ably conducted by Bro. Finch P.M., who was especially thanked for having come forward to perform the ceremony on very short notice, the brother who was to have installed the Master being absent, in consequence of a domestic affliction. The W.M., in due course, invested the various Officers for the year, and then proceeded to close the Lodge in solemn form. During the interval before the banquet, the brethren had an opportunity of enjoying the lovely scenery of the locality, and the effect of the particularly cold day on the appetites of the brethren was presently visible in the heartiness with which they enjoyed the many good things provided, in plain but enjoyable and orderly form, by Bro. Deacon. Later in the evening the W.M. tendered the thanks of the brethren to the host, and congratulated him on the arrangements he had made for the comfort of his guests. The meeting was especially interesting from the fact that the Lodge this day attained its majority, and also that the W.M. was received into Freemasonry by the members of No. 795. In the course of the evening the W.M. invested the I.P.M. with an elegant jewel, which was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Foulger. In consequence of the much regretted death of Bro. Blake, the toasts were limited, but some able speeches were made, especially those of the W.M., who expressed his gratitude at having reached the summit of the ambition of every initiate in his Mother Lodge, and Bro. P.M. Finch, the Installing Master, to whom the brethren especially tendered their thanks through the W.M. Bros. P.M. Drew, Stollard, and Jeffrey having sung some excellent songs, particularly a sentimental one by the former, the brethren returned to town by an early train, in time to enable every member

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Bros. J. Ion Cantle, T. Davis, C. Tayler and Laurence Fryer; Bro. G. R. Egerton accompanying each on the pianoforte. In proposing the toast of the Grand Officers, the W.M. expressed his regret that Bro. Hyde Pullen, who had assisted at the Consecration of the Lodge, had found it impossible to be present on this occasion, and this regret was shared in by his hearers. The health of the W.M. Bro. Vincent was ably proposed by the I.P.M. Bro. Flattely, and his very happy and truthful remarks as to the services and ablitities of the W.M. met with a cordial reception. In contradistinction to many speeches we frequently hear, having for their subject the presiding Officer, this of Bro. Flattely's was free from fulsome laudation, which it is equally surprising that some amongst us should offer, and still more surprising that others should receive. The plain unvarnished truth is best for all, and the few reliable facts which Bro. Flattely referred to told a more honorable tale, and were far more complimentary to Bro. Vincent than any high flown language not based upon truth could have been. The W.M.'s response was characteristic of the man, and briefly and modestly expressed thanks for past support and hopes for the future. The toast of "the Past Masters" afforded the opportunity for presenting to Bro. Flattely the "Tertius" jewel of the Lodge, which he received with thanks. Bro. McLeod also responded, in a very able manner, and concluded a forcible address by a most appropriate quotation from John Fletcher—

"Our acts our angels are, or good or ill,
Our fatal shadows that walk by us still."

Bro. Hooper, the initiate, in returning thanks for his health, exhibited a modest confidence and reliance on his own powers of address which augurs well for his progress in Freemasonry. With the toast of the Visitors Bros. James Stevens P.M. 1426, J. Wire P.M. 1314, A. Barfield W.M. 35, and J. I. Cantle W.M. 1257, were named to represent the thirty-six brethren present in that capacity, and each briefly responded, Bro. Stevens taking occasion to express his high personal appreciation of the working of the Lodge, and his hope that at no distant date the Lodges generally throughout the kingdom would be required to work after the same system, or, if not exactly that, one which should be uniformly approved of and adopted. His remarks were listened to with considerable attention, and his brief arguments in favour of the project were accepted with much satisfaction. The Officers of the Lodge and the Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion an evening which, for thorough enjoyment, and the exposition of the sublime principles of Freemasonry, it would be difficult to improve upon.

THE HEMMING LODGE, No. 1512.

COMMENCED its sixth year of existence on Thursday, 16th Oct. By half-past five a goodly number of brethren had assembled at the Lion Hotel, Hampton, and shortly after Bro. Fox W.M. opened the proceedings, assisted by Bro. J. Hammond I.P.M., Jessett S.W. and W.M. elect, T. W. Ockenden J.W., Walls S.D., Kent J.D., Hiscox I.G., and Moody M.C. The minutes of the last meeting, in March, were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the second, and Bro. Jessett was presented by Bro. W. Hammond, the father of the Lodge, for the benefit of installation. After the Lodge had been advanced, Bro. Fox handed the gavel to Bro. John Hammond P.M. 201, &c. P.G.D. Middx., Bros. Hopwood P.G.S.B. Middx. Treas. and T. C. Walls P.G. Org. Middx. were entrusted with the care of the West and South respectively, and Bro. H. E. Frances P.P.G.D. Surrey P.M. 452 was appointed Master of the Ceremonies. The necessary exodus was made, and in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters, Bro. Jessett was inducted to the chair of King Solomon, and, on the re-admission of the brethren, was saluted according to ancient custom, and proclaimed (sixth) Worshipful Master of the Hemming Lodge. The following Officers were then invested for the year ensuing:—Bros. C. W. Fox I.P.M., T. W. Ockenden S.W., T. C. Walls J.W., E. Hopwood Treas. (re-elected), W. Hammond Sec. (re-appointed), F. W. Kent S.D., J. W. Hiscox J.D., T. Moody I.G., H. Tagg D.C., Day and Knowles Stewards, J. Gilbert P.G.T. (re-elected, sixth time) Tyler. The W.M. accompanied each investiture with a few appropriate remarks. The Installation ceremony was splendidly rendered, and a very hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. John Hammond for his services. The W.M. presented the retiring Master, in the name of the Lodge, with a Past Master's jewel, for which Bro. Fox expressed his acknowledgments in a few well chosen words. This worthy brother has had a very successful year of office, and was warmly cheered at the conclusion of the presentation. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and Bro. Fox is to be congratulated that he hands the funds over in so flourishing a condition to his successor. There was a balance of from £60 to £70 in hand, and arrears due to the amount of about £20. In proportion to the total of subscriptions this latter is a small item, and we hope the brethren concerned therein will reduce it considerably before the next meeting. The sum of five guineas was voted from the Lodge funds for a brother in need. A letter was read from the R.W. Bro. Colonel Burdett P.G.M. Middx., regretting his absence, through severe domestic bereavement, and this sad intelligence was received by the brethren with much concern. All further business having been transacted, the meeting was declared adjourned until Thursday, 20th Nov., and the brethren retired to the banquet room. There was a considerable list of Visitors, including Bros. the Rev. C. H. Gem 321 P.P.G. Chaplain Cumberland, C. Hopekirk 179, Albert Marvin Lodge of Progress 1768, J. Robinson 784, A. Theokatz 754, H. McClelland 901, H. W. Linton W.M. of the Brownrigg 1638, T. Pinckney 1638. After the removal of the cloth the W.M. at once addressed himself to the toast list. For the P.G. Officers Bro. W. Hammond responded. The health of the Installing Master was drunk with great enthusiasm, and Bro. John Hammond, in replying, made especial reference to the great obligations he was under to his old and esteemed friend Bro. H. E. Frances, who had taught him all he knew of Freemasonry. Bro. Fox gave "The Worshipful Master," which was greeted with excellent fire. The W.M. assured the brethren he felt he was entering on his year of Office with perhaps brighter prospects than any of his predecessors, for however well things had succeeded in the past, no previous Master could boast of a better officered Lodge. The I.P.M.'s toast met with a hearty reception, and Bro. Fox expressed himself highly satisfied with the success attending his year of office. The Rev. Bro. Gem acknowledged his sense of the hospitality extended by the W.M. as his uninvited guest that evening. Bro. Marvin, the first initiate of the Sister Lodge (Wolsey 1656), responded in felicitous terms, and after some of the other visitors had returned thanks, the W.M. proposed the health of the Officers. Success to the Charities, coupled with the name of Bro. Walls. The Tyler's toast terminated one of the most enjoyable meetings the Hemming brethren have ever celebrated. Bros. Hurst P.M., Walls, Raw, Knowles, &c., very much contributed to the harmony of the evening by vocal efforts. Appended is a list of the brethren present not already mentioned:—Bros. H. Potter P.M., W. C. Davey, D. Papworth, W. Bartlett, J. Chilcott, W. Beauchamp, C. Finch, T. Wheeler, R. M. Axford, A. D. Tozer, E. Andrews, Grosvenor Phillips, W. L. Carpenter. Ere we conclude this report we may add that the Lion Hotel has just changed hands. Mr. Ballard is the new proprietor, and on this occasion he used every effort to make his guests comfortable. We wish him success in his new enterprise.

WINDSOR CASTLE CHAPTER, No. 771.

IT is now more than two years since we have had an opportunity to attend this prosperous Chapter, and our visit on the occasion of the Installation of Principals on Thursday, the 16th inst., was full of interest. The beautiful and almost unique Temple in which the Windsor Castle and Etonian Lodges, and the Windsor Castle Chapter meet, had always a vivid remembrance in our minds as one of the choicest *homes* for Freemasonry with which we are acquainted. Its special M.M. chamber, stalls, and organ are so many additional attractions, and fitting accompaniments to the serious work done within its walls, and whilst it has never since its erection been ill kept, it was always just such a place as one would delight to adorn and decorate. It therefore caused us much pleasure, and created but little surprise when we found, on our visit last week, that a recent work of artistic decoration had been carried out at a considerable expense and with judicious care. It would occupy more space than we can afford to enter into all the details of the ornamental improvements, and we must be content to refer only to the general effect as being such as merits the inspection of all members of our Order desiring to see for themselves what the arrangement of a suite of Masonic rooms should be. The appearance of the Temple, when set out for the performance of the Royal Arch Rite, is far in advance of anything we have met with elsewhere, and will at any time repay a visit. The Windsor Castle Chapter was founded in 1835, by a number of well known Windsor Companions, amongst when were Comps. Jos. Devereux, Joshua Nunn, the late Joseph Cotterell, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, and Sir C. J. Palmer, and prospered well until the latter end of 1868, when, from some unexplained cause, its regular meetings ceased. In 1872 Comp. James Stevens P.Z. undertook, at the request of the then remaining members, to resuscitate the Chapter, and, with the assistance of several London Companions, succeeded in re-establishing its regular meetings, and retained his position of M.E.Z. for three years, at the end of which period the former zeal and activity of the Royal Arch Masons in the locality were resumed, and their laudable exertions have now resulted in producing one of the most perfect and best working Chapters in the Order. Towards effecting this happy result the influence of artistic surroundings has contributed a large share, and it is well, therefore, that the Chapter should have joined the Lodges in "beautifying and adorning" their place of meeting. The Chapter was opened on the 16th inst. by Ex-Companions G. W. Dixon M.E.Z., G. H. Powell H., W. S. Cantrell J., with Ex-Companions James Stevens P.Z., J. S. Tolley P.Z., E. Grisbrook P.Z., H. H. Hodges P.Z., and Rev. R. J. Simpson P.J. and P.G.P.S., assisting, and the following Companions were present, viz:—J. O. Carter N., R. Roberts P.S., R. G. Barton, J. Ashby, L. Bryett, Cox, Davey, Nicholson, Nowell, J. Watson, J. Stedwell, J. Johnson, R. Silver, J. H. Reid, Legge, &c. The minutes of the preceding convocation having been confirmed, Comp. James Stevens, as Installing Principal, addressed the Principals elect, and subsequently Installed Ex-Comp. G. H. Powell as M.E.Z., who then Installed Ex-Comp. W. S. Cantrell as H., and J. O. Carter as J. Companion Powell's work was thoroughly perfect, and gave assurance for the faultless manner in which the ceremonies of the ensuing year will be conducted. On the re-admission of the Companions the Installing Principal conducted the salutation, and presented the warrant and other appurtenances of the Chapter to the newly Installed Principals. The following Officers were invested, viz.:—Ex-Comps. G. W. Dixon I.P.Z., E. Grisbrook P.Z. Treas., J. S. Tolley P.Z. S.E., R. Roberts S.N., R. G. Barton P.S. (who appointed Comps. J. Ashby First Assist., and L. Bryett Second Assist., Cox D.C., Davey and Nicholson Stewards, and Nowell Janitor). The Auditors' report was read, and a very favourable balance sheet was produced. These, on the proposition of Comp. Stevens, who expressed the gratification felt by himself and all present at the almost unexpected progress of the Chapter, and the brilliant prospects before it, were received and adopted. Propositions for advancement and joining were made, and ordered to be placed on next summons. It was decided to pay off the balance of the decoration account, which did not exceed seven guineas, from the funds of the Chapter. A very handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Dixon I.P.Z., in most suitable terms, and was as suitably acknowledged as it was well deserved. The Chapter was then closed with solemn prayer, made more than usually im-

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pressive by the subdued organ accompaniment skilfully introduced by Comp. J. S. Tolley. The Banquet was provided at the Castle Hotel, where all the Companions shortly after assembled. After grace the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the Rev. Comp. R. J. Simpson responding for that of the Grand Officers, and expressing his pleasure at finding the Chapter in so flourishing a condition; tendering a meed of praise to Comp. Stevens for his former exertions, and to the present Officers, especially to his old friend the M.E.Z., for their present efforts in maintaining its position. The responses of the M.E.Z., the I.P.Z. and P.Z.'s of the Chapter, to the toasts severally proposed in their honour, were brief but forcible, as expressive of a strong determination to uphold the character of the Chapter for good working qualities and careful supervision of its internal economy. Comps. H. and J. also endorsed all the promises and determinations of their predecessors, and were followed by Officers who are equally resolute and agreed on all points. The proceedings were enlivened by the excellent instrumental and vocal abilities of Comps. Tolley, Cox, and other members of the Chapel Royal; Comp. Stevens recited "Masons' Vows" in a style far beyond his former attempts, evidently stimulated by the enthusiasm which surrounded him. The Janitor was summoned, and an agreeable evening terminated shortly after ten, in order that trains should not be lost by the many Companions who had to reach distant destinations.

LEWIS LODGE, No. 1185.

THE installation meeting was held on Saturday, 18th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green. Bro. Thomas William Bone opened the Lodge at three o'clock, when he was supported by his Past Masters, Officers, a fair attendance of members, and the following visitors:—Bros. T. J. Lawrence 22, R. Farquharson 99, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, E. A. Sidbury 656, W. Bradshaw 1411, T. Franklin W.M. 1662, W. H. Gimingham 1707, R. Harris S.D. 1728. This Lodge meets in the district where the Royal Masonic Boys' School is situate, and the members, the majority of whom reside in the immediate vicinity, naturally take a deep interest in "Our Boys." The Lodge is recognised as a stanch supporter of our Charities, and moreover the members, it is well known, never turn a deaf hear to any deserving appeal for their help. The business of Saturday, after the reading and confirmation of the minutes, comprised the balloting for a candidate for initiation, Mr. Edward Bond Nash, who was proposed and seconded by Bros. James Henry Murray and P.M. William Sayer. The result was unanimous, and the candidate was introduced and initiated into our mysteries by the W.M. The W.M. elect, Bro. James William Berrie, was then presented to Bro. Bone by P.M. Bro. Durrant. Bro. Berrie took the obligation, and all brethren who have no claim to wear the levels were requested to retire. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Bone proceeded with the ceremony. After the new W.M. had received the congratulations of those who participated, the Board of Installed Masters was closed. The brethren were re-admitted, and in due course the W.M. appointed the following Officers:—George Downs Hooper S.W., Charles Edwin Lloyd (named as) J.W., Alfred Durrant P.M. Treasurer, Thomas Howes Turner P.M. Secretary, Rev. Richard Morris, LL.D., Chaplain, Thomas Harrison S.D., James Robert Tollis J.D., Frederick Charles Pelton D.C., James Henry Crowther Steward, Alfred Charles Gomm I.G., C. T. Speight Tyler. Bro. Bone then completed his day's work by giving the customary addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, and on taking his seat as I.P.M. was congratulated on the way he had conducted the ceremony. The next business was to receive the report of the Audit Committee. This showed the Lodge to be in a flourishing condition, with a fair balance in hand. On the Worshipful Master rising for the usual inquiries, Bro. Past Master Durrant remarked that it was with great pleasure he had seen in the daily papers an announcement, on the authority of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught had sent a donation of £20 towards the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund. Personally he was gratified to see the progress the Fund was making; he cordially concurred in the objects contemplated by the promoters, and deemed the project worthy of the support of the Lodges. Under these circumstances, he would move that their Lodge vote a sum of £5 5s towards the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund. This proposition was most cordially received, and found a seconder in Bro. Dr. Conolly, who referred to the exertions that had been made to assist one of the late pupils—Robert Bryant. This young man had obtained a scholarship, and had been most successful in the progress he had made; at the same time, consequent on his want of means to meet the charges for board, tuition, commons, &c., he had been compelled to give up residence at Cambridge. This youth had received substantial help from the Supreme Council 33°, and Dr. Morris had exerted himself most strenuously, but beyond some slight aid he had received from the Lewis Lodge his exertions had been fruitless; in fact he (Bro. Conolly) thought their worthy Chaplain had somewhat exceeded discretion in the liability he had incurred. This case was one, he thought, would come within the scope of what was contemplated, and he was surprised that no move in this direction had not sooner been made; he strenuously urged the brethren to sanction the vote. On this being put by the W.M. the proposition was carried without a dissentient voice. Routine business followed, and then the Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was served up by Bro. Greenshade, who displayed throughout every desire that the guests should be made comfortable, and in this he was eminently successful. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Berrie, who is a capital President, proceeded with the toasts. In proposing The Queen and the Craft, he said in Her Most Gracious Majesty are embodied the best principles of Government. He had great pleasure in offering this toast for their acceptance. The next, the health of the M.W. the Grand Master, was ably introduced by Bro. Berrie, after which, in quick succession, the Pro Grand Master, and the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Officers Present and Past. The abilities of these brethren were universally recognised; in fact, it was scarcely necessary to allude to their qualities, so well were they known. He would not occupy valuable time, so would at once offer the toast for their acceptance. After a song, most artistically given by Bro. Burgess Perry, Bro. Bone rose to propose the health of the W.M. Bro. Berrie was worthy of all the honour they could bestow upon him. The Lodge might consider itself singularly fortunate in having a brother to preside over them who so well understood his duties. Bro. Berrie suitably acknowledged the compliment, and then proposed the health of the Past Masters, to whose labours he referred in most graceful terms. He presented, on behalf of the Lodge, the I.P.M. with the jewel that had been voted by the Lodge, and trusted he might have many years of prosperity before him. This toast was acknowledged by Bro. Bone, and other of the Past Masters, and then the W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors, which was acknowledged by Bros. Lawrence, Farquharson, and Morgan. The Treasurer and Secretary next came in for their meed of praise, and then the Officers were complimented. Replies were in due course given, and when the time came for the W.M. to summon the Tyler all agreed the hours had passed most pleasantly.

Pythagorean Chapter, No. 79.—A meeting of the members of this Chapter was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Thursday, the 16th inst., when there were present:—Comps. R. Dussee M.E.Z., W. Kipps H., H. Roberts as J. (owing to the unavoidable absence of Comp. Dr. Chittenden), H. W. Partridge Scribe E., S. P. Catterson N., Batchelor P.S. The Chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous Convocation were read and confirmed; after which Bro. M. Luck of the Sydney Lodge, No. 829, was introduced and exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, the ceremony being rendered throughout in a very impressive manner, each Officer having a perfect knowledge of his duties. The Chapter was closed in form, and the Companions adjourned to the banquet-room, where a *récherché* repast awaited them, which was followed by a social evening, enlivened by some choice music and songs. Companion Kipp, assisted by Comp. Dowsett, presided at the harmonium both in the Chapter and the banquet room. Visitors—Comps. Williams M.E.Z. of the St. Martin's-le-Grand Chapter, West of the Wellington, and Pooley of the St. George.

King's Cross Lodge, No. 1732.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 18th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. W. M. Stiles opened the Lodge, supported by Bros. J. Michael I.P.M., J. T. Briggs P.M. 157 S.W., H. Stiles J.W., F. Saintsbury Sec., H. Higgins S.D., Lewis Solomon J.D., B. Kauffmann D.C., Leon Jacobs I.G., C. B. Putland Steward, F. W. Knight P.P.G.D.C. Kent P.M., J. Daly Tyler; A. Hubbard, W. R. Yates, John M. Broughton, J. Patterson, F. Fletcher, W. H. Baker, &c. The Lodge was regularly advanced, and Bro. John Northige Broughton was admitted to the benefits of the F.C. degree. This ceremony completed, Messrs. Alexander Pawson and William Henry Baker were initiated into the Order. This completing the business of the evening, the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge; before doing so he announced that he had undertaken to represent the King's Cross at the next Festival of the Girls School, and he hoped the brethren would come forward and assist to place the Lodge in the foremost rank of supporters of the Charities. He stated that up to the present time he had received twenty guineas towards his list, which amount he hoped would be materially increased before the day of the Festival. It was also mentioned that Bro. Senior Warden had decided to serve as Steward during the coming year on behalf of the Boys' School, and hopes were expressed that at each of the Festivals the Lodge would occupy a proud position. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet hall, where, after they had enjoyed the good things provided, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The W.M. said he was proud of having two members of Grand Lodge among his visitors, and would call on Bros. Buss and Adams to respond. Bro. Buss was the first to answer to the toast. The Grand Officers were, he said, ever ready to do their utmost to further the interests of the Craft. He was pleased to find that the King's Cross Lodge had settled down in such a firm Masonic habitation as their present place of meeting. Bro. Adams was surprised, but very pleased, to see so young a Lodge produce such an assembly as that he then witnessed. It appeared to him that the Lodge would speedily occupy one of the first positions in the Craft. He was also gratified to listen to the perfect rendering of the ceremonies which had been performed, more especially as he looked on the several members of the Lodge as his pupils in Freemasonry. He trusted the Lodge would continue to prosper, and that its reputation for good working would ever continue. Bro. Michael now proposed the health of the W.M., which was heartily received. Bro. Stiles thanked the members. He had always endeavoured to carry out his duties in such a way as to reflect credit on the office he held. He considered that any who had instruction from Bro. Adams could not fail to materially advance in their knowledge of Freemasonry. To the health of the Immediate and other P.M. of the Lodge, Bros. Michael and Knight responded. With the toast of the Visitors was coupled the name of Bro. James Willing jun., who in his reply explained his seeming opposition at the time the Warrant for the King's Cross Lodge was applied for. In the course of a long speech he begged to thank the Lodge for their hospitality, but was not allowed time sufficient to express himself fully on that point. He finally stated that he looked upon the King's Cross Lodge as affiliated to the Metropolitan—most of the brethren of the former, including the W.M., having been initiated in the latter. The two Initiates each said a few words in reply to the toast proposed in their honour, and "The Officers" brought the evening's enjoyment

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to a conclusion. Among the Visitors were Bros. H. Farren 534, A. J. Barclay 1767, T. M. Ormiston 1507, M. Little 1507, T. A. Adams 23 P.G.P., J. Cooper P.M. 733, E. F. Pierdon 948, G. Clark jun. S.W. 1777, J. C. Edmonds 1507, J. Walters 188, F. Silvester 193, G. Read P.M. 511, A. Kent 1425, H. G. Buss Asst. G. Sec., W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, Jas. Willing jun. P.M. 177, 1507.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked as under:

At the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, 25th October. Bros. Lardner 1625 W.M., D. Moss 1275 S.W., J. A. Powell S.W. 186 J.W., R. Pearcy W.M. 228 Preceptor. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Giller, J. Lorkin, W. Bartle, A. W. Fenner, C. Lorkin, Slaiter, J. A. Powell. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. J. Gibbs, D. Moss, A. McMillan, H. R. Hallam sen., J. Garrod. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. A. Trewinnard, H. Hall, F. Brasted. At seven p.m.

At the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45, Bro. Butt's, The New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, on Monday, 27th October. Bros. R. G. Tolmie 861 W.M., Hallam 1349 S.W., H. P. Isaac W.M. 1693 J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. C. Patrick, F. W. Sillis, S. B. Halle, W. Lucy Jenkins, D. Moss, H. R. Hallam, H. Sadler. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. J. B. King, E. Pelikan, C. S. Fox, H. P. Isaac, A. W. Fenner. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. A. Wing, G. G. Symons, J. A. Powell. Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock precisely.

At the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 28th October. Bros. Moss 1275 W.M., Webb P.M. 1607 S.W., Brasted J.W. 1524 J.W., Wallington P.M. 860 I.P.M. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Giller, Greenwood, Carr, Christian, Forss, Lardner, Slaiter. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Wardell, Webb, Taylor, C. Lorkin, Stephens. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Brasted, J. Lorkin, W. Wallington. At seven p.m. precisely.

At the Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1319, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday next. Bro. Andrews W.M. 1227 will preside. Bros. Musto P.M. 1319 S.W., Shepherd W.M. 1319 J.W., B. Myers P.M. 820 and I.P.M. 1445. The following brethren will assist. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Roberts, Watkins, Pullen, Barker, McDonald, Pavitt, Stephens. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Rawe, Johnson, Musto, Smith, Worsley. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Myers, Job, Shepherd. Lodge will be opened at six precisely.

At the Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278, Salmon and Ball Tavern, Bethnal Green-road, on Wednesday, 29th October. Bro. Wm. Musto P.M. 1319 will preside. Bros. Webb P.M. 1607 S.W., Christian 860 J.W., Hogg P.M. 1349 I.P.M. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Clarke, Woodding, Chitson, Christian, McDonald, Webb, T. J. Barnes. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Veal, Moss, Forss, Cundick, Stephens. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. I. P. Cohen, J. Taylor, West. At seven o'clock p.m.

At the Great Northern Lodge of Instruction, No. 1287, Berwick Arms, Berners-street, W., on Thursday, 30th October. Bros. E. Farwig W.M. 180 W.M., W. Cleghorn I.G. 1287 S.W., G. West W.M. 1287 J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Cano, Jupe, Tribbel, West, Staton, Kerrill, Christie. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Reed, Burgess Forbes, Cleghorn, Adair. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Hemming, Paul, Lancaster. At seven p.m.

At the Manchester Lodge of Instruction, No. 179, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, on Saturday, 1st November. Bro. Koester P.M. will take the chair, assisted by Bros. Kew P.M. as S.W. and G. Baker P.M. as J.W. At seven precisely.

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"UNIFORMITY OF MASONIC RITUAL AND OBSERVANCE."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—If Bro. Stevens' letter of the 13th inst. is a correct version of the change of opinion of your contemporary, the *Freemason*, since he first originated the movement for "Uniformity," (and I see no reason to doubt it), I, for myself and many other brethren, consider that he has not been fairly treated by that journal. I am not at all surprised that he should express his indignation at being charged with "zeal which outruns his discretion." As far as many of his friends and supporters can judge, such a charge is not warranted by any act or writing of his, and we are pleased to find that he remains firm to his original intention in respect of the movement. He may rest assured he will not want hearty support when the fitting time for rendering it shall arrive.

It is all very well for certain brethren to declare the impossibility of carrying out his suggested Board, or Grand Lodge of Preceptors, but can they really see anything impracticable about it? Let the obstructives stand aside, and trial be made of it before they give judgment. If, as they say, it can be of no use, that fact will soon declare itself, and at least no harm can come of the attempt.

I have read Bro. Stevens' work with much interest and profit, and commend it to the attention of every brother really anxious for the well being of the Craft. It is a capital *résumé* of the work of many years towards securing what is now almost universally considered as necessary to preserve the purity of Masonic working, and abounds with information on many disputed points in our Ritual.

From a former letter I gather that he has taken the proper steps to secure the further discussion of his original proposition at the ensuing Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, and am rejoiced to think that the opportunity will then be forthcoming for others than himself to express their opinions on the subject, in full agreement with his own.

Yours truly and fraternally,

PROGRESS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have perused with much pleasure the admirable little book just published by Brother James Stevens, on "Uniformity of Masonic Ritual and Observance." It is a subject on which, in common with all Masons who wish to keep the Craft up to a high standard, I have for some years held rather strong opinions; being satisfied that it is most desirable that our Ritual should be preserved even to literal exactness and conformity in the working of every Lodge under the English Constitution. Bro. Stevens's book is a step in the right direction, and I hope it will be carefully studied by every Freemason, that when the subject shall again be brought before Grand Lodge, that august body may find any action it may be disposed to take in the matter supported by the unanimous opinion of the brotherhood it rules. I heartily wish Bro. Stevens the success his zealous endeavours deserve, and am,

Yours truly and fraternally,

W. H. GULLIFORD,

I.P.M. Montefiore 1017.

11 Caroline-street, Bedford-square, 22nd October 1879.

BANQUETS, JEWELS, &c.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I see my several remarks on banquets, jewels, &c., have been misunderstood. In suggesting help for the Charities, and in promoting the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, I prefaced my remarks as to the urgency of such an appeal with a few illustrations as to how small matters would easily lead to large results.

I mentioned that if every Worshipful Master were to give up his jewel about £6,000 would be raised—that *one banquet* given up by each Lodge, and the proceeds given to the Fund would raise at least £10,000—a very pretty and handsome sum to start the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund with. These and similar illustrations have been, I hear, misunderstood. I am not an advocate for the doing away with the convivial board; on the contrary, I think it is right and proper brethren should refresh themselves after labour, as it helps to bring men together as friends, which the strict routine of Lodge duties could not possibly promote. I do think many Lodges are spending more than they are justified in banquets, and I feel sure a more frugal repast would answer all requirements. Certainly many Masons indulge in banquets which may scarcely be considered as fitting to their *usual mode* of living. I hope you will fully understand I am not an advocate for no conviviality, *au contraire*, I invariably enjoy my refreshment; I simply wished to illustrate what *small principles* would assist *us to a big Charity* fund.

I hear a good deal said of the munificence of Masons—that £10,000 is a large sum. Still, when we consider Masons spend annually on banquets and regalia over £140,000, £10,000 is not a large amount to spend in Charity, representing as it does only about 5s per head. On this topic I hope to address you more fully shortly; in the meantime, please to dispel a misunderstanding, and oblige,

Yours fraternally,

DICK RADCLYFFE.

FOR A BURIAL.—It is announced that an aged Mason of a New England State has just made arrangements for the expenditure of *one hundred* dollars in the entertainment of the Knights Templars who may attend his funeral whenever it occurs. He became a Knight Templar solely that his funeral might be conducted with all the impressive ceremonies of the Order. It may be commendable in him to desire and thus arrange for the Templar service at his burial, but, *if an* ALEXANDER WHITE *is to be Eminent Commander*, he should GUARANTEE AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EXPENSES, and then take a bond in double that amount, as an assurance that the service contracted for will be performed. In this way he may secure the attendance of a goodly number of hired mourners at his funeral, and afford them a fine entertainment beside. He may also lay the foundation of a Masonic Funeral Insurance Association, which just now, seems to be a necessity. May it never thus be taught us that Freemasonry has departed from its high plain of Charity and become a merely beneficiary institution.—*Voice of Masonry.*

The moral lesson conveyed by the working tools of the three degrees is of such a nature as to render an intimate acquaintance with them most desirable, Were it possible for a man to act in accordance with the lessons these nine implements teach, he would reach perfection; but, unfortunately, such a standard cannot be attained. As, however, we may all improve ourselves, and avoid vice by acting up to what we are taught, so may we improve our minds by a study of the symbolism embodied in the working tools. With this object miniature sets are being made, which form a handsome appendage to the chain, either of a brother or a lady; in the latter case it must be admitted the moral teaching of the several articles may be lost on the wearer, but their presence would recall to the beholder the lessons of the Lodge-room, and, we trust, serve as an incentive to him to act up to and enforce what he is therein taught. These sets are made in gold by Bro. E. Pelikan, of 102 St. John-street-road, London, E.C., to whom we refer our readers for any further particulars they may desire.

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By order of the R.W.P.G.M.

ROBERT BRADLEY, Provincial Grand Secretary.
WILLIAM BIGGS, Acting Prov. Grand D. of C.

At One o'clock, on the termination of the Ceremony, Luncheon will be provided at the Foresters' Hall, West-street, at 5s each, including waiters and dessert, but not including wine. Tickets—for which an early application is requested—can be obtained of Bros. W. Ferguson, Broad Street; Blackwell, London Street; and Stransom, Market Place.

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THE appearance of a new house, whose site, style, or surroundings, are of special beauty and appropriateness, naturally leads the beholder to speculate upon the character and condition of the owner. And the consecration of a new Lodge-room seems equally to call for remark upon the time-honoured Institution which is here to have its home.

What then, briefly, is Freemasonry? Originally, no doubt a Guild of Artificers, dating from the reign of King Solomon, and organized by his marvellous wisdom; with valuable trade secrets to keep close among themselves, and a careful system of passwords, signs, and tokens, for their preservation; a regular classification of the brethren into convenient groups or Lodges; orderly arrangements for government and discipline; periodical examinations of the junior workmen, to ascertain the progress they were making; solemn forms and ceremonies for admitting new members into the Brotherhood, passing successful candidates to higher degrees of proficiency, and investing them with conspicuous badges of merit; special times and places for the discussion of business matters, with a rigid exclusion of all

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exciting topics of debate, such as religion and politics, so as not to disturb the harmony so essential to the successful accomplishment of the grand work of Temple-building, which was being carried on by the diverse nationalities of Judea and Phœnicia in conjunction. With the prestige of a lofty origin like this, and its necessary connection with the liberal arts and sciences, such as painting, sculpture, and the rest, the Masonic Association rapidly developed and extended to every quarter of the civilised world.

A powerful organization of this kind, with its ever-accumulating stores of knowledge and experience, could not fail to produce extensive and important results. And, accordingly, we cannot be surprised to learn that to Freemasonry we are indebted for the wonderful structures—beautiful even in their ruin—erected under Greek and Roman auspices before the Christian era: and in especial, for the magnificent mansions, castles, churches, and cathedrals, that sprang up everywhere in Great Britain and the Continent, during the comparatively quiet period of the eleventh and four following centuries. Nor can we wonder that men of other trades and professions, even kings and princes, eagerly sought admission into an Order of such high renown, for the sake of companionship with the illustrious masters of art and science who ennobled it, and whose splendid labours did so much to enhance the national pride and glory.

By degrees, however, these "speculative" Masons, who by special favour were admitted to the freedom of the Craft, so far outnumbered their "operative" brethren, that, cuckoo-like, they ousted the original owners fron the Masonic nest, and stayed in it themselves; retaining the outward shape and form of the ancient Guild, with its working tools and badges: its stringent vows of secrecy, fidelity, and obedience; its elaborate and impressive Ritual; and its oral Triadic instruction;—but turning all into parable and metaphor; so that, as we have it now, it is simply a "beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols;" a system possessing many important secrets and valuable privileges, and a history of unquestionable fact, embroidered with a variety of curious myths or legends, to furnish a plausible explanation of passwords, signs, and tokens, whose real origin and primitive significance have in all probability passed away from us for ever.

Such is Freemasonry in the past. What then are its claims upon us in the present? and why are we here to-day, doing our utmost to perpetuate it in the future?

Now, to answer these inquiries, we must call to mind, that Masonry may be viewed under two aspects, a lower and a higher; viz., (1) as connected with Lodges here on earth, and their members as citizens of the world; and (2) as connected with Grand Lodge above, where the world's G.A. lives and reigns for ever.

In its lower aspect, it has three special claims upon our attention and regard, viz., as—

(*a.*) A bond of union and brotherhood between all the widely separated families and classes of humanity.

(*b.*) A neutral ground of meeting, for free and social intercourse, among less widely separated neighbours and acquaintances.

(*c.*) A universal letter of introduction to entire strangers; and a special medium for assisting the needy and distressed.

In its higher aspect, it is still more worthy of the eulogies and encomiums that have been lavished upon it by the brethren in every age. As one of our Fraternal Charges well expresses it,—"'Tis not mere blind fanatic zeal that prompts the brethren of the mystic tie to speak thus highly of the Mason's Craft. For well they know that it is the best and truest handmaid to religion that ever man devised, and admirably fitted to assist him in his search for light and knowledge, through all the various stages of this mortal life, from the cradled helplessness of infancy, to the final darkness of the grave. It is founded on a triad of deep mysterious truths, connecting earth with heaven,—the eternal existence of a Triune god, the resurrection of the body, and the Immortality of the Soul. It inculcates the purest principles of piety and virtue; and teaches plainly, in the First Degree, to measure all our words and actions by the gauge of rectitude and justice; to shape our conduct in the second, by the square of morality and honesty; and, in the third, to circumscribe our passions, with the compass of propriety, and keep them strictly within the limits of the circle of our duty to God and man. Hence we learn to be upright, just, and true, to our fellow-men; humble, meek, resigned to the will of God; so that the Mason, who has thus discharged his duty as a true and faithful brother of the Craft, may calmly wait that awful moment, when his heart shall cease to throb, and his soul, released from the burden of the flesh, shall wing its upward flight to the boundless unexplored expanse above."

Truly then is Masonry a noble thing, and nobly should it be enshrined among us! It is a precious jewel, which demands a goodly setting. And we congratulate the brethren of this Lodge upon the admirable hall which is consecrated to its use to-day, as our first Grand Master King Solomon congratulated himself and his people when his building at Jerusalem was completed;—"I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the House of the Lord; for thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of Israel, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit His Temple."

Being, then, what it is, we might naturally expect to find Freemasonry everywhere held in the highest and most reverent estimation, and, like a powerful magnet, drawing into it irresistibly all that is great and good now, as it did in days gone by. But is it so? To some extent no doubt it is, and in proof of this we point with pride and pleasure to such an assemblage as is gathered here to-day. Yet is it not the case, that our influence and numbers are not nearly what they ought to be—that, in fact, they might, and ought to be far larger than they are? And, if so, where lies the fault? Have we any one to blame for it but ourselves? Speaking from my own experience, I should say, that Masonry is far from popular with women, as a body; that wives dislike it for their husbands, mothers for their sons, and that many men who take an independent stand in thought and action fight shy of it for themselves and their belongings. And why? Because there is a wide-spread feeling that men become Masons not from high, but low motives—to increase their business connection, perhaps, or enlarge their jolly-good-fellow circle, and that their moral tone is not improved thereby, but the reverse; that Masonry, in fact, is little more than a costly knife and fork society, fond of idle dissipation; and Lodge meetings merely a convenient excuse and cloak for wasting ill-spared money upon extravagant eating and drinking, especially drinking. That this opinion may have sad foundation in the conduct of some few past and even present brethren, cannot be denied. Nor is the reason far to seek. In the great majority of our town and country districts no large and suitable room for meeting can be found, except at the public inn, where temptations to excess present themselves to every comer. And, accordingly, it is their misfortune, not their fault, if Masons, thus unhappily situated, have from time to time made lapses from their high profession. For it is not the orderly Masonic banquet in Masonic clothing, nor the modest Lodge refreshment with Masonic checks and guards on every side, that does the mischief, but the un-Masonic lounging at the bar, and the alcoholic convivialities there indulged in before the Lodge is opened and after it is closed. Hence it is that unseemly scandals have at times arisen, that solemn vows of initiation have been forgotten, that the mysteries of Masonry have more or less been blabbed by drunken lips to the scoffing outer world, and grave discredit cast upon the whole Fraternity.

Freemasonry, however, cannot justly be condemned, any more than Christianity, for not doing its proper work of making all its members worthy; or than the Legislature, for not making every one sober and religious by Act of Parliament. Much, however, may be done in this direction by diminishing the temptations to vice and the facilities for getting drunk, and an immense stride will have been taken towards the exaltation of Freemasonry among ourselves and the world at large, when every Lodge has a place like this set apart for Masonic purposes, where the most fastidious may assemble as in an ordinary well-kept reading-room, without hesitation on their own part, or suspicion on the part of others, where evenings may be often spent, not drearily and wearily in merely getting through a dull routine of "work," but pleasantly and profitably in "lectures" and discussions upon interesting topics of art and science, thus fulfilling the special obligation, to "make continual advancement in Masonic knowledge."

And this is unquestionably the right and proper thing. For what says an Ancient Charge? "A Mason's Lodge is an emblematic representation of the Universe, the magnificent temple of that G.A. whom we all revere and adore. Wisdom, strength, and beauty are the pillars of His throne, and manifest in all His works. His wisdom is infinite, His strength omnipotent, and His beauty shines through all creation in symmetry of form, grandeur of proportion, and glorious harmony of colour." Here is a grand ideal! But how *can* it possibly be realized in a public-house, with un-Masonic sights and sounds at every turn, with cowans and intruders in every corner.

Very cordially, then, do we reiterate our warm congratulations to the Madoc and St. Cybi Lodges for the Temple building they have done. Very heartily do we say to you, go on and prosper, as you well deserve! This structure has been raised in perfect unanimity and concord; long may it so continue. May the proceedings of to-day serve but to forge another link in the chain of brotherly love and good fellowship by which you are already united. May your children and your children's children rejoice in these auspicious solemnities. May you enjoy within these walls every satisfaction and delight that disinterested affection and Masonic intercourse can afford. And may the good report of this Lodge so tend to exhalt and enhance the reputation of the Craft at large, that Masonry may flourish here, as in every other quarter of the globe, and be assisted to fulfil its noble mission, by diffusing the light of wisdom, aiding the strength of reason, displaying the beauty of virtue, and diminishing the aggregate of human vice and misery. Being thus established firmly by the high character of its friends, it may laugh to scorn the malice of its foes, and rise superior to all the opposition of the outer world, like the lofty summit of the mighty Snowdon, that bares its breast with dignified composure to the tempest, and fearlessly presents its bosom to the midnight storm.

MEETING OF LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Joshua Nunn Senior Vice-President, Jas. Brett Junior Vice-President, and C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., presided. Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, and Bro. W. Dodd also attended from Grand Secretary's Office. There was a very full attendance of brethren, among whom were Bros. S. Rawson, Col. Somerville Burney, James Kench A.G.P., W. Stephens, W. Mann, H. Garrod, W. H. Perryman, Griffiths Smith, A. Middlemass, G. P. Britten, W. J. Murlis, C. F. Hogard, Charles Atkins, Charles Dairy, W. H. Dean, Charles Daniel, P. A. Nairne, A. McMillan, W. J. Stride, S. H. Parkhouse, Thomas Edmonston, N. B. Headon, E. W. Dewereux, and J. F. Knight-Smith. After confirming recommendations made at last meeting to the amount of £310, the brethren entered on the new cases. To twenty-one of these they recommended and made grants, to the amount of £775, and deferred six cases, which were not complete.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 25th OCTOBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1688—Paxton, Crystal Palace, Sydenham (Installation.)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R. A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

MONDAY, 27th OCTOBER.

45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. Johns-place, Halifax
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
721—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
909—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York (Emergency)
R. A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 28th OCTOBER.

Audit Committee, Girls' School, at 4
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
92—Moria, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.0.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In.)
51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
269—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R. A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K. T.—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 29th OCTOBER.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1155—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1765—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby. (Instruction.)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1615—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
M. M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
R. C.—Stanhope, Queen's Hotel, Chester
K. T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 30th OCTOBER.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Inst.)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecliough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
936—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
M. M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 31st OCTOBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
706—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 153 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8 (Inst.)

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
490—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1385—Gladstnuir, Red Lion, Barnet
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

SATURDAY, 1st NOVEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, at 8 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 23rd inst. Present:—Bros. A. Ellis W.M., C. H. Webb S.W., Gimingham J.W., Valentine I.G., T. J. Barnes I.P.M., L. Norden Secretary, and a large number of brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the Fifteen Sections, assisted by the following brethren:—First Lecture: First section, Bro. Valentine;

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second section, Bro. Da Silva; third section, Bro. Veal; fourth section, Bro. Macdonald; fifth section, Bro. Moss; sixth section, Bro. Macdonald; seventh section, Bro. Webb. Second Lecture: First section, Bro. J. B. King; second section, Bro. Forss; third section, Bro. A. G. Grammer; fourth section, T. J. Barnes; fifth section, Bro. Musto. Third Lecture: First section, Bro. I. P. Cohen; second section, Bro. Maidwell; third section, Bro. West. A vote of thanks, likewise honorary membership, was accorded to Bro. Ellis for the very able manner in which he had presided over the meeting. A vote of thanks was also accorded to the brethren who had assisted the W.M. in working the sections. Bros. Boddy 1475, Allen 898, and West 933 were elected members. Bro. Webb was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At Bro. Butt's, the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, on Monday, the 20th inst. Present—Bros. Patrick W.M., Symons S.W., Pelikan J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Kidder S.D., Wing I.G., also Bros. Fox, Hallam sen., Gladwell, Green, Gyer, &c. Lodge was opened with the usual ceremonials, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Pelikan resigned the chair in favour of Bro. Kidder, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising, the traditional history included, Bro. Fox being the candidate. The ceremony was performed in an admirable manner. Bro. Pelikan worked the first, Bro. Fox the second, Bro. Fenner the third sections of the lecture. Bro. Gladwell of Old Concord Lodge 172 was elected a member. Bro. Symons (the W.M. of the Mother Lodge) was appointed W.M. for the next fortnight, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on Monday next, the 27th instant, under the presidency of Bro. Tolmie the Preceptor of the Lodge.

Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73.—The regular Convocation was held on Thursday, 9th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark. There were present:—Comps. J. C. Mason M.E.Z., M. D. Loewenstark H., W. Smeed P.Z. J., F. Walters P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex P.Z. S.E., J. W. Baldwin P.Z. Treasurer, B. Isaacs S.N., W. H. Goodall P.S., J. S. Sweasey jun. First A.S., and others. The only visitor was Companion J. Stevens P.Z. 720 and 771. The Chapter was opened by the Principals and Past Principals. The Companions were then admitted. The minutes of last regular meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. William Pennefather P.M S.W. 1623, and being unanimous in favour of his admission, was duly exalted, the ceremony, as usual in this Chapter, being well rendered. Some important notices of motion were given, and the Chapter was closed. The usual banquet followed.

St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Stockport.—The regular monthly meeting of this old and prosperous Lodge was held on Monday, the 13th instant, at the Lodge Rooms, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport, when about fifty brethren were present. In the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of the W.M., Bro. W. Harrison P.S.G.D., the Lodge was opened by Bro. Herbert Finch P.M. P.G.D.C., who was supported by Bros. H. Collier S.W., C. Pearson P.M. as J.W., W. W. Skelmerdine Treasurer, T. Bullock Secretary, W. Booth Prov. Grand Steward S.D., G. Balfe Org., E. Stevens Prov. G. Steward I.G., H. W. Mather and J. Fox Stewards; Past Masters Schofield, Kirk, and Lieut.-Colonel Wilkinson P.P.S.G.D. The Visitors included Bros. J. L. Vaughan P.M. 1030 (Mayor of Stockport), Oswald Wilkinson S.D. 1030, C. E. Steward W.M. 336, S. P. Bidder P.M. 993, J. Worsnop W.M. 322, L. Bradbury J.W. 322, W. Alcock J.D. 322, T. Wilkinson P.M. 1126, J. Leigh J.W. 287 Prov. Grand Steward, R. Johnson 281, &c. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been ratified, letters of apology for inability to attend were read from the W.M. and Bro. J. Beresford P.M. P.P.S.G.D. The ballot was then taken for Major Francis Preston, C.E., as a candidate for initiation, which proving favourable, he was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Masonry by Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Wilkinson P.M. P.P.S.G.D., his proposer. The remaining business consisted of a passing and a raising, the chair being occupied during the former ceremony by Bro. Finch P.M. P.G.D.C., and during the latter by Bro. C. Pearson P.M. All the ceremonies were conducted with an impressiveness and finish which betokened careful study and rehearsal on the part of the Officers concerned in them, and which, at a later period of the evening, called forth the highest eulogiums from the visiting brethren. On the motion of Bro. Finch P.G.D.C., seconded by Bro. Collier S.W., two questions were referred to the General Purposes Committee of the Lodge for consideration and report, viz., the desirability of having a paid Secretary of the Lodge, and an increase in the annual subscription, the Committee's report to be included in the next Lodge summons. Hearty good wishes having been expressed by the Visitors, the Lodge was closed, and a couple of hours afterwards spent in a most enjoyable manner at the festive board, the performances of the Lodge choir enhancing the pleasures of the evening to no inconsiderable extent.

Macdonald Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 104.—Held its autumn meeting at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Friday, the 17th inst., and was well attended. The W. Bro. George Ward Verry W.M. opened the Lodge at five o'clock precisely, V.W. Bro. James Stevens P.G.J.O. P.M. as S.W., W. Bro. F. H. Cozens P.G. Org. J.W., W. Bro. R. P. Spice G.S.B. as M.O., Bro. J. K. Pitt R.M. J.O., V.W. Bro. Thomas Meggy P.G.S.O. P.M. Treasurer, W. Bro. William Worrell P.G.O. P.M. Secretary; Bros. W. Johnston S.D., Theodore de Leliva J.D., T. W. Simons I.G., T. B. Humphrey Steward; W. Bros. R. Berridge G.D.C. P.M., Alfred Williams P.G.S.D. P.M., Bros. W. Grant and J. Rawles Tylers, and several other brethren; Visitors—Bros. A. Haynes S.D. 198, and A. Hubbard 813. After confirmation of minutes, ballots were taken for Bros. Arthur Mead, of Nos. 276 and 1719 Craft, Joseph Manwaring, of No. 1719 Craft, Matthew Mildred, of Nos. 1326 and 1719 Craft, and Louis George Reinhardt, of No. 766 Craft, as candidates for advancement. These proving unanimous, the brethren named were severally introduced, and advanced by the W.M. in a most admirable manner. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the W. Bros. C. Hammerton, A. Walton, T. W. White, and North Ritherdon, Past Masters of the Lodge; and Bros. E. Moody, W. P. Collins, George Yaxley, T. Distin, and other brethren. After disposal of several matters of routine business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner. The evening was passed in the usual genial and enjoyable manner characteristic of the Macdonald Lodge, which was aptly described by one of the Visitors, in his response to the toast in honour of the guests, as not only the "nursery of Mark Masonry," but a chief exponent of the moral and social principles of the degree. That his remarks are just, and that such qualities are recognised in the highest quarter, the great number of Present and Past Grand Officers amongst its members bears ample testimony. In the course of the evening the musical and reciting abilities of Bros. F. H. Cozens, T. W. Simons, A. Hubbard, and James Stevens were called into requisition, and materially increased the enjoyment of a gathering which demonstrated that the Lodge still retains its original prestige. The company separated at an early hour, delighted with their Masonic work and subsequent entertainment.

Sincerity Lodge, No. 174.—The first regular meeting of the season was held on Wednesday, the 15th instant, at the Guildhall Hotel, Gresham-street. Bros. G. T. H. Seddon W.M., C. H. Webb (P.M. 1607) S.W., George Jones J.W., S. Rawley P.M. Treas., John Newton P.M. Sec., F. Brown (P.M. 1607) S.D., J. S. Fraser J.D., Miller Steward, A. H. Brown I.G., J. Very Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Appleby, Charles Lacey, Barlow, Savage, E. Moore, &c. Visitors—Bros. H. G. Buss A. G. Sec., C. G. Hill 1366, Robert Thomson 1273, Thos. J. Davy 1471, Augustus Perceval 1607, John Tyler 1625, C. Veal S.W. 1306, W. Giller 1607, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, J. S. Sequerra 141. The Lodge was opened at 5.30, when the minutes of the last regular meeting, and those of an emergency meeting held on the 18th June, were read, confirmed, and signed. The first ceremonial business of the day undertaken by the W.M. was the passing to the second degree of Bro. R. N. Keable. This candidate fully sustained his claim for preferment, and Bro. Seddon gave a careful rendering of the ceremony. The ballot was taken for Mr. William Gayton, M.D., proposed by Bro. W. Stirling, seconded by Bro. Newton P.M.; for Mr. Benjamin Joshua Grimes, proposed by the W.M., seconded by Bro. Miller W.S.; and for Mr. Henry Richard Yates, proposed by Bro. J. Miller W.S., seconded by Bro. J. Newton P.M. The result was favourable, and the three gentlemen were introduced, and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in a very satisfactory and deeply impressive manner, reflecting credit on each and every Officer who took part in the proceedings. A notice of motion that would make a formal procedure of what had hitherto been accepted by the members as a matter of custom was then discussed, and it was unanimously agreed that an addition should be made to the bye-laws of the Lodge which would embody the sentiments of those who deemed it necessary to bring this matter forward. The S.W., Bro. Webb, announced that he had undertaken a Stewardship for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the members unanimously voted a sum of £10 10s for his list, which compliment Bro. Webb suitably acknowledged, and assured the brethren he felt they would individually extend to him the same liberal support which had always characterised their Lodge. Routine work followed, and the appeal of a distressed brother was discussed, with the conclusion that it was a case the members could not entertain. Lodge was then closed. The brethren and their visitors now partook of a well-served banquet, where the proceedings were characterised by a hearty spirit of enjoyment throughout. The W.M., in introducing the toasts, adopted commendable brevity, and the several replies were well considered and direct to the point. Bro. Buss replied for the Grand Officers. He thought we had the right men in the right place. He was pleased to be present in the Sincerity Lodge, where he was always sure to meet many very old friends, and where he always felt he was a welcome guest. Our genial Bro. Buss took a retrospective glance; this was the first Lodge he had ever visited, now some thirty-three or thirty-four years back. One Capt. Oman was then a shining light in the Lodge, and to this worthy Mason he (Bro. Buss) was indebted for some early lessons. The Sincerity Lodge had ever been consistent supporters of the Institutions, and he was sure the appeal the Senior Warden had made that evening would receive the consideration it deserved. The next toast was the health of the initiates, Bro. Seddon expressing the hope that they would make good and reputable members of the Order. After a cornet solo by Bro. Davy, of the Islington Lodge, Bro. Gayton thanked the W.M. for the very kind way in which he had spoken; he would endeavour, to the utmost of his ability, to advance the Order and to merit the good opinion of the members. The other initiates also tendered their thanks, and then Bro. I.P.M. Appleby proposed the health of the W.M. This compliment was briefly but heartily acknowledged, and then came the toast of the Visitors, which elicited replies from Bros. Hill, Veal, Morgan, and others. The other toasts comprised Prosperity to the Masonic Charities, replied to by Bro. Webb; the Past Masters, Bro. Appleby responding; the Officers, for whom Bro. Webb replied. A special toast was made on behalf of Bro. Hill, who is about to leave this country, and this was acknowledged by Bro. Hill, who stated that on his return to his native land he hoped again to have the pleasure of meeting the members of Sincerity. The Tyler then gave his toast, and his "song," after which the brethren separated.

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Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.—A meeting, the first of the winter session, was held on Monday, 20th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, London, E.C. Present—Bros. George Pare W.M., Bailey S.W., F. Croaker J.W., John Constable P.M. Treas., Philip Levy Secretary, T. W. C. Bush S.D., George Bilby P.M. Org., S. Barnett Steward, A. Staley I.G., Potter Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. J. H. Ross, J. D. Barnett, R. Z. Bloomfield, N. Moss, Saul Solomon, M. Harris, E. Gottheil, N. Gluckstein; Visitors—Bros. C. D. H. Jacobs P.M. 27, G. B. Chapman S.W. 27, F. H. Tibbitts S.D. 59, Albert Eskell P.M. 73, Sprake 201, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, E. W. Page (New Zealand) W.M. 348 I.G., George Moss J.W. 1201, G. Adamson P.M. 199, 1208, P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent, E. Terry I.P.M. 1319, G. J. Joseph St. George's G.R.C., Henry Bleck Temple Bar, Henry Cohen Peace and Harmony, Southampton, Woodward Temple Bar. The Lodge was formally opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for two candidates for initiation, Mr. Joseph Levy, proposed by Bro. Woolf, and Mr. Mortimer Hill, proposed by Bro. A. Solomon; in each case Bro. Philip Levy acting as seconder to the respective candidates. The result was favourable, and the two gentlemen were separately introduced and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry; Bro. Pare giving careful readings of the ceremony. The Committee of the Benevolent Fund in connection with the Lodge announced they had made a grant of £25 in aid of a late member of the Lodge, who was in distressed circumstances, and the members formally gave their assent to the proceeding. Some matters of home interest were discussed, after which Lodge was closed. A most liberally supplied banquet was then served, and the brethren assembled did ample justice to the repast. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Pare briefly introduced the toasts, which were received most loyally. After that of the Queen and the Craft the National Anthem was sung. The toast of the M.W. the G.M. was followed by that of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. The W.M. had now the pleasure of proposing the health of the initiates. Both their new members had been highly recommended to them, and he hoped that each would tread in the footsteps of the many worthy brethren who had preceded them in the Lodge. Bro. Levy was the first who replied; he trusted the members would excuse him when he expressed a fervent hope that it might not be many years ere he occupied the Worshipful Master's seat. Bro. Mortimer Hill assured the brethren he would endeavour to carry out to the best of his ability the precepts so forcibly commended to his attention during the evening; he thanked the brethren for accepting him as a member of their distinguished Order. The W.M. on rising to propose the next toast, regretted that he did not feel quite up to the mark. However, he had now to give a toast which was always well received in the Lodge of Tranquillity. Bro. Pare then, on behalf of his Lodge, tendered a hearty greeting to each and all of the Visitors present; he referred to the advantages to be derived from an interchange of visits, and coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Adamson, Jacobs and Chapman. These brethren all replied, and their remarks were supplemented by several others—Bro. Page of New Zealand, Bro. Henry Cohen of Griqualand, &c. In the absence of the I.P.M. Bro. D. Posener, Bro. Saul Solomon the senior P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. In such a Lodge as that of Tranquillity a W.M.'s duties were very heavy. Bro. Pare had entered the Lodge almost a stranger, but from the assiduity and industry he evinced he soon won the good opinion of the members, and had worked up to his present position, where he could boast of possessing the affection and esteem of all. Personally he (Bro. Solomon) was convinced the members had not done wrong in so elevating Bro. Pare, and he was sure he echoed the sentiments of one and all when he stated that when the time came for their Worshipful Master to leave his chair he would carry with him the best wishes of all with whom he had been associated in the Lodge. Bro. Pare on rising, again referred to the slight ailment he was afflicted with; he felt what little breath he thought he possessed had been taken away by the many kind things Bro. Solomon had said of him. He thanked the brethren for the hearty way in which they had received the toast. When he undertook the duties of the chair he made up his mind to do the work thoroughly, and the knowledge that he had so far succeeded was most gratifying. He trusted the same happy future was before their brothers initiate of that evening. Bro. Pare concluded by observing that what he had done in the past he would strive to improve on in the future, and again thanked the brethren for the reception they had given him. To the toast of the Past Masters Bro. J. D. Barnett replied. In responding to the toast of "Prosperity to the Benevolent Fund attached to the Lodge," Bro. Saul Solomon P.M. gave a slight sketch of its establishment, and briefly explained its working, giving details of several cases in which substantial help had been rendered by means of the Fund. He was happy to inform the members that their capital amounted to nearly £1000. The assistance given was never offered in a niggardly spirit, and secrecy and silence characterised the proceeding. It was this secrecy that lent a charm to their acts; the recipient might take his seat in Lodge the same evening, and beyond the few members who comprised the Committee no one would be aware of what had been done. This had been the idea of those brethren who had established the fund, and personally he strongly urged that this should be carried out in its entirety. The initiates of the night had liberally contributed in aid of the fund, but he hoped the day was far distant when either they or any other member present would be necessitated to make application for its benefits. After a few words from Bro. John Constable, the W.M. proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, and in the course of his reply, Bro. Levy announced that he had that day seen a brother who some time since had been assisted by the members. This brother had told him (Bro. Levy) that his prospects had since brightened, and he desired that Bro. Levy would inform the members that this was the case; likewise he requested him to become the medium through which he might recoup the amount that had been so generously awarded him in the time of his distress. Bro. Bailey S.W. replied for the Officers, and then the Tyler was summoned for the parting toast. During the evening a capital selection of songs was given. Amongst them Bro. Bailey contributed "Phillis is my only joy,' and' "The lark has left her dewy nest;" Bro. Child, "Sally in our alley;" Bro. Ross, "Blue Alsatian Mountains," and "Mignonetta;" Bro. J. D. Barnett, "The flowing tide rolls in;" Bro. Constable, "Let brotherly love continue;" Bro. Mortimer Hill, "Tom Bowling," and "Come into the garden, Maud." Bro. J. D. Barnett greatly assisted the vocalists by his accompaniment, and at the time of departure received the thanks of all assembled for his kindness.

Era Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 176.—The installation meeting of this Mark Lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark, on Friday, 10th inst. Bro. T. Horton W.M. presided. The minutes of the last regular meeting were unanimously confirmed. The report of the Audit Comittee was received and adopted. Bro. W. Hammond S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and he appointed and invested his Officers. Business ended, the Lodge was closed and adjourned, to meet on Friday, 13th February 1880. There were present Bros. J. Stevens P.M., T. Poore P.M., F. Walters P.M., W. Pennefather Secretary, and others.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—On Saturday, the 18th inst., at Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road. Present:—Bros. D. Moss W.M., Giller S.W., McMillan J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Carr S.D., C. Lorkin J.D., Parkes I.G.; also Bros. Kidder, J. A. Powell, Mullord, J. Lorkin, Valentine, Byot, Gibbs, Halford Treasurer, Fysh, Mackey. All formalities were duly observed in opening, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Valentine being the candidate. The W.M. worked the third section of the lecture. Lodge was resumed to the second degree, and the W.M. worked the first section of that lecture, assisted by the brethren; the third by Bro. McMillan; Bro. Pearcy the second, assisted by the W.M. The W.M. afterwards worked the first section of the first lecture, assisted by Bro. Giller. Bro. Giller was appointed to preside at the next meeting. A vote of thanks was awarded to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had filled the chair. Lodge was then closed. Brrethen will please take notice that the Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on 25th inst., and all the members and their friends are invited to attend.

Kingston Mark Lodge, No. 222, at Tunis, in North Africa.—The first meeting after the summer vacation took place on the 11th October. Present—W. Bro. Pentecost W.M.M., R.W. Bro. A. M. Broadley P.G.M. I.P.M. and Hon. Sec., Bros. Dr. Perini S.W., Professor Souiller J.W., P. M. Paleologo M.O., J. E. Gessel as S.O., M. Le Gallais J.O., D. Enriquez R. of M., L. Curletto as S.D., A. Bekobsa J.D., N. Paleologo Steward, G. Barsotti I.G., J. Eymon Tyler; and other Mark Masters. A ballot was taken and proved favourable for Bros. General Elias Musali Sub-Director of the Foreign Office of H.H. the Bey of Tunis, Dr. Pace-Williams of Lodge 1717, and Emmanuel Avvocato and Alfred Solal, Consular Agents at Sfax in the Regency of Tunis, for the Kingdoms of Italy and Sweden and Norway respectively, of Lodge 1835. The R.W.P.G.M. assumed the gavel at the request of the W.M.M., and duly advanced the above-named brethren to the Honourable Degree of M.M. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned till the 8th November.

York Lodge, No. 236.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Monday, presided over by the W.M. Bro. A. Buckle, who was supported by Bros. Sir James Meek P.M. P.P.S.G.W., J. Todd P.M. P.P.G.R., F. Rawling P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.D.C., G. C. Baskett S.W., W. H. Gainforth J.W., and the rest of the Officers, with a good muster of members and Visitors. The business consisted of a ballot for a candidate, and the initiation of a candidate previously elected. During the evening Bro. Sir James Meek announced that his Steward's list for the Benevolent Festival was open, and a goodly number of subscriptions were booked before the close of the Lodge. At the subsequent meeting, at refreshment, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, Bro. J. Todd Treas. responding for the Provincial Officers of North and East Yorkshire. The health of the W.M., proposed by the S.W., was most cordially received, and the Visitors, given by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, was responded to by Bro. J. T. Foster, who gave some account of Masonry in Japan, where he had resided for some years. This Lodge is likely to send up an excellent Steward's list in February.

Beadon Chapter, No. 619.—The Quarterly Convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday evening, 16th Oct., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington. Comp. D. Jacobs, who has recoved from his severe and dangerous illness, occupying his position as M.E.Z., Comp. Wyer H., and Comp. H. Thompson J. The minutes of the last Convocation were read by Comp. Green P.Z. and S.E., and confirmed. The next business was the election of a M.E.Z. for the ensuing year, and the ballot was unanimous in favour of Comp. Wyer. A ballot was equally unanimous in favoring Comps. Thompson as H., and Sharrett as J., and Comp. Dodman as S.N. Comp. Leaman P.Z., in a few well chosen observations on the efforts of the M.E.Z., Comp. Jacobs, proposed that a jewel of the usual value should be presented to him on the completion of his year of office, he having won the good opinions of every member of the Chapter. The motion was seconded by Comp. Green, and put and unanimously agreed to. The Audit Committee was then appointed. The Chapter was closed in due form and the Companions adjourned to a banquet, served in Comp. Cox's best

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style; it embraced all the delicacies of the season. The usual Royal Arch toasts were proposed by the M.E.Z. and responded to, and the evening was spent in a most harmonious manner. The Janitor's toast brought a very happy meeting to a close at about eleven o'clock.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 21st inst. Bros. Clark W.M., Carr S.W., J. King J.W., Polak S.D., Hammond J.D., Baker I.G., C. J. Lorkin Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Dallas, Brasted, Westfield, Johnson, Carr, Collins, Williams, Margate, Greenwood, C. Lorkin, Forss, Moss, I. P. Cohen, Quay, Giller, Cusworth, Christian, Hand, Weige, Call, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Westfield candidate. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, when Bro. P.M. Wallington occupied the chair, and Bro. Westfield was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in a very able manner, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Bro. Brasted assisted Bro. Moss to work the third section of the lecture. Bro. Clark then resumed the chair, and Bro. Margate of 1572, was elected a member. Bro. Carr was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked next Tuesday, at seven o'clock. Bro. Moss will preside.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Thursday evening, the 16th inst. Present—Bros. Andrews W.M., Westfield S.W., Hine J.W., Wallbrecht Secretary, Patrick S.D., Giesecke J.D., Pearcy I.G., &c. Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The first section of the lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Wallbrecht answered the questions leading to the third, and was entrusted. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed. Lodge was closed.

On Thursday, 23rd Oct. Present—Bros. J. Westfield W.M., Hine S.W., Patrick J.W., Wallbrecht Sec., Fenner Preceptor, Clarke J.D., Gieseke S.D., Legge I.G., also Bros. Hambach, Andrews, Bromet, Wilson, Stroud, Smith, and Pearcy. After the Lodge had been opened and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Westfield vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Lyons, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Bromet candidate. Bro. Andrews worked the 1st section of the Lecture, assisted by Bro. Patrick; the 2nd and 3rd, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Bromet of the Excelsior Lodge No. 1155, and Hambach of the Mother Lodge, were elected members. Bro. Hine was appointed W.M. for next meeting.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Help at Bro. Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 21st Oct. Bros. Johnson W.M., Pavitt S.W., Power J.W., Smith S.D., Barker J.D., Norman I.G., Worsley Sec., P.M. Myers Preceptor; also P.M. Candick, Fyfe, Andrews, Watson, and Spencer. After preliminaries the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Andrews worked the three sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed to the first degree, and Bro. Pavitt was elected W.M. for 4th November. On Tuesday next the Fifteen Sections will be worked.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction.—Held at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday. Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., R. Olley S.W., Grist J.W., Aspinall S.D., Goddard J.D., Garrod I.G., P.M. Stephens Treas., C. Lorkin Preceptor; also Bros. McMillan, High, Coubro, Blunt, Jacob, Jones, Martin, Shepherd, and others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. McMillan candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history. Bro. High answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. R. Olley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 16th inst. Present:—Bros. A. Jones W.M., J. W. Fisher S.W., J. Wells J.W., J. J. Clarke S.D., W. E. Batho I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor; Bros. M. Wyville, H. Kasner, J. C. Roe. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. M. Wyville offered himself as a candidate, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation; Bro. Fisher delivered the charge in a very able manner. Bro. J. C. Roe took the chair, and Bro. A. Jones answered the questions leading to the second degree. The Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Jones candidate. Bro. A. Jones again took the chair, and the Lodge was closed in the second degree. The hearty good wishes of the brethren were accorded to Bro. W. E. Batho, who is leaving England shortly for India. Bro. J. W. Fisher was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting.

Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction.—The weekly meeting of this Chapter of Instruction was held on Tuesday evening, 21st October, at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill. Comp. Brown (the Preceptor of the Chapter) Z., Comps. Lee H., Davis J., Catterson P.S., Walker N. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. H. J. Lardner of 907 being the candidate. To those who are acquainted with Comp. Brown, as a Royal Arch Mason, it is needless to say how the ceremony was performed, and to those who are not, and are desirous of qualifying themselves for preferment in this exalted degree, they cannot do better than attend at this Chapter and receive the instruction that is so readily and cheerfully afforded. Comp. Lardner was afterwards proposed and admitted as a member, and the Chapter was adjourned to Tuesday evening, 28th October.

Wellington Lodge of Instruction.—The Fifteen Sections were worked on Monday last, the 20th inst., at the Lodge House, the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford. The chair of W.M. was occupied upon this occasion by Bro. Martin D.C. of Southwark Park Lodge No. 879, and the other Officers were Bro. Stephens P.M. 879 as S.W., Bro. Catterson J.W. 548 as J.W., Bro. Hutchins J.W. 169 and 1531 as S.D., Bro. Hassall 13 as J.D., and Bro. Lefevre 1531 as I.G. The Lodge having been opened in the three degrees, and resumed in the first, the sections appertaining thereto were worked as follows:—The first by Bro. Ross D.C. 700, the second by the J.W., the third by Bro. Milbourne 13, the fourth by the S.D., the fifth by Bro. Moss 1275, and the sixth and seventh by the S.W. The Lecture in the second degree followed, the first section being worked by Bro. Gloster W.M. 1531 S.D. 1326, the second by Bro. Jenkins 1475, the third by Bro. Taylor W.M. 753, the fourth by Bro. George Andrews P.M. and D.C. 871 and Preceptor of the Royal Oak and Star Lodges of Instruction, and the fifth by Bro. Taylor. The Lodge having been resumed in the third degree, the remaining sections were rehearsed—the first by Bro. Gibson 1531 Hon. Sec. to the Lodge, the second by Bro. Griffin P.M. 933, S.W. 1531, P.Z. 79 and 933, the Preceptor of the Lodge, and the third by Bro. Davis 879. The business of the evening having been thus brought to a satisfactory termination, the Lodge was in due time closed, after the passing of an unanimous vote of thanks to the W.M. and the brethren who had assisted him in the working. As a further recognition of the services of Bro. Martin, and of the ability displayed by him in fulfilling the duties of the chair, he was elected an honorary member of the Lodge of Instruction. It may be added that the working of the sections was completed in a few minutes less than the stipulated time—three hours—which is usually allotted for the purpose, a fact which speaks well for the ability and promptitude of all concerned.

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THE PRO GRAND MASTER AT READING.

THE visit of the Earl of Carnarvon to Reading, for the purpose of setting the memorial stone of the new Public Buildings, which was recently postponed in consequence of the illness of his Lordship, is now fixed to take place on Monday next, the 3rd inst.; on which occasion a special Grand Lodge of the Province of Berks and Bucks will be opened at the Corn Exchange, at 11.30 a.m. After the ceremony a luncheon will be provided at the Foresters' Hall, West-street, whereat a numerous attendance is expected.

CAUTION AND CHARITY.

FEW words should be needed to bring to the mind of members of the Craft their first Masonic experience of these two characteristics of the Brotherhood. One part of the preparation which each had to undergo previous to being admitted within the portals of the Lodge was meant as an exemplification of the necessity for the former, while that part of the ceremony of initiation wherein they were taught to lend a helping hand to a brother in time of need was intended forcibly to impress them with the desirability of the latter. It sometimes strikes us that our Ritual is very deficient, in so far that it does not give a Masonic explanation of these and other terms, although it might reasonably be urged that it should not be necessary to call to the mind of a candidate the signification of words whose use is so frequent, and meaning so clear, as the majority of those employed in our ceremonies; still, it is very certain that the maxims taught in Freemasonry are occasionally used in a very different sense to that intended; and perhaps in no case is this more apparent than in the conjunction of the two words which head this article. A few weeks since we extracted from a contemporary the remarks of an American brother to the members of his Lodge to whom he had appealed on behalf of two widows who were in need of assistance; in the one case, the brethren excused themselves on the ground that the deceased husband was not a Mason; on the other, that although the husband had been admitted to a participation of the secrets, he was not in good standing at the time of his death, apparently forgetting that this last fact may have been owing to his inability to continue his subscription during his illness, and was itself but additional evidence of the need of some help being rendered to his widow. It is not necessary for us to cross the Atlantic to find instances corresponding to that cited by Bro. Patrick, but here the general cry is—be cautious. First, we are urged to be cautious how we receive the statements of the brother or relative who applies for relief; next we are admonished to be cautious that the particular case comes within the limits for which our funds were intended; to be cautious not to spend more than can be reasonably afforded; to be cautious lest we form a precedent which shall be quoted in the future, and thus lead Freemasonry to be looked upon as a mere benefit society; and after other cautions have been urged and acted on, one particularly cautious brother proposes that the question stand over, in order that further inquiry may be made, lest by any mistake an unworthy person should be relieved. And all this is done under the plea that at our initiation we were taught to be cautious, or else urged in the interest of "true charity." Was this the caution or the charity the compilers of our Ritual meant to teach, or is it a perversion of the meaning intended? We will not answer the questions, but leave it to the charitable instincts of individual brethren to supply the necessary replies; our ideas on the point being of a character that might be distasteful to some of our readers.

Now, as regards Masonic Charity. What is it? At the time of initiation we are told that it is the distinguishing characteric of a Freemason's heart; but how many of those who repeat these words fully understand the true meaning of what they utter? To be charitable, so far as we understand it, is not merely to throw a copper to a poor hungry fellow creature, but rather to pour sympathy into the wounds which the rough treatment of the world occasionally make in the hearts of us all. Some are favoured, and have to contend with but few, while others seem to come in for more than their share of troubles, but it is seldom that any can be found who, at one time or another, has not had occasion to appeal for sympathy. The man who then does his best for his suffering fellow creature is the one who really understands the meaning of and knows how to dispense true charity. Even in cases of real distress the charitable tendency of Freemasons is often diverted by one or other of the many pleas which are urged—to some of these we have already referred—and although we are aware it would be folly, if not even worse, to render aid to every case in which an appeal is made, so are we certain that numerous instances of need are passed over without any aid being afforded by those who, at the time of their initiation, promised to do all that their circumstances in life would permit.

Such, we think, is the case in the appeal now being made on behalf of the Rev. Dr. Daniel Ace, who is, unfortunately, called upon, in the closing days of his life, to meet a demand which his position renders comparatively impossible, and for which he has received no personal benefit or any recompense. This is, we feel assured, a case where true charity can be amply illustrated, and as the arguments used against the affording any relief chiefly border on the "caution" principle, we take it as a fair illustration of the extent to which such un-Masonic argument may be carried. We maintain that the only reason that should be assigned for urging the consideration of the Doctor's appeal to Freemasons is, that he is a brother Mason of many years' standing, and if any of those appealed to think that aid should only be rendered to such as have assisted others, we refer them to the books of the three Masonic Institutions for a record of what our brother has done in this regard. We have been told that the object on account of which the appeal is necessary is not a Masonic one, and we agree that it has no claim to be considered as such, but are we as Masons, on this account, to refuse that help to a brother which we promised to render on every occasion to the fullest extent that lay in our power. If so, it is half way towards the adoption of the excuses of the American Lodge so justly reproved by Bro. Patrick, and only requires, in order to relieve us from all responsibility, the argument of another section, who urge that if a man can afford to enter Freemasonry, he ought to be able to meet all claims and leave his family amply provided for. We hope these arguments will not be adduced, either in the case we have thus specially referred to, or in any other that may arise. It were far better to adopt that excellent Masonic virtue—Silence—than to hurt the feelings of a distressed brother by taunting him with matters of which he may be entirely innocent. We think it is but necessary for a brother to remember that he is expected to afford only such relief as

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he can offer without detriment to himself or connections to prevent a repetition of these unkind remarks.

In conclusion, we may mention that we are personally anxious to see Bro. Ace released from his present unfortunate condition, and we, therefore, refer our readers to the letter of Bro. Saunders, which appears in another column, with a request that they will assist in the object Bro. Saunders has in view,—the restoring to Dr. Ace the furniture and other effects of which he has been—we hope but temporarily—deprived.

UNIFORMITY OF MASONIC RITUAL AND OBSERVANCE.

THE publication of a work bearing the above title, by our esteemed correspondent, Bro. James Stevens, appears to have greatly exercised the minds of some members of the Craft, as well as those who were favourable to the movement commenced some years ago, and those who now object to any sort of interference with the present working of Freemasonry. Doubtless there is much to be said on behalf of each of these parties. It is, nevertheless, none the less necessary, nay, probably, on that very account all essential, that some decision should be arrived at as to what really is meant by the desired "Uniformity." On the one hand we have Craftsmen who declare that the "pure and unsullied system," so forcibly expressed in the Articles of Union of 1813, has been flagrantly violated, not only as regards mere verbiage, but also by the practice of that which is inconsistent with our system of morality. On the other, there are those who insist that there has been neither diversity nor innovation beyond what is pardonable and innocuous, and has been permitted by recognised authority. It is our province, as journalists, to hold our "scale of justice with equal poise," and whether we please or offend we shall bring to the consideration of this question a mind perfectly unbiassed by friend or foe, and even "Our Own Correspondent" must not take amiss whatever, in the course of our argument, may not be in accordance with his way of thinking. Nor, on the other hand, should those who cannot agree with our reasonings take umbrage thereat. As far as we can gather, from a diligent perusal of the book lately published, whilst we admit the value and importance of correct ritual, we do not find, taking that alone, a sufficient argument for the, as it were, revolutionizing of the present arrangements, and if the appeal for the interference of Grand Lodge rests only on the substitution of one method of communicating our traditions for others, which in some particular instances vary only in respect of verbiage, we hardly think that interference will be accorded. But there may be, and probably there are, other matters connected with Lodge working which compel attention and alteration to prevent the growth and continuation of much that is, if not improper, still very inconsistent with the "pure and unsullied" system; and the remarks contained in a letter which we publish in another column seems to assure us that these do really exist. If so, let them be fairly stated in the proper place for such statements, and we can have no doubt that if shown to be of the importance suggested, they will have their weight in Grand Lodge. They should be, however, of no doubtful nature, and we think it only proper to advise the originator of this movement for "Uniformity" that he will be expected to produce sufficient cause for the inquiry he suggests before he can expect the appointment of the Committee he asks for. Should he, however, be enabled to "prove a case," we think that the Craft generally should support his endeavours, and assist in that work of purification which so many think necessary. To that end, we can see no objection to the ultimate formation of the Lodge of Preceptors in the manner proposed, and for the purposes stated.

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THE OLD CONCORD LODGE, No. 172.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The W.M. of this Lodge, Bro. Gaubert has kindly notified to me that the date of their *original* warrant is 14th April 1768; but not having been sufficiently explicit in my inquiries, I have not yet learned at what tavern the Lodge met in the above year. Subject, however, to the further light which an actual inspection of the warrant may shed upon the transaction, I think the case of this Lodge may be thus summed up:—The original constitution in 1764 must have been a dispensation from the Deputy Grand Master, *as was the custom in those days* [and which I propose shortly to illustrate by some excerpts from old Lodge minutes]. The actual warrant could not have been issued in the usual course, and being applied for in 1768, during the Grand Secretaryship of Bro. French, who only held the office for a single year, it was probably, through the newly-appointed Grand Secretary's inexperience, or imperfect knowledge of what had transpired during the tenure of office of his predecessor, Bro. Samuel Spencer, dated at the period of actual signature and issue? Colour is lent to this supposition from the fact of the year 1768 being assigned to the Lodge in the engraved list for 1769 *only*.

It may be added that the description of No. 324 (1765-69), viz.:—Pon's Coffee House, Castle-street, Leicester-fields, second and fourth Monday, is not only continuous from 1765 to 1769, but is also identical (tavern, locality, and *day of meeting* included) with that of No. 349 on the 1770 list.

If indeed No. 324 (1769) is not No. 349 (1770) then, in racing language—a "double event" has to be explained, viz, the *introduction* of a Lodge dated at 1768, from a numeration (1756-69) in which it never appeared—and the *lapse* of another Lodge (324) in the same numeration, which not only appeared on all *lists* from 1765 to 1769, and was represented in *Grand Lodge* on 30th Oct. 1767, and if erased prior to the change of numbers, such fact would have been recorded in the minutes of Grand Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

23rd Oct. 1879. R. F. GOULD.

P.S.—Since writing the above, the W.M. of the "OLD CONCORD" has kindly obliged me with the following:—"The No. is 228, and opened at Pon's Coffee House, Leicester Fields." The specification of the *place of meeting* supplies the last link which was wanting in the chain of connection between the No. 324 of 1769 and the No. 349 of 1770. The number however [228] given by Bro. Gaubert is slightly confusing, as the present OLD CONCORD Lodge [No. 324, 1769; No. 349, 1770; and No. 271, 1781] was only placed at 228 at the change of numbers in 1792, and save for the assurance of Bros. Gaubert and Gladwell, that the warrant was an *original* I should have thought it to have been either a "renewed warrant" or "a warrant of confirmation."

"UNIFORMITY OF MASONIC RITUAL AND OBSERVANCE."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In a second notice by the *Freemason* of the above work, and which appeared in last Saturday's impression, the writer, after recapitulating facts in connection with ritual, from 1717 to 1813, with which there are many more than himself thoroughly conversant, makes the following remarks:—"Thus any idea that before the Union there was any uniformity of working is alike a chimera and a myth, and subsequently to the Union the Grand Lodge, by a wise toleration, has allowed—subject to uniformity of landmarks and aporretta—some pardonable and innocuous variations. Any attempt, therefore, to introduce an iron, or rather a leaden, uniformity, can only be productive of grave mischief, as it must inevitably lead to a reign of 'cribs' and 'crams,' and that greatest of all curses to Masonry—a printed ritual. As Freemasons, proud of our oral traditions, happy to meet in Lodges of Instruction, under skilful Preceptors, when any one is so rash as to endeavour to raise this needless and inopportune question, we fancy that an overwhelming majority of 'bright' Masons will prove that, uninfluenced by nonsensical bombast, or childish ignorance of the subject, they are determined to 'leave well alone.'"

I wish to answer these remarks, and must ask for space in your columns for that purpose. The main purport of my endeavours is either ignorantly or wilfully misunderstood. I maintain that the solemn Article of Union of 1813 ought to have been religiously preserved and carried out without such toleration of variations, whether "pardonable and innocuous," as some may consider them, or the contrary, as many others believe them to be. These latter, with myself, are as proud of our oral traditions as any member of our Order can be, and believe them to be fully comprised in the simple and beautiful working of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and, further, have no desire to vary the formula of 1813, whatever that might have been. The same objection is entertained by them to printed rituals as that so forcibly expressed, although not, perhaps, in the most elegant terms, by the writer of the remarks I, in my turn, criticise. The Grand Lodge has declared "there shall be the most perfect unity of working," and I will prove, at the proper season, that that declaration is not observed. In the columns of a public journal I

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cannot fully explain myself, but elsewhere I shall, if permitted, take the opportunity to lay before the Craft such particulars as may probably startle certain objectors into another change of opinion. So far, and in my work, I have only been able to deal with abuse of words: not altogether an unimportant matter in the transmission of oral tradition; but I have yet to deal with acts and incidents which are far beyond the scope of innocuous innovations. That is, of course, if Grand Lodge will hear me: and I suppose if only for the sake of consistency and fair play, the privilege, may I say the right, of being heard will be accorded to me. One thing I must say, *en passant*. It is a pity that, no matter how important a subject may be to the best interests of the Order, the limit of time affordod for discussion in the Grand Lodge is so very brief. The whole parliamentary work of the Craft has to be performed in a period of time which never exceeds twelve hours in one year, spread over four quarterly meetings. It speaks well for our organisation that so little time has hitherto been found ample for the purpose, but when questions of imperial importance require a careful and calm deliberation before a just and impartial decision can be secured, so brief a period is to be condemned as leading to hurried and careless results. But I digress! I desire to add to my foregoing remarks that my friends and I are equally happy to meet in Lodges of Instruction under skilful Preceptors (mark the word skilful), and hope that at some future day the certainty of meeting such, whenever and wherever Lodges of Instruction are held, will be assured by Grand Lodge itself to every member of the Craft. It is not the case at present. Further, that, in our opinion, which does not appear to agree with the writer of the article in question, we are acting wisely, and within our province, to endeavour not only to raise, but to prosecute, this absolutely necessary and most opportune question; and we fancy that at least a fair proportion, if not a majority, of "bright" Masons, who are "not necessarily learned Masons" (see *Mackey* thereon), will decide that, uninfluenced by pedantic conservatism, or o'erweening prejudice, the maxim "Quieta non movere" does not apply to the present controversy.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS.

Clapham, 27th Oct., 1879.

LAUGHTON CHURCH TOWER RESTORATION FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am compelled to appeal to the public on behalf of the Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D. (Vicar of Laughton-by-Gainsborough, Lincolnshire), who, to the surprise of everybody who heard the evidence, and the summing up of the judge, was made personally liable at the late Lincoln Assizes for the repairs of the Church Tower of Laughton. The sum claimed by the builder (including damages £600) was £889 15s 5d, which was increased by the legal charges of plaintiff (£121) to £1000 15s 5d. These amounts were reduced by the special arbitrator appointed by the Judge who tried the case (Henry Goddard, Esq., Diocesan Architect, Lincoln), from £889 15s 5d to £181, only £2 being allowed for damages instead of £600. The law charges were brought down to £80 from £121. The sum required to meet this liability and to save Dr. Ace from absolute ruin (including law expenses, &c., £138) is about £400, of which £120 has already been raised. The Rev. Dr. Ace has no private means; he is sixty-seven years of age, and conducts three services on Sunday without assistance. The net income of the united parishes of Laughton and Wildsworth, of which he is Vicar, is only £223. The churches are three miles apart, which distance he has to walk, the income not being sufficient to supply him with means of conveyance. The repairs of the church tower, for which the Doctor has been made by this decision entirely responsible, were absolutely necessary to save the fabric from destruction.

As in the present state of the law church rates are not compulsory, and as the parishioners, who are farmers and farm labourers, have already contributed £70, and are not in a position (owing to the present depression in agriculture) to render any further help, I am compelled, on behalf of Dr. Ace, to appeal to the generosity of the public to rescue an old and efficient minister of the gospel from a position of great distress and anxiety.

The sheriff's officers have been put in his house; his library and effects have been sold, and he is threatened with sequestration of his living.

I am confident that a clergyman of the Church of England will not be abandoned in his hour of need, or allowed to suffer utter pecuniary ruin through his having (in his anxiety to preserve the ancient and venerable edifice in which he ministers), incurred a debt not in any way for his own personal benefit, but wholly for the preservation of the House of the Lord.

Contributions have already been received (amongst others) from

	£	s	d
The Right Hon. Rowland Winn, M.P.	5	0	0
Sir J. D. Astley, M.P.	5	0	0
The Rev. J. Teague	5	0	0
The Rev. Charles Babbington, D.D.	1	1	0
The Rev. C. Mackenzie, M.A., Prebendary of St. Paul's	1	0	0
The Rev. Duncan Fraser, M.A., Canon of Rochester	1	0	0
Henry Thompson, Esq., 38 Mincing-lane	2	0	0

Further contributions will be thankfully received by the Vicar and Churchwardens of Laughton, Messrs. Smith, Ellison and Co., Bankers, Gainsboro, or by Messrs. Smith, Payne and Smiths, Lombard-street, London.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., on Wednesday, the 5th day of November, at 7 o'clock in the evening, punctually.

Business:—The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation, after which the following Report of the Committee of General Purposes will be submitted:—

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from the 17th July to the 14th October 1879, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance Grand Chapter	1157	9 0	Disbursements during the Quarter - -	194	6 0
„ Unappropriated Account -	170	14 1	Balance - - -	1231	4 6
Subsequent Receipts -	267	17 6	„ in Unappropriated Account -	170	10 1
	£1596	0 7		£1596	0 7

which Balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions Thomas William Adams as Z., George Samuel Elliot as H., John Bairstow Shackleton as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623, London, to be called "The West Smithfield Chapter," and to meet at the New Market Hotel, Snow hill, West Smithfield, in the City of London.

2nd. From Companions Richard Nicholas Howard as Z., William Smith as H., James Jesty as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Portland Lodge, No. 1037, Portland, to be called "The Portland Chapter," and to meet at the Portland Hall, Portland, in the County of Dorset.

3rd. From Companions James Keith Grosjean as Z., John Smorfitt as H., George Archer as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Zetland Lodge, No. 1157, Alexandria, to be called "The Zetland Chapter," and to meet at Alexandria, Egypt.

4th. From Companions Thomas B. Whytehead as Z., John Spite Cumberland as H., Philip Henry Rowland as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, York, to be called "The Eboracum Chapter," and to meet at the Queen's Hotel, in the City of York.

5th. From Companions John Fenn as Z., Alexander Richardson as H., Richard Croisdale as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Aldershot Camp Lodge, No. 1331, Aldershot, to be called "The Aldershot Camp Chapter," and to meet at the Assembly Rooms, Aldershot, in the County of Hants.

The foregoing Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that, in consequence of a statement made by the Provincial Grand Scribe E. for North Wales and Shropshire, that the Star of Gwynedd Chapter No. 384, Bangor, was extinct, and it appearing by the Grand Chapter Records that no return had been received from that Chapter since 1857—one Companion only having been exalted therein since the date of the Charter 27th June 1856—the Chapter, No. 384, was taken out of the Register.

It now appears that the Charter of the said Chapter is in the custody or possession of the St. David's Lodge No. 384, Bangor, and that no present member of that Lodge is now, or ever has been a member of the Chapter. The Lodge has therefore been directed by the Committee to surrender the Charter to be cancelled, but as the Lodge has refused or neglected to comply with this Order, the Grand Chapter Committee refer the matter to the Board of General Purposes, and beg to request that the W. Master of the St. David's Lodge No. 384, may be ordered to forward to the Grand Scribe E., the Charter of the said late Star of Gwynedd Chapter No. 384.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, G. Treasurer,

President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
15th October 1879.

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 1705.

THE annual meeting of the members of this Lodge, for the installation of Worshipful Master and appointment of Officers, was held on Thursday evening, 23rd ult., at the Star Hotel Assembly Room, Gosport. There was a large attendance of members of the Craft, including the W.M.'s of most of the Lodges in the neighbourhood. Bro. George Grant was duly installed in the chair by the outgoing Worshipful Master (Bro. C. B. Whitcombe), who performed the ceremony in a very impressive manner. The new W.M. appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. C. B. Whitcombe I.P.M. and Treas., J. W. Stroud S.W., Count des Geneys J.W., T. Batchelor Sec., C. Johnson S.D., C. J. E. Mumby J.D., Cave D. of C., George Darby I.G., Webb and Senior Stewards. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. C.B. Whitcombe was presented with a magnificent P.M.'s jewel, of special design, as a token of appreciation by the members of the Lodge of the manner in which he had conducted its business during the first two years of its existence. About forty of the brethren afterwards met at the

CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HERTFORD LODGE.

THE brethren of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, held a Lodge of Emergency on Tuesday the 21st ult., at the Shire Hall, Hertford, for the purpose of celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the establishment of this Lodge. The present W.M., Bro. Stephen Austin, was one of the first who were initiated in the Lodge after its inauguration so that the celebration was rendered the more interesting as marking the fiftieth year of that brother's membership of the Lodge. There was a large attendance of members, together with several visitors from neighbouring Lodges. After the transaction of the routine business of the Lodge, Bro. T. S. Carter P.M. P.P.J.G.W., in the name of the members of the Lodge, presented Bro. Austin with a handsome dining-room clock, a pair of antique bronze ewers, and an address illuminated and framed, of which the following is a copy:—

To the Worshipful Bro. Stephen Austin P.P.G. Sup. Wks. Herts, W.M. and P.M. of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403.

We, the members of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, upon the occasion of celebrating its jubilee, most fraternally request your acceptance of the accompanying timepiece as a slight token of our esteem and regard, and as a memento of your having been one of our first-initiated members. We congratulate you upon the completion of your 50th year in Freemasonry, knowing that you have been during those years a continuous subscribing member of one and the same Lodge—a fact unprecedented in the annals of the Craft. We earnestly trust that the Great Architect of the Universe will in his infinite wisdom grant you health and strength for many years, that you may be enabled to witness the growth and continued prosperity of the Order, and afford this Lodge the advantage of your matured experience.

The W.M. feelingly acknowledged the presentation, alluding to the jubilee character of the proceedings. The valuable articles presented to him would, he said, be placed in his house in such a position that his children and those who came after him might at all times look upon them and see a memento of the appreciation in which he was held by the members of his Lodge as a true, tried, and valued friend. In the course of his remarks he said that a brother had recently waited upon him with a manuscript containing a history of the Lodge, compiled from its minutes. He had added to this an article from Turner's *History of Hertford*, giving a brief history of the Craft, a list of the members of the Lodge from its foundation to the present time, lists of joining members and honorary members, and a list of Worshipful Masters, from the first Master of the Lodge downwards, and thinking that a copy of these documents would be interesting to the members, he had had copies printed in the form of a book, one of which he asked each member of the Lodge and each visitor to accept. The Lodge having been closed, the members and visitors adjourned to the Assembly Room, where the banquet was served.

The W.M. presided at the festive board, having among his guests the R.W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M., Bros. F. H. Wilson Iles, M.D., D.P.G.M., A. W. Nash W.M. 409 P.A.G.D.C., T. Erskine Austin P.M. 475, R. J. Abbott P.M. 1473, R. Freer Austin 1591, Stephen Austin jun. 403, W. M. Armstrong P.M. 403, J. R. Dagg 449, David Roberts P.M. 754, H. C. Finch P.P.G.Regr. P.M. 404, Geo. Turner 70, Fredk. Venables W.M. 1385 P.P.G.P., Hayward Edwards P.M. 1385, John Lowthin P.M. 1885 P.P.G.S.W., J. Childs 453, George Corble 453 P.P.G.J.W. Essex, John Purrott W.M. 1479 P.G.S.B., and Malcolm Heywood P.P.G.Orgt. 403. In due course the usual toasts were introduced, the Chairman, in proposing the first stated it was one he was sure would be received with all the enthusiasm it so richly deserved. To do justice to it required more eloquence than he could command, but he considered himself (whatever he may have been in the past) to be one of the most loyal men in the kingdom. The time was when people were not so loyal as they were now, but the effect of the excellent example set by Her Majesty as a ruler, as a wife, as a mother, and in all her other relations to the community, had been most marvellous, and such as to develop the loyal feelings of all her subjects to their fullest extent. The toast was drunk with great applause, the company singing "God save the Queen." The W.M. next proposed the health of "The M.W. the Grand Master (H.R.H. the Prince of Wales)," in doing so he said it was needless for him to eulogise His Royal Highness, or to describe his merits to the present company. He was constantly before the public, and all that he did was open to their gaze. There was a time in the history of the country when a Prince of Wales acted in a contrary spirit, and when, instead of coming among his people in a way that would make him respected, admired, and loved by them, as his Royal Highness now did, he kept himself aloof, and made himself obnoxious. Such a time was even within his own recollection. He was that day thinking over what he should say on this point, when he came upon an Aylesbury newspaper which published weekly some interesting notes from an old diary, and among other items he saw this notice:—"1795,"—very nearly a hundred years ago—"June 24. The Prince of Wales's debts paid by Parliament," and what did they think the amount was? £639,829. Now, just let them fancy that sort of thing, and then let them look at the immense contrast afforded by the present Prince of Wales. They never heard of such a state of things now-a-days, and he did not believe they ever would hear of it. Some people might think it did not show good taste in him to refer to things of the past in this way, but the contrast was so pleasing that he thought he was justified in doing so, and in congratulating them upon it. They were indebted to the Prince of Wales for the great interest he took in every thing affecting their domestic life, and also for the example he set them in respect to his conduct as a husband, and as a father towards his own children. From time to time they saw in papers of a certain class inuendoes affecting the character of His Royal Highness, but he would ask them whenever they saw anything of the kind, or whenever they heard a whisper affecting his good name, to say at once, "It's a lie! its impossible that a man can fill all his relations in life with such tenderness and exactitude, and be the objectionable person that now and again he is represented by these people to be." The toast was heartily received, and followed by "God Bless the Prince of Wales." Bro. Boatwright (I.P.M.) proposed the health of "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past." Those present who were privileged to attend the meetings of Grand Lodge must agree with him when he said that the Craft was under great obligations to the Earl of Carnarvon for the careful and conscientious manner in which he discharged the duties of his office. It was unnecessary for him to say anything respecting Lord Skelmersdale, for every one who knew anything of his lordship was acquainted with the deep interest he took in Freemasonry. After a song by Bro. Winn, "Come fill up your tankard," the W.M. proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Master; it was unnecessary for him to say anything in the way of eulogy of the brother who filled this distinguished office, inasmuch as he was so well known and appreciated by all present. Bro. Halsey possessed that most admirable quality of doing whatever he had to do in the best possible way it could be done, and he had therefore no hesitation in recommending him as an example for them to imitate. Glee by Bros. Winn, Baxter, and Beckett, "Mynheer Von Dunck." Bro. Halsey tendered his most sincere thanks for the very kind manner in which the brethren had received the toast of his health, and for their flattering expressions of feeling in regard to himself. He esteemed them very highly, because, from their originating with one who filled the position the Chairman did in his Lodge—reckoning a membership of fifty years, and filling the highest office in it—he could not regard them but as of a very high character, and as showing that his labours were appreciated. He could only say that it had given him very great pleasure to be with them on that occasion. It was the third time, independently of the day of his installation as Provincial Grand Master, that he had visited the Hertford Lodge, and he was glad to see that their work prospered as the years went on. He most sincerely hoped that this meeting, marking as it did the close of one half century of their Lodge's successful working, would be the commencement of another, and that during the next fifty years it would go on as prosperously as it had hitherto done, and show even an increased amount of work at its close. It gave him great pleasure to know—although the fact was not due to any merits of his own—that Masonry in the province was not only not deteriorating, but in spite of bad times and depression of trade was increasing. He was glad of this continued prosperity of the Lodges, and it was satisfactory to him to know that he had at least done nothing to counteract it. A song by Bro. Winn followed, and then Bro. Captain Dick P.M. rose; he said they had just enthusiastically drank the health of their Provincial Grand Master, and he certainly well deserved the toast to be so received, for surely no province ever had a better or more genial ruler. He had now to propose the health of the Deputy, Bro. Iles, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers present and past. In doing so he had to congratulate Bro. Iles on the way he performed the duties of his office, and carried out the wishes of the Prov. G.M.; all knew that the latter could not conduct the business of the province but for the available assistance he received from those who shared with him the onerous duties which fell upon his shoulders, and he regarded this as a fitting time to express the estimation of the services rendered by the Provincial Grand Officers past and present. The toast was drunk with great applause, and after a song by Bro. Baxter, Bro. Iles, on behalf of himself and other officers of the Prov. G.L., returned his sincere thanks for the very kind and cordial reception of the toast. That his brother officers thoroughly understood their duties was proved by their being there in such force to do honour to the Worshipful Master of the Hertford Lodge, and although some of their duties were rather onerous, others were very delightful, amongst these being to come on an occasion like the present to celebrate the united jubilee of a Lodge and a member of it—an event almost, if not altogether, unprecedented in the annals of Masonry. This event, however, conveyed a lesson which it would be well for them not to forget, namely, that when a person became a Mason, and performed his duty according to the health and strength given to him, his reward was sure to follow. It did the Hertford Lodge credit to have such a brother, and he was glad of the fact, for if there was not something in Masonry, a man of intelligence and of considerable distinction in his native town, like the W.M., would not have stuck to it for fifty years, never once leaving it during all that long period. After a glee the Chairman proposed "The memory of the Founders," and remarked that it was unnecessary for him to say much to commend this toast to the acceptance of those present. The Duke of Sussex was the Grand Master at the time of the foundation of the Hertford Lodge, and granted the warrant for it, upon the petition of Francis Crew, Alfred Septimus Dowling, Robert William James Rodgers, John Cass, Thomas Cobham, John Harwood, Joseph Francis Taylor, and others. He felt that he must say a word about Bro. Crew, who was the "head and front" of the whole matter. There were people alive now who could recollect his powers of vocalisation; anything more exquisite than his singing he (the Chairman) never heard, and he pleased the members so greatly that it was felt they must have the ladies present to listen to him. Accordingly, when singing was going on, the doors of the Lodge were opened, and the ladies, who were in the adjoining room, were permitted to hear, and this was continued for some time. The toast was drunk in solemn silence. Bro. Halsey proposed the next toast, "The W.M.," coupling with it Continued Prosperity to the Hertford Lodge. When they remembered that the Lodge was founded so long ago as the 8th of September 1829 (as he saw by the book the Chairman had kindly placed in their hands), and when he found on the 19th of October in that year in the list of initiates one of the name of Stephen Austin jun., Printer, Hertford—whom he found fifty years and three days afterwards to be exact the same Stephen Austin—but he must say senior now—in the chair, although not for the first time, they would, he thought, agree with him in saying that they had before them a career of which every Mason might be proud. It spoke well, also, for the Lodge, that it

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had existed so long, and that the members had a brother who had been one of their number during the whole of that period, and whom they were now pleased to have to preside over them. The Chairman had alluded in an earlier part of the proceedings to the influence of the Lodge in softening and subduing the asperities that existed in the community at the time of its foundation; and therefore should they at any time meet with people—and there were such individuals—who said that the principal object of Masonry was eating and drinking, he hoped they would point to their Worshipful Master, for it stood to reason that if a man could live in this dreadful system of eating and drinking for fifty years, and who from his hale appearance gave promise of living in it for many more years to come, there could not be that objectionable character of excess in Freemasonry. The present year marked a great era in the province, this Lodge being not alone in celebrating its jubilee, for on the 28th November the Watford Lodge—of which he had the honour of being a Past Master—would be engaged in the same agreeable proceedings. It would not fall to their lot, however—for it fell to the lot of very few Lodges—to celebrate the fiftieth year of its existence and the fiftieth year of the membership of a brother—and that brother the Worshipful Master—at one and the same time, but on behalf of the Watford brothers he would say, that if any of those present were there on the evening they celebrated their jubilee they would receive a most cordial welcome. The W.M., on rising to respond to the toast, was received with a long-continued burst of applause. On silence being at length restored, he said that he felt he must rise at once to thank them for their most kind and hearty congratulations. He felt very grateful to the Great Architect of the Universe, that notwithstanding his age he was in the full enjoyment of all his senses. He was twenty-five years of age when he was initiated in the Hertford Lodge, and having completed his fiftieth year as a member, he was now seventy-five, and he therefore could not be sufficiently thankful for the health and strength which he enjoyed. He feared that he could not make them adequately understand all he wished to convey, and that he was unable to express himself with sufficient clearness; but he asked them to put themselves in his position, and after listening to all the flattering remarks that had been made—not made, be it remembered, in any spirit of mockery or without meaning, but as the sincere expression of earnest friendship—they would understand his feelings. At the same time, it appeared to him that they must have discovered that he possessed some qualities that were unknown to himself, but this made him appreciate their kindness the more highly. He felt that he must trouble them a little longer, as he had something more to say. He was not only an old member of the Hertford Lodge, but he was also an old inhabitant of the town, being of the third generation of Stephen Austins who had resided in it. His grandfather, who was a schoolmaster and printer, came from Yorkshire and settled here, in 1768; his father was born in Hertford, and bore the name of Stephen, as he also did; and he had a son in the room now who bore the same family name, who he hoped would hand it down to another generation. Something had been said about another jubilee of the Lodge fifty years hence, and although many of them then present could not expect to witness such an interesting event, there were others who might naturally hope to take part in it, and as he felt a little pride, in his own name having been so long and agreeably associated with the Lodge, he hoped that at the termination of another fifty years of its existence some of his descendants would be found connected with it, and would then receive similar expressions of good will from its members as now he did. He had just to add that none of the members of the Lodge who assisted at its foundation were living, but one or two of the initiates of 1829 were still alive, and he desired at this time to mention their names. These were Charles Smith, of Enfield, and his friend from boyhood, Young Crawley; and then of a little later date there were. Valentine Carter, of Buntingford, George Farr, William Robert Baker, of Bayfordbury, the Right Hon. William Cowper-Temple, Dr. Woodhouse—whom he would have liked to have seen present—and Henry Kember. He had only in conclusion to thank them, and that most warmly, for the kind feelings they had expressed towards himself. Bro. Cocks (Treasurer) proposed the health of the "Visitors," remarking that it was particularly pleasing to see so many members of other Lodges present; on behalf of the Hertford Lodge he had to thank them for their attendance. Brother Nash W.M. 409 briefly replied, and in the course of his remarks referred to the geographical position of the county rendering it impossible for the members of the Craft to see each other so frequently, and to know each other so intimately, as they could wish. He was glad, however, to know that there was a solidarity about the Lodges which was the best proof of their prosperity. The Rev. L. Deeds S.W. proposed "The Masonic Institutions," a toast which, he said, was most dear to his own heart. The institutions connected with Masonry were the principal attraction that induced him to join the Hertford Lodge, an act which he had never for a moment regretted, and he most seriously hoped that all earnest men, whatever their position in life or the form of their religion might be, would unite in extending the benefits which they were calculated to confer upon all, no matter what the position in life might be in which it might have pleased the Almighty to place them. The Institutions were of undoubted excellence, of tried capability, and were bringing forth fruit which would redound to the credit of all concerned in founding and conducting them. He included the Girls' School, the Boys' School, and the Benevolent Institution in his remarks. They did not call these institutions "charities," for he trusted that Masons were far above feeling that in dispensing the funds raised for them, and in alleviating distress which might come upon their members from unforeseen circumstances, they were conferring charity in any sense of the word. Because, however, the good done by the Institutions he had named was not so well known as they might wish, an argument was used by many people against Masonry, that the members of the Craft met only for their own gratification. This he totally denied, and could speak in this respect for the Hertford Lodge since he had had the honour to belong to it; so far from wasting their time in social indulgence, and spending their funds in that way, they had given up one yearly festival, but it would be very hard and unnatural if on one evening of the year they were not to meet to do honour to the Craft, and to meet those who reflected such credit upon it. He had spoken for the Hertford Lodge, he did not believe that Masons, as a body, were given to that indulgence which was sometimes said to characterise them; their principal aim, rather, was to do good to their fellow men, and to promote a feeling of cordiality and love amongst all classes of their fellow citizens. Brother Winn now sang "John Brown," which was loudly encored, and he then gave "Come Lasses and Lads." Bro. Terry returned thanks for the manner in which the last toast had been received, and assured the company that he esteemed it a great compliment to be allowed to respond to it. Allusion had been made to the fact that these institutions were not "charities," and he might justly say, on behalf of their committees, that everything was done that could be accomplished to take away from their benefits all idea of charity. The Committees knew full well what had been done by the Hertford Lodge in the way of rendering them assistance by their contributions. He found, by referring to their books, that since its foundation the members had contributed £700 in this way, and although this sum might not appear large when spread over a period of fifty years, yet when it was remembered that it was only during the last nine or ten years that the claims of the various institutions were brought prominently before them, the amount contributed was very considerable, and on their behalf he had to thank the members of the Hertford Lodge for what they had done. Bro. Carter would represent the Lodge as Steward during the coming year; and he ventured to think that as Bro. Crew, to whom allusion had more than once been made, was at one time Secretary of the Girls' School, there was a debt of gratitude due to that institution on his account which might be paid through Bro. Carter in May 1880. Reference was then made to the Girls' School and the Benevolent Institution, and in course of an eloquent appeal for additional subscriptions to the three Institutions Bro. Terry mentioned, that if an average contribution of £60 a year could be got from each Lodge, no candidate for admission need ever be turned away for want of funds. A solo was played on the pianoforte by Brother Heywood, which was loudly applauded. The W.M. proposed the health of the Officers, thanking them very heartily for their attention during the year now closing. In connection with the toast he also wished to couple the name of Bro. Warrener, the newly-elected W.M. The Hon. Baron Dimsdale J.W. in replying said, he was only speaking the sentiments of his brother officers when he returned his most hearty thanks for the way in which the toast had been received. He must say that in all the arguments against Masonry he had heard there was nothing substantial, but they were indebted to the Senior Warden for the able manner in which he had shown how their Institutions had removed the stigma—if it was a stigma—from them as Masons, that their time was spent principally in eating and drinking. He was indebted to the Chairman, however, for another illustration of the usefulness of their Lodge, for, alluding to a period of fifty years ago, he had told them that such a feeling of animosity then existed in the town, politically and religiously, that the people were at "daggers drawn." The great corrective of this objectionable state of things, however, was the foundation of a Masonic Lodge, and therefore those who had seen and rejoiced at the entire decay of that feeling, were indebted to those men who founded it and kept it going, and to none were they more indebted than to the brother who now presided over them. It must also be satisfactory to those present that the first Masonic Lodge in the county was founded on the eastern side of it, and that an example was thus set to their friends on the other side, which, however, they were not long in following. He wished to say on behalf of the officers of the Hertford Lodge that they were anxious to promote the interests of Masonry to its utmost extent, remembering at the same time that it was their duty to do all in their power to promote that charitable and kindly feeling towards all men which was the best and surest foundation for the prosperity of States. Bro. Dr. Warrener also returned thanks, and expressed the great pleasure he experienced at being present at the celebration of the jubilee of the Lodge. He was very much pleased to see Bro. Austin in the chair, and he sincerely hoped that he would long continue to be amongst them. When, as years rolled on, however, and the time came for him to bid farewell to the Lodge below, might he indeed become a joining member of the Grand Lodge above, there to live and reign for ever. The "Tyler's Toast" was then given, and the company shortly afterwards separated.

The members of the committee appointed by the Lodge to carry out the jubilee arrangements are to be congratulated upon the success that attended their labours. To Bro. R. T. Andrews, the Secretary, great praise is due for the excellent manner in which he performed his onerous duties, and conducted the mass of correspondence which the Festival involved.—*Hertfordshire Mercury.*

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday afternoon in the Board room, Freemasons Hall. There were present Bros. Col. Creaton Grand Treasurer in the chair, H. Dicketts, H. Massey, Fredk. Adlard, James Peters, Arthur E. Gladwell, A. H. Tattershall, Henry Venn, James F. Corben, E. Letchworth, H. Potter, H. A. Dubois, W. F. C. Moutrie, E. Spooner and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. On the recommendation of the House Committee fifteen guineas was voted to apprentice an ex-pupil, and the salary of the Chief Clerk in the Secretary's office was raised from £100 to £120 a-year. Two children were placed on the list of candidates for the April Election. Bro. Dick Ratclyffe's letter, stating the principles of his Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund was ordered to lay on the table, on the motion of Bro. H. A. Dubois. The Committee then adjourned.

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PAXTON LODGE, No. 1668.

THE annual meeting was held on Saturday, 25th ult., at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. In the absence of Bro. F. W. Goddard, the W.M., the Lodge was opened by Bro. J. M. Klenck, who was supported by Bros. F. J. Sawyer S.W. and W.M. elect, W. H. Boswell J.W., H. E. Frances P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Surrey Sec., and other officers of the Lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. H. Massey, Butt, Dunn, Stock, and Morgan. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The acting W.M. then ordered the ballot to be taken for Mr. John James Henry Sayle, who was proposed by Bro. Woodhams S.D., and seconded by Bro. H. E. Frances Secretary. The result was favourable, and at the request of Bro. Klenck Bro. P.M. Frances performed the ceremony of initiation in the candidate's favour. The report of the Audit Committee was then presented and unanimously adopted. Bro. P.M. Klenck, as Director of the Ceremonies, then presented the S.W. for the benefits of installation. Bro. Frances administered the obligation, a Board of Past Masters was formed, and Bro. F. J. Sawyer regularly installed as third Master of the Paxton Lodge. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted, and he appointed the following Officers:—W. H. Boswell S.W., R. E. Woodhams J.W., J. M. Klenck P.M. Treas., H. E. Frances P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Surrey Sec., N. J. Bassett (P.M.) S.D., J. R. Dodd J.D., S. Walker I.G., F. W. J. Goddard D.C., E. L. Partridge A.D.C. The Installing Officer then completed his duties, which throughout he had performed most competently, by delivering the addresses to Master, Wardens, and Brethren, and resumed his seat amidst the congratulations of those present. The first duty the W.M. undertook was formally to present to the Lodge his banner, which beside those of the previous Masters of the Lodge, with other elegant surroundings, produced a most pleasing effect. We believe the whole are the handiwork of Bro. Frances, and we cordially state that they do that artist much credit. We trust he may continue his labours in this direction for a long line of future Worshipful Masters. Bro. Boswell proposed a vote of thanks to the W.M., which was seconded by the Senior Deacon, and carried unanimously. On the W.M.'s rising, Bro. Frances stated he had now a disagreeable duty to perform. It was to announce that the I.P.M., Bro. Goddard, consequent upon heavy business engagements, and the impaired state of his health, felt constrained to tender his resignation of the Lodge. This announcement was received by the members with sincere expressions of regret, and Bro. Klenck expressed a hope that an improvement might shortly take place, and that Bro. Goddard would renew his association with the brethren. Bro. Sawyer then expressed the thanks the brethren felt were due to Bro. Frances for the valuable help he had rendered the Lodge during the past year, in the absence of the W.M., as likewise for his kindness in officiating that day as Installing Master. It was then voted that a sum of five guineas be appropriated from the Lodge Funds towards a testimonial, in slight recognition of Bro. H. E. Frances's efforts. This compliment having been acknowledged, several letters explaining non-attendance were read, and Lodge was closed. The banquet was then served by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, and on the removal of the cloth, Bro. Sawyer gave the Loyal toasts. Bro. Past Master Klenck proposed the health of the W.M. He stated that the selection the members had made would, he was assured, reflect credit on the Lodge. Bro. Sawyer possessed many good qualities, and since the inauguration of the Lodge he had ever taken deep interest in its progress and welfare. All who had been associated with him in the Lodge would agree they had the right man in the right place. Personally, he (Bro. Klenck) was convinced their Worshipful Master would do all he could to advance the Paxton Lodge. Bro. Sawyer said the time was progressing, and he had to catch more than one train before he reached home; he should, therefore, detain them but a very short time. He was very proud—indeed no one knew how proud—at having attained to the position of Master of the Paxton Lodge. Since he first entered into this wonderful brotherhood—for wonderful it really was—the more he had seen of it, the more delighted he had been. He had been struck with the ceremonies which had raised him from pillar to pillar, until he had attained the eminence on which he now found himself. Primarily, he must thank Past Master Frances, and secondarily, Past Master Klenck, for having helped him forward at such a pace—a pace that enabled him within five years of his initiation to attain the position of Worshipful Master. He would ask their initiate of that evening to try and get on as fast. If that brother would do his best to learn, and strive to emulate those who had preceded him, and eventually work up to the position of W.M., it would give him great pleasure, as much indeed as it had given him (Bro. Sawyer) to reach the chair. He knew the brethren felt as he felt; they were equally glad to see him at their head, and this fact rendered it unnecessary for him to say any more on the toast which had been so kindly proposed and cordially drunk. In proposing the health of the Initiate, the W.M. said it was a toast which they always gave attention to, and it was right they should, as there was no toast to which more honour was due. Without an Initiate there would be no Masonry. He could but repeat what he had previously said—he hoped and trusted the Initiate would do all that he possibly could for Freemasonry, and as he had been told that evening that the badge he had on was the badge of innocence and the bond of friendship, and that if he never disgraced it it would never disgrace him, he should go on and obtain the higher badges as quickly as possible. There was no difference in his connection with the Fraternity; he was as much a brother Mason now as he would be when he took the higher degrees; the only difference there was was in the degree; he would be no more a Mason in the high degree than now. Sooner or later the brethren would doubtless see Bro. Sale rise step by step until he attained the Worshipful Master's chair. It might take some little time, but he might feel assured the more attention he paid to Masonry the more pleasure would he take in his duties, and the better would he be appreciated by the brethren. Bro. Sale had no idea when he entered the Lodge that he was going to be so kindly and heartily received. He had had a desire to join the Craft many years since on account of his having been deeply impressed with its principles while living abroad, especially so while travelling in Mexico. There, if a man was a Mason, if he was not a native of the country, he was looked upon as akin to it; and he received the greatest kindness at the hands of the inhabitants. He should adopt the advice of the W.M. and strive to obtain the higher badges of which he had spoken. At this stage of the proceedings the Charity Box was passed round, and some amusement was caused by the speculative tendencies of those assembled. The health of the Visitors was the next toast, and for this Bro. Butt replied. He thanked the brethren for their hospitable reception, and wished the W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office. He complimented the Lodge on having the ceremonies so ably performed, and in having so competent a member as Bro. Frances. If the brethren would emulate their Past Masters, the Lodge would never lack a brother to fill the post of Worshipful Master. He was sorry the I.P.M. had been unable to attend; it was a great thing for a Lodge to have the Master present. Bro. Dunn followed; the previous speaker had somewhat taken the wind out of his sails. No Lodge could possibly have had the work done better. He had been to a great many Masonic gatherings, but he must say he had never enjoyed himself more. He was a member of the Jubilee Lodge, and he hoped to have the pleasure of meeting some of the members of the Paxton Lodge there. Bros. Marsh and Stock also tendered their acknowledgments. The W.M. gave "The health of the Installing Master, Bro. H. E. Frances." He had always been a prime mover and instigator in Freemasonry. He was one of the hardest working men in that particular sphere. Bro. Frances was proud of Freemasonry, and never tired of hard work in its interest. He believed that the greatest pleasure of Bro. Frances's life was to instal some one. He desired to express his best thanks to Bro. Frances for the admirable way in which he had performed the ceremonies of the evening, and in this he was sure all the brethren would concur. Bro. Frances remarked that all the W.M. had said he could endorse. He confessed he did feel infinite pleasure in putting his friends into the chair. He regretted the absence of Bro. Goddard, whom he had not seen since he was installed. Bro. Goddard was a brilliant star in the firmament of Freemasonry. The brethren would seldom meet a man who had the powers of Bro. Goddard; he was a born orator, with a marvellous flow of speech which belonged to but few. Bro. Sawyer would attend to his work; he was thoroughly sincere, and would perform the duties of the Lodge in a way that would bring credit upon it. He Bro. Frances felt somewhat that his occupation as Installing Master of the Paxton Lodge was at an end, as Bro. Sawyer would undoubtedly qualify himself to perform that duty for his successor. However, in whatever office his services were in request, he could assure them they would always be at the service of the Lodge. He was,—if anything,—an enthusiastic Mason, and his delight was to be made useful. The next toast was the health of the Past Masters, and Brother J. W. Klenck replied; whenever anything was wanted of him, the brethren might command him. He took a deep interest in the Paxton Lodge, and was gratified at its progress. The members had never a wry word or a dissension. He was pleased to find that member after member was added to their ranks. The same unanimity and concord prevailed notwithstanding this increase. He only hoped as years rolled on, and Master succeeded Master in the chair, this unanimity would exist, and that brotherly love would continue. He was greatly indebted to Bro. Frances for his kindly aid in assisting him in Freemasonry. With regard to the Charities of the Order, they had found in him (Bro. Klenck) a staunch supporter, although he had not been many years in Freemasonry; he had raised directly or indirectly £500 for their benefit. That was their end and aim. Freemasons ate and drank, were merry and enjoyed themselves; but amid the whole of that the great secret was, they were kind to those who could not help themselves. While enjoying themselves they did not forget those who required help. He was proud to be a Past Master of the Paxton Lodge, and he hoped the brethren would, with him, long enjoy each other's society. Several other toasts followed, and it was a late hour before the brethren separated. During the evening several capital songs were sung, by Bro. Marsh and others.

Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145.—The first regular meeting since the recess of this ancient and excellent working Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn-fields, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., under the presidency of Bro. J. S. Leggott W.M., W. Lister S.W., Dr. Wilkinson J.W., T. Bull P.M. Treasurer, G. S. States P.M. P.G.S. Secretary, A. W. Verrell I.G. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular Lodge and Emergency of 20th May were read and confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. A. P. Maynard and W. V. May, which were unanimous, and they were duly initiated into the Order by the W.M., who was ably assisted by his Officers, perfectly and impressively. The W.M., who is already a Vice President, announced his intention to again represent the Lodge as Steward in 1880 at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons. The Secretary reported the death of Bro. Exall, a very old and esteemed member and Past Master of the Lodge. Bro. States read several letters he had received from the widow of Bro. Exall, detailing the last illness and decease of her husband. These letters also communicated the sad intelligence that the widow was in very distressed circumstances, and requesting the brethren to aid her in her affliction. It was decided that, at a later period of the evening, an appeal should be made to the members, and the brethren prepared and signed a petition for presentation to the Board of Benevolence, where the W.M. and other brethren promised to

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attend and support it. The next business was to receive the report of the Committee who had been appointed to conduct the proceedings in connection with the John Boyd Memorial Fund. It was announced that a similar committee had been appointed by the Prudent Brethren Chapter, and it was intimated that both committees were in accord in regard to what was contemplated being done. It had been considered desirable that a portrait of our deceased Brother Boyd should be procured, and that the same be tendered to the Committee of the Royal Masonic Girls' School, in the welfare of which Institution Bro. Boyd invariably took a deep interest; but, on this intention coming under the consideration of the Committee, that body felt they could not consistently fall in with the views of the members of the Prudent Brethren Lodge, and accept the gift without establishing a precedent it would be undesirable to carry out in all cases. Consequently, Bro. T. Bull now proposed that the money it was intended should be devoted to that purpose be expended in the purchase of a harmonium, to be used jointly by the members of the Prudent Brethren Lodge and the Prudent Brethren Chapter, of which bodies, likewise, it was to be considered the joint property; also that a silver plate be provided and engraven with an appropriate inscription, and that a coloured portrait of the late Bro. John Boyd be attached on the front of the instrument. This latter, Bro. Bull announced, Bro. Verrell had undertaken to get hermetically sealed, with a view to its better preservation, at his own expense. Also that the instrument, with its belongings, should be insured with the other property of the Lodge. This proposition was seconded by the W.M., and, on being put by the S.W., received the unanimous assent of the members. Bro. Bull now proposed that the Lodge vote a sum of fifty guineas out of its funds, which, with a further sum of fifty guineas it was contemplated the Prudent Brethren Chapter would contribute, should be invested to provide a fund that shall perpetuate the memory of the late Bro. John Boyd through the means of an annual prize, the form of which shall be decided upon by the Committee, for the time being, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the said prize to be known as the John Boyd Prize. This was seconded by Bro. P.M. Thiellay, and cordially assented to by the members. Then was the case of a distressed brother brought forward, but, after full deliberation, it was concluded the appeal must be passed over. Routine business followed, and Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was now served under the personal superintendence of the "Best brother"—as a wag said—in that line, who as usual was assisted by Bro. E. Dawkins. The W.M., on rising for the toasts, intimated he should not trespass on their time by the remarks he should make. The health of Her Majesty the Queen he characterised as the toast of the evening, inasmuch as embodied with it was the sentiment of Prosperity to the Craft of which all Masons are so proud. That of the Grand Master followed, quickly succeeded by that of the Grand Officers, and then Bro. Bull proposed the health of the W.M., whom he characterised as a brother in every respect worthy of the position he occupied. Whether in the Lodge or at the banquet table Bro. Leggott always displayed ability in the discharge of his duties, while in the cause of Charity he was never tired of striving to raise funds in relief of any cause of distress. After a song by Bro. Levy, the W.M., in reply, tendered his thanks to the members for the hearty way in which they had received the toast. He urged on all Masons who aspired to the chair to make themselves thoroughly conversant with its duties. Bro. Bull had said many kind things of him which he thought he hardly deserved; however, he felt he had done something for Freemasonry. He hoped the brethren would not think he was boring them too much, but he felt it was gratifying to know that his exertions had resulted in a sum of £900 being raised for the Charities, and that in a period of six or seven years. During his membership he had done all he possibly could, not only for Freemasonry in general, but for his Lodge in particular. He hoped that when the time came for his successor to take his place, that the brethren would well support him, and assured one and all that nothing but ill health should ever keep him from his duties. In proposing the health of the Initiates, the W.M. felt they would not disgrace the Order. They were men of thought, men of solidity, men who would practise and uphold the true tenets of Freemasonry, thereby showing there was more in their profession than the mere empty name. After the two brethren complimented had expressed their thanks for the honour done them, the W.M. introduced the case of the late Bro. Exall's widow, which had already been referred to in Lodge. A substantial response was immediately made, and the Secretary was instructed to forward the money collected—£3 9s 11d—to Mrs. Exall, with an intimation of the steps the Lodge were taking with a view to her further relief. The next toast the W.M. offered was the health of the Visitors, and to all of those present he tendered a hearty welcome. He called on Bro. H. M. Levy to respond. After a song from Bro. Hart, Bro. Levy replied, thanking the W.M. and brethren for the great kindness and hospitality they extended at all times. The next toast given was "the Charities." The W.M. announced that he had undertaken the office of Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at the next Festival. He was proud to know that Bro. Terry, the Secretary of that Institution, was present. He (the W.M.) deemed it practical and prudent in every Mason to aid in supporting the Masonic Charities. He urged all present to give according to their means; he felt in the end they would be none the worse off through their generosity. He felt he had already secured a somewhat fat list, and spoke of the many vicissitudes that attended us in this life, and the consideration of these ought to stimulate us to greater application in relieving distress. He referred gracefully to the energy that Bro. Terry displayed on behalf of his Institution, and closed his remarks by urgently appealing for the support of the members. Bro. Terry, in the course of an exhaustive address urged the claims of the several Institutions. He spoke of the period of depression in trade we were now passing through, but firmly advocated the desirability of making the support of the Charities more general. He concluded by thanking the W.M. and congratulating him upon the magnificent results that had already attended his exertions in behalf of the Institutions. The other toasts comprised the Past Masters, the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers. In each case the W.M.'s remarks seemed to be thoroughly endorsed by the members, and were eminently satisfactory to those who were the several recipients of the honours paid. A special toast was made of the Masonic Press, and the W.M. referred to the way in which at the present time it was being conducted. With the toast was associated the name of Bro. Morgan, who acknowledged the kindness of the W.M., and made happy allusion to the efforts that were being made by the Prudent Brethren Lodge to perpetuate the memory of the late Bro. John Boyd, who was decidedly one of the most popular Masons of his day. The Tyler in due course gave his toast, and then the brethren separated.

THE YOUNGEST GRAND MASTER.—In the sketch of Bro. THOMAS S. PETTIT, in the last issue of the VOICE, it is said he is, perhaps, the youngest man ever elected to the position of Grand Master. Most Worshipful GEORGE THORNBURGH, present Grand Master of Arkansas, is a younger man, and was in his thirty-first year when he was elected. He is younger than any were, when elected, who have presided over the Grand Lodge in this State. Most Worshipful E. H. ENGLISH comes next to him. Probably Bro. THORNBURGH is the youngest Grand Master in America. If he is not, the VOICE will be glad to learn who is.—*Voice of Masonry.*

In Memoriam.

It is with the deepest feelings of regret we have to announce this week the death, which occurred suddenly on Friday, the 24th ult., of Bro. Henry Kyezor, of Caswell Cottage, Hounslow. Our deceased brother, at the time of his death, held the post of Senior Warden of the Lily Lodge of Richmond, and until within a few weeks was likewise a member of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, at Kew. Bro. Henry Kyezor, who had spent many years of his life abroad, was a kind-hearted man, ever ready to assist in any case of distress by whomsoever brought under his notice, and when once induced to take an active part in advocating the claims—whether of an individual or a collective body—might invariably be counted on as a host in himself. On his business relationships he brought to bear the weight of sound judgment, which was always fostered and strengthened by a firm resolve to master all details. He was a man who had devoted much time to the study of books, and many there are who are indebted to him for the happy way in which he strove to make the knowledge he had thus acquired of service to his friends. The funeral took place on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at Kensal Green Cemetery, where the service was conducted in a deeply impressive manner by the Rev. H. C. Davies. Bro. Kyezor leaves a widow, two daughters, and a son. To them we tender our deep sympathy in the time of their affliction.

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At One o'clock, on the termination of the Ceremony, Luncheon will be provided at the Foresters' Hall, West-street, at 5s each, including waiters and dessert, but not including wine. Tickets—for which an early application is requested—can be obtained of Bros. W. Ferguson, Broad Street; Blackwell, London Street; and Stransom, Market Place.

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THE REV. DANIEL ACE, D.D., the Vicar of Laughton, in Lincolnshire, is under the necessity of making an appeal to enable him to defray the expenses incurred for the Restoration of the Tower of the Parish Church of Laughton, for which Dr. Ace, who is the Vicar of the Parish, has been held personally liable.

The circumstances under which Dr. Ace feels compelled to make this appeal are detailed in a letter which appears on page of this issue, and he feels confident that, as a Clergyman of the Church of England, he will not be abandoned in his hour of need.

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CONSECRATION OF THE SIR HUGH MIDDELTON CHAPTER, NO. 1602.

THE Consecration of this Chapter took place at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Friday, 10th October, when Comp. Edward G. Sim P.M. 1602 was installed as M.E.Z., Comp. John Cogan P.M. 1365 as H., and Comp. David Moses as J. The ceremony was perfectly performed by E. Comp. James Terry Prov. G.D.C. Herts as Z., E. Comp. W. Stephens as H., and E. Comp. Edgar Bowyer P.P.G.D. Herts as J., assisted by Comps. Hobbs, Wagner, &c. Comp. Osborne J.W. 1602 was invested as Scribe E., and Comp. John Weston S.W. 1602 as Scribe N. After the Chapter was closed, the Comps. adjourned to an excellent banquet in their dining hall, where they spent a most enjoyable evening. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. Cozens, assisted by Comps. Hubbard and Ashton.

On Friday, the 24th October, a meeting was held at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. Present—Comps. E. G. Sim M.E.Z., John Cogan H., David Moses J., Osborne S.E. Visitors—Comps. Hobbs, Cusworth, Lee, and others. The minutes of the Consecration meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. W. Norris S.D. 1602, R. G. Thomas Organist 1602, John Greenfield Treasurer 1602, J. H. Peach I.G. 1237 were exalted into R.A. Masonry. Bro. Norris was duly elected and invested P.S., and Bro. Greenfield appointed and invested (this being a new Chapter) as A.S. Chapter having been closed, the Companions adjourned to a banquet, supplied by Bro. Grist in his well-known excellent style. The usual toasts were in due course given; the Exaltees returned thanks for the compliment paid them. Comp. Greenfield, who is an initiate of 1602, reminded the M.E.Z. and others present that this was the second time he had had the honour of responding under similar circumstances. He expressed a hope that harmony and good feeling would prevail in the Chapter, as it had in the mother Lodge; the principal Officers had already joined the Chapter, which from its position promises to become a very successful one. The Officers are well known, and are all excellent workers, especially the M.E.Z.

INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE CASTLE LODGE, No. 1621.

THIS young, but rising Lodge, held its fourth annual installation meeting on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth, when about thirty brethren met to do honour to the W.M. elect. Lodge was opened at half-past three by the W.M. Bro. H. B. Southwell, when there were present the following Officers and brethren:—Bros. E. J. Chittey I.P.M., J. Stokes P.M. 252, 1261, P.G. Reg. N. Wales and Shropshire, P.P.G.S.W. Worcestershire, J. C. W. Lister P.M. 1120, P.G.P. N. Wales and Shropshire, Dr. Abm. Colles S.W. (W.M. elect), Hubert Smith Treas., Thomas Whitefoot Sec., Thos. Pratt S.D., W. Simms J.D., J. Sewell Organist, E. M. Southwell, T. Whitefoot jun., E. Cooper Stewards, A. S. Trevor I.G., T. Tyler Tyler, C. G. De Lessert, J. S. Vince, W. L. Southwell, J. W. Chadwick 377, T. Dowell, A. Pitt, J. J. Harris and J. H. Cooksey. Visitors—The Mayor of Bridgnorth Bro. J. W. McMichael 938, T. K. Rowbotham P.M. 275, P.P.G.J.W. West Yorks, W. Waring W.M. 252, T. McCandless W.M. 377, A. Comber J.W. 877, P.G.S. Worcester, H. Preen 377. The minutes of the last regular meeting, and of a subsequent Lodge of Emergency, having been read and confirmed, Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Dr. Abm. Colles presented to the Installing Master Bro. Joseph Stokes, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Dr. Colles inducted into the chair in due form. The brethren were re-admitted and saluted their new Master, who proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—Bro. H. B. Southwell I.P.M., T. Pratt S.W., W. Simms J.W., Hubert Smith Treasurer, T. Whitefoot, jun. Secretary, A. S. Trevor S.D., E. M. Southwell J.D., E. J. Chittey D. of C., J. Sewell Organist, E. Cooper I.G., B. Perry, A. Pitt, J. H. Cooksey Stewards, T. Tyler Tyler. The addresses were next given by Bro. Stokes in that eloquent and impressive manner so familiar to most of those present. The ceremony being completed, the newly-installed W.M. rose to present the retiring Master with a P.M.'s jewel; he expressed the great pleasure he felt in doing so; Bro. Southwell was held in great esteem by the members of the Lodge, and the past year had been most pleasantly spent under his rule, he trusted he might long continue to attend and assist in the direction of the Lodge. Bro. Southwell said he could not express his thanks to the W.M. and brethren as he could wish, he might, however, assure them that he deeply felt their kindness towards him, which he was afraid he scarcely merited. He regretted that the time had arrived when he had to relinquish what had been to him a most agreeable office, this feeling of regret was, however, considerably mitigated by the thought that the Brother who was following him would so ably discharge the duties of his position. Letters of apology were read from the R.W. P.G.M. Sir Watkin W. Wynn Bart., M.P., and other brethren, and hearty good wishes having been tendered by the various Visitors, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. After the admirable repast, provided by Bro. J. S. Vince, had been disposed of, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Rowbotham, in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," said that he must congratulate Bro. Stokes on his excellent performance of the duties of Installing Master. He was an old member of the Craft, and had witnessed many installations, but he must say that he had seen few brethren who could equal Bro. Stokes in the office, certainly none who could surpass him. Other visiting brethren also responded, expressing their appreciation of the reception given them by the members of 1621. The evening's enjoyment was much enhanced by the singing of various brethren, notably the characteristic Irish songs of Bro. C. De Lessert, and the musical selections of Bro. Sewell Organist, which were as usual highly appreciated. The time having arrived for the departure of those brethren leaving by train, the Tyler was summoned, and an extremely pleasant meeting thus brought to a close.

Old Warrants.

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[SEAL.] BEAUFORT, G.M.

No. 228. To all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and loving Brethren.

WE, Henry Somerset, Duke of Beaufort, Marquis of Worcester, Earl of Worcester and Glamorgan, Viscount Grosmont, Baron Herbert, Lord of Ragland, Chepstow and Gower, and Baron Beaufort of Caldecot Castle,

GRAND MASTER

OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE SOCIETY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

GREETING. Know ye that we, at the Humble Petition of our Right Worshipful and well-beloved brethren Philip Cole, Benjamin Dorset, Joseph Sutton, William Eldridge, Edward Stevens, William Peale, Daniel Remy and John Sweatman, do hereby constitute the said brethren into a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, to be opened at Pons Coffee House, in Castle-street, Leicester Fields. And further, at their said petition, and of the great trust and confidence reposed in every of the said above-named brethren do hereby appoint Philip Cole to be Master, Benjamin Dorset Senior Warden, and Joseph Sutton Junior Warden, for opening the said Lodge, and for such further time only as shall be thought proper by the brethren thereof, it being our will that this our appointment of the above Officers shall in no wise affect any proper election of Officers of the Lodge, but that such elections shall be regulated agreeable to such bye-laws of the said Lodge as shall be consistent with the General Laws of the Society contained in the Book of Constitutions. And we hereby will and require you, the said Philip Cole, to take special care that all and every the said brethren are, or have been, regularly made Masons, and [that] they do observe, perform, and keep all the rules and orders contained in the Book of Constitutions.

And further that you do from time to time cause to be entered in a book for that purpose an account of your proceedings in the Lodge, together with all such rules, orders, and regulations as shall be made for the good government of the same, and that in no wise you omit once in every year to send to us or our successors, Grand Masters, or to the Honourable CHARLES DILLON, our Deputy Grand Master, or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being, and account in writing of your said proceedings, and copies of all such rules, orders, and regulations as shall be made as aforesaid, together with a list of all the members of the Lodge, and [such a] sum of money as may suit the circumstances of the Lodge and reasonably be expected towards the Grand Charity. Moreover, we hereby will and require you, the said Philip Cole, as soon as conveniently may be, to send an account in writing of what shall be done by virtue of these presents.

Given at London, under our Hand and Seal of Masonry, this 14th of April A.L. 5768, A.D. 1768.

By the Grand Master's Command,

CHARLES DILLON, D.G.M.

Witness,
Tho. French, G.S.

NOTE.—I have examined the foregoing transcript, and see no reason to doubt that the *original* from which it was made was issued at the date named. The *number* (228) is the only feature calling for remark, and unless we forthwith post date the Warrant to the year 1792 [see Correspondence column], it is abundantly evident that the number shown on the left hand margin must have been interpolated *after* the publication of the revised numbers in the *Freemason's Calendar* for 1793. Referring to the concluding paragraph of my letter of the 23rd October [see page 291], it may be added that of the Lodges actually constituted in 1768, which range between Nos. 413-435 on the 1769 list, *all but two* are *carried forward* in the revised list published after the change of numbers in 1770, these two Lodges being thus described in 1769:—

421. Sun Lodge of Perpetual Friendship. Bristol, Mar. 28 1768
428. St. Christopher July 1768

If, therefore, the No. 349 of 1770 is *not* No. 324 of 1769. It can only be either No. 421, or 428 of 1769, which is plainly impossible. On the other hand, the No. 324 of 1769—the *only Lodge* meeting at Pons Coffee House, Leicester Fields, between 1765-69—is demonstrated to have been in active existence on 30th October 1767 [being entered as represented in the minutes of G. Lodge] not quite *six months* prior to the date of the Warrant exhibited above. At this period, moreover, no Lodges were erased without a note of the circumstance occurring in the Grand Lodge minutes. *No such note is to be found in connection with No. 324 between 1767-70.*

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Brethren interested in inquiries of the kind will find the foregoing statements amply confirmed by an examination of my lists for 1769 and 1770 in "The Four Old Lodges," pp 60-65. The description of the Lodge at Pons Coffee House, in the 1770 list, clearly evidencing that the engraver has taken it from No. 324 in the list for 1769. The bare date—1768—without day of month is tolerably conclusive on this point, and had the Lodge been *constituted*—[*i.e.*, *formed* or *established*, and not merely *warranted*]—in 1768, it would certainly have appeared in its proper order of seniority, somewhere lower down in the list, say at about the No. 358 [1770].

R. F. GOULD.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 1st NOVEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8
140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER.

45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
M. M. 139—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
336—York, Masonic Hall, York.
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Room, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1009—Shakespere, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester.
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks.
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley

TUESDAY, 4th NOVEMBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Powmall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, Islington.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1382—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1351—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Great-James-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Middelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1693—Kingsland, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, Islington
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.0.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
209—Etonian, the Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick.
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire,
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton, Coldfield.
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
R. A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 690—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
R. A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal

WEDNESDAY, 5th NOVEMBER.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney
1647—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton
1760—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1065—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool.
R. A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
R. A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.
R. A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M. M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
M. M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

THURSDAY, 6th NOVEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cork Tavern, Highbury
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Guildhall Concert Room, High-street, Canterbury

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38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
289—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1384—Equity, Alfords Chambers, Widnes.
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1515—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1907—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R. A. 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Helsden Bridge
R. A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R. A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
R. A. 753—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
K. T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury

FRIDAY, 7th NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1385—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 8
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. Johns, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
838—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
1086—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1643—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
K. T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-L.

SATURDAY, 8th NOVEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
R. A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

1581—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon
1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Robert Burns Chapter, No. 25.—This old Chapter met on Monday, the 27th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Present—Comps. G. R. Shervill Z., C. Martin H., W. Land J., W. Kirby P.Z. Treasurer, J. Allsopp P.Z., T. Robinson P.Z., W. Platt P.Z. S.E., W. W. Baxter S.N., F. Hatton P.S., W. Elsley 1st Asst., J. E. Shand 2nd Asst., H. H. Smith W.S. Visitors—Comps. B. H. Swallow P.Z., E. J. Scott P.Z., and M. Crook, all of Hermes Chapter, No. 77, and Dr. Ramsay. The Chapter having been opened in due form, and the minutes of previous Convocation read and confirmed, ballots were taken for the W.M. of the Robert Burns Lodge, and also for the S.D., in both cases resulting unanimous in favour of those brethren. From unavoidable causes, however, they were not present. The three principal addresses were given, after which the resignation of an old Comp.—John Bennett, Z. in 1857—was received with great regret. The Chapter was then closed until January next, and the Companions dined together in the Preston Room. The usual toasts were given, interspersed with some excellent singing, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The M.E.Z. referred, both in Chapter and at banquet, in touching and pathetic terms to the decease of late Comp. W. Watson P.Z., the oldest member of the Chapter; he was one of the signatories of the application for the Charter in 1844. The M.E.Z. stated that he had attended his last obsequies, in Suffolk, and proposed a toast to his pious memory, which was drunk in silence.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction. No. 27.—A meeting was held on 30th October, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Present—Bros. Webb W.M., J. Da Silva S.W., Moss J.W., L. Norden Sec., Gimingham S.D., Kahn I.G., C. H. Webb Preceptor, and others. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Kahn acting as candidate. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Moss worked the third and fourth sections of the first lecture assisted by the brethren. Bro. Da Silva was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at Bro. Butt's, the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, on Monday, the 27th October. Present—Bros. Tolmie W.M., Hallam sen. S.W., Gush J.W., Wing Acting Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Pelikan I.G.; also Bros. Swales, Parkinson, Willison, Moss, Rushton, Halle, Gladwell, Gibbs, Fox, King, Sadler, Pilson, Symonds, Droscher, Isaac, R. W. Pearcy, Powell, and others. The usual formalities were complied with, and the Fifteen Sections were worked by the W.M., assisted by the following brethren:—First Lecture: Bros. Patrick, Sillis, Willison, Gush, D. Moss, H. R. Hallam sen., Sadler. Second Lecture: Bros. J. B. King, Pelikan, C. S. Fox, H. P. Isaac, A. W. Fenner. Third Lecture: Bros. A. Wing, G. G. Symons, J. A. Powell. Bros. Rushton, of Crusaders Lodge 1677, and Pilson, of Scientific Lodge No. 88, were elected members. A vote of thanks was warmly accorded to Bro. Tolmie for the very excellent manner he had worked the Sections. A vote was also accorded to those brethren who had assisted him. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Prosperity Lodge, No. 65.—An "off" night! Commend us to "off" nights, whenever they can be made so practically useful and so thoroughly enjoyable as was the meeting of this Lodge on the evening of the 23rd ult. at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. Paradoxical as it may appear, the want of work gave opportunity for better work than would probably have been found had the agenda been carried out as originally intended. The unexpected inability of two accepted candidates to attend for initiation afforded a leisure of which the fullest advantage was taken, and the result was highly gratifying, both as regards the interests of the Lodge itself, and those of Freemasonry in general. The Lodge was opened at the appointed hour by Bro. C. Daniel W.M., with all his Officers at their respective stations, there being present Bros. C. E. Terry S.W., W. Chicken J.W., J. Roberts S.D., Schadler J.D. E. W. Braine I.G., J. G. Goodwin P.M. and Treas., C. Jones Acting Secretary, L. A. Lems P.M. and D.C., H. Caton, J. L. Rudd, C. J. Rich, A. Paull, R. Fox, W. H. Barber, W. J. Wright, W. Henson, T. Sowell, A. Plater, W. D. McCallum, H. Chivers, and Visitors Bros. Stevens P.M., The Great City; A. Martin P.M., Joppa; J. Gardner, City of Westminster; W. A. Hunt, Crichton; and R. F. Gray, St. Barnabas. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for two candidates who were fully expected to be present for initiation, and whilst waiting their attendance the Lodge was passed and raised, and closed to the first degree, when the announcement was made that the expected candidates were at the last moment prevented from attending. An unusual incident then occurred. The Lodge had on a previous occasion very materially assisted a worthy member whose circumstances had changed through unforeseen calamity; and by the intervention of the W.M. and his Officers, his case had been brought before the Board of Benevolence with a highly satisfactory result. To his honour, be it said, he saw fit to attend and to acknowledge, in open Lodge, his deep sense of thankfulness for the assistance afforded, and his manner of doing this left it very doubtful in the minds of the brethren as to which party had most cause to be gratified with this practical exemplification of the true principles of the Order. The worthy brother, by his simple acknowledgments, himself unwittingly did good service to the cause of Charity, and the hearts thus stirred by his grateful thanks were at once expanded by a desire for further benevolence. The W.M., Bro. Daniel, stated his willingness to act as Steward for the Benevolent Institution at its ensuing Festival, with a personal donation; the Lodge itself voted ten guineas, and a well-known brother supplemented that vote by a farther sum of equal amount. Thus was set afoot the nucleus of a Stewards' list which will materially help the funds of the Institution and be worthy of the Lodge which bears the title of "Prosperity." Long, indeed, may prosperity attend it, and enable it to continue such laudable Masonic work. The W.M., addressing the Visitors, apologised (quite needlessly as they remarked), for whatever disappointment they experienced from absence of work and non-provision for subsequent entertainment, but requested them to remain for a "grog and cigar," and social chat on matters Masonic. He then closed the Lodge and

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assembled the brethren around him for that purpose. In the brief hour allotted for friendly converse and harmony formality was banished, and subjects of general interest to Freemasons were introduced and discussed. The chord of sympathy and benevolence which had been struck in the Lodge vibrated with pleasing effect in the midst of this genial intercourse, and a reference to what might be done by a little self-denial and able management called forth a statement from Bro. A. Martin in respect of the Fund of Benevolence attached to his Lodge, Joppa 188, and the good it had been able to effect; which statement, in our belief, laid the foundation for the constitution of a similar fund in connection with "Prosperity." Bro. Stevens P.M. 1426, having been introduced by the W.M. as the author of the lately published work on "Uniformity of Masonic Working," availed himself of the opportunity for explaining his views. It is evident that Bro. Stevens is in earnest on this subject, and if he can but substantiate in Grand Lodge what he put forward at this meeting, we cannot see how his request for a Committee of Inquiry in the first place, and probably the Lodge of Preceptors he suggests, can be objected to. It is quite certain that the place must be "tyled" wherein such practices as he condemns can be spoken of, and that he has the difficulty to contend against that he cannot make known to the Craft generally those important particulars with which they ought to be acquainted before deciding the question, except in an assembly of Masons. Whether he succeeds or not in his attempt, he is certainly doing good service by calling attention to the evil arising from want of a controlling authority in respect of Masonic working. His remarks were listened to with considerable attention and evident approval, the thanks of the brethren for his explanations being spontaneous and hearty. Some delightful harmony mingled with the remaining proceedings of the evening, and members and visitors separated at an early hour mutually pleased with each other, and with the unrestrained good fellowship of a "Prosperity" "off" night.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 28th Oct. Present: Bros. King W.M., Chicken S.W., Roberts J.W., Salomons S.D., Maidwell J.D., Caton I.G., Hollands, Daniel, Bristow, Wren, Shadler, Hodges, and Pilson. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The three degrees were rehearsed by the W.M. in a very creditable manner. This gave the several Officers plenty of work, and materially advanced them in their duties. Bros. Bristow 1637, Salomons 1017, Hodges 217, were elected members. Bro. Chicken was appointed W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. Bros. Daniel and King gave notice that their subscriptions were open to form Life Governorships for the Old Men and Women, to be drawn for at this Lodge of Instruction. The Annual Supper will be held on the third Tuesday in November. Tickets to be had of Bros. Maidwell, King, and Daniel.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 25th Oct. Bros. Lardner W.M., D. Moss S.W., J. A. Powell J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Pennefather S.D., Giller I.G.; also Bros. S. E. Moss, I. P. Cohen, Slaiter, McMillan, J. Lorkin, C. Lorkin, Mackey, E. H. Williams, Ross, Byng, J. Millington, Grist, Goode, Calderwood, King, W. Williams, C. K. Killick sen., Smith, Brand, Brasted, Lee, Mallett, &c. The W.M. worked the Fifteen Sections, assisted by the following:—First Lecture—Bros. Giller, J. Lorkin, Pennefather, Fenner, C. Lorkin, Slaiter, J. A. Powell. Second Lecture—Bros. I. P. Cohen, D. Moss, McMillan, C. Lorkin, Slaiter. Third Lecture—I. P. Cohen, J. Lorkin, Brasted. A vote of thanks was cordially voted to the W.M., and he was elected an honorary member. Thanks were also awarded those brethren who had assisted.

Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902.—The first meeting since the recess of this united Lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday, the 27th inst. In the absence of the W.M., through illness, the chair was occupied by Bro. Simson J. Byng the I.P.M., who discharged the duties in his usual masterly and impressive manner. The banquet, which followed, was served in Bro. Clemow's well-known style, and was of a most *récherché* character. Among the numerous visitors were Bros. Warner Sleigh, Keith Frith, John Williams, J. Page, &c. During the evening some admirable recitations were given by the brothers above mentioned.

Lodge of Union, No. 414.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, the 21st October, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Charles Oades W.M., Samuel Bradley S.W., Chas. Stephens J.W., M. J. Withers Secretary, J. A. Strachan Treasurer, R. C. Mount S.D., F. J. Ferguson J.D., D. H. Witherington Steward, Samuel Wheeler I.G., Wm. Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. Pocock, Yetts, Weightman, R. Bradley. Members—Bros. Butler, Davis, D. Webb, G. W. Webb, F. Blacknell, Armstrong, Moffatt, Higgs, Sydenham, Hayward, Hawkes, J. W. Martin. Visitors—Bros. R. C. Hurley P.M. 1101, W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary 1101. After preliminary business, Bro. Hayward, a candidate for the second degree, answered the questions in a satisfactory manner, and was passed, the ceremony as usual being performed in a correct manner. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and closed according to ancient form.

Ogle Chapter, No. 431.—On Thursday evening the companions of this Chapter held their annual Convocation in the Masonic Hall, North Shields, when the following M.E. Companions were installed into their respective chairs, viz.—John Harcuss Z., Thos. Haswell H., Thos. Robson J. The following Comps. were invested as Officers:—W. J. Ward P.Z. Treas., A. Mustart E., G. J. Place N., J. Burdess P.S., M. Storey and T. Mothersdale Assist. Soj., J. Robertson Jan. Comp. E. D. Davis P.Z., in the name of the Companions, and in highly complimentary terms, presented to Comp. Ward a beautiful gold P.Z.'s jewel, for his valuable services during a period of three years. Comp. Ward, in a suitable address, returned thanks. The Companions afterwards adjourned to the Northumberland Arms, New Quay, to celebrate their annual festival, when a most pleasant evening was spent, the cuisine reflecting the highest credit on the worthy and attentive host and hostess, Comp. and Mrs. Redford.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the meeting, held on 24th October, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Present—Bros. Blasby W.M., Gomm S.W., C. E. Botley J.W., Franckel S.W., Talbot J.W., Youens I.G., Roe P.M. Preceptor, Goss P.M., Maton, Ackworth, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. Bro. Acworth offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Maton answered the questions leading to the second degree and retired. Lodge was advanced, and the W.M. impressively rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Goss representing the candidate. Lodge was closed to the first degree, and Bro. Maton was re-admitted. Bro. Gomm was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting. The intelligence of Bro. Kyezor's decease was communicated. Bro. Goss proposed, and Bro. Gomm seconded, a resolution—"That Bro. Secretary be requested, on behalf of the brethren of the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, to convey to Bro. Kyezor's widow their sympathy and condolence with her in her bereavement." (This was done by letter the same evening.) The brethren also expressed their regret at learning that Bro. Gunner (Hon. Sec.) was unable to leave his room through an attack of illness. Lodge was then closed, with due observance of ancient custom, and the meeting adjourned till 31st October at half-past seven p.m.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, the 28th October. Bros. Moss W.M., Webb S.W., Brasted J.W., Carr I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Past Master Wallington Preceptor, Smyth Treasurer; also Brothers Wyman, Dallas, Greenwood, Butt, Polak, J. King, Hammond, C. Lorkin, Clark, Giller, Slaiter, Collins, Barnes, Hand, Baker, Williams, Christian, Wardell, Dignam; also Bro. R. Smith visitor. Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Fifteen Sections were then worked by the following brethren. First Section—Bros. Giller, Greenwood, Carr, Christian, Barnes, Lardner, and Slaiter. Second Lecture—Bros. Wardell, P.M. Webb, Pennefather, C. Lorkin, and Lardner. Third Lecture—Brasted, J. Lorkin, and P.M. Wallington. The Lodge was resumed, and Bros. Pennefather 1623, J. R. Van Raalte 168, Thos. Butt 1623, Lardner 1745, and A. Valentine were elected members. A vote of thanks, also honorary membership, was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the very able manner in which Bro. Moss had presided on the occasion. Bro. Carr was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—At the Red Lion Hotel, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, the Fifteen Sections were worked on Wednesday, 29th October, about thirty brethren being present. Bros. Brown 862 W.M., Gush I.G. 1541 S.W., Tate J.D. 862 J.W., Long P.M. 435 Preceptor. The First Lecture was worked by Bros. Welsford, Gates, McCulloch, Abell, Lardner, Gush, Tate. Second Lecture—By Bros. Larchin, Fox, Marston, H. Hallam, Pate. Third Lecture—By Bros. Welsford, Long, Thompson. The questions were admirably put by Bro. Brown, and, on the Lodge being resumed to the first degree, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed in his favour, and honorary membership of the Lodge conferred. A vote of thanks was also passed in favour of Bro. Gush the S.W. Bros. Sanders 860, Hill 862, Irvine 862, and Butt 1623, were elected members, and Lodge was closed.

Lodge of Montefiore, No. 1017.—The first regular meeting was held on Wednesday, 22nd October, at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, Bro. J. Lazarus P.M. W.M. in the chair. L. Salomons S.D., Eskell P.M. J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., L. Jacobs Treasurer, M. Levy S.D., Goldberger W.S., Simmons Steward; P.M.'s Bros. S. N. Abrahams, Gulliford I.P.M., S. Pollitzer, Victor Myers, Grunebaum, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The W.M. then in a perfect and impressive manner raised his son, Bro. A. Lazarus, to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. A distressed brother was relieved. There being no other business, the Lodge was closed. The brethren partook of a banquet, that gave unqualified satisfaction. Grace having been said, the W.M., in brief and eloquent terms, proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. returning thanks in his usual effective manner for the Grand Officers. The health of the W.M. was proposed. Great credit was due to him for the admirable manner in which he had conducted the duties of the Lodge. This having been responded to by Bro. Lazarus, the toasts of the P.M.'s was followed by that of the Visitors, for whom Bro. T. Foxall P.M. returned thanks. Among this division were Bros. E. Jacobs 447, J. Ramsay 1423, J. S. Sweasey 1423, and S. B. Alexander 188. The toasts of the Officers elicited a capital speech from Bro. Salomons. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. The brethren were much gratified by the charming singing of Miss Daisy Ramsden, Miss Lovette, Messrs. Glennie and Adams, and Bro. Hugo. Mr. Alfred Rawlings ably conducted the musical arrangements.

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Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 8th October, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. W. G. Flanagan W.M., J. Early Danks S.W., W. Ferguson J.W., W. P. Ivey P.M. Sec., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, E. J. Blackwell S.D., R. Dowsett J.D., Thomas Newman D.C., W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Hurley, Brown, Margrett, Ellis, Welch I.P.M.; Bros. Bailey, Tegg, Prickett, Pulley W.M. 1436, Cordery, White, Rhind, Ravenscroft, Moule, Vowles, Hukins, and Beeton. Visitors—Bros. Pocock P.M. 414, Baker I.P.M 414, S. Bradley S.W. 414, Ferguson J.D. 414, Withers Sec. 414. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. A. V. Beeton as joining member, when he was declared to be elected. Mr. Albert Wheatley was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, the W.M. performing the ceremony in a very correct and impressive manner, after which the election of a W.M. for the ensuing year took place. Bro. J. Early Danks S.W. was declared to be elected. Bro. Stransom was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Hemmings Tyler. Bro. Hurley P.M., proposed in a complimentary speech, that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to the W.M. in recognition of his valuable services while occupying the Master's chair. Bro. Brown P.M., who also congratulated the W.M. on his efficiency, seconded the proposition, which was unanimously carried. The W.M. returned thanks. Two letters were read from Bro. Herbert P.M.—who with his family had gone to New Zealand—in which he returned thanks for the kindness he had received from the Grey Friars Lodge, and gave a description of the country, after which the W.M. elect nominated his Banquet Stewards, and the Lodge was closed according to antient form.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—At the "King and Queen," Norton Folgate, E.C., on Thursday, 30th October. Present—Bros. Hine W.M., Gieseke S.W., Lane J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Wallbrecht Sec., Lyons S.D., Westfield J.D., Ohle I.G., also Bros. Trewinnard, Andrews, and Pearcy. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. P.M. Lyons candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Lyons again acting as candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the first, second, and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Preceptor Fenner, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Gieseke will preside at next meeting.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—The meeting of this Lodge on 28th inst. was devoted to the working of the Fifteen Sections by Bro. J. Andrews W.M. 1227, assisted by the following brethren:—Bros. W. Musto P.M. Preceptor S.W., J. Shepherd W.M. 1349 J.W., W. Myers P.M. I.P.M., E. T. Worsley S.W. 860 Hon. Sec., Norman I.G. First Lecture: Bros. Worsley S.W. 860, Watkins 1076, Pullen D.C. 1567, Barker I.G. 860, McDonald J.D. 1445, Pavitt 860, Cundick P.M. 1421. Second Lecture: Bros. Rawe J.W. 781, Johnson 860, Musto P.M. 1349, Smith S.D. 860, Worsley S.W. 860. Third Lecture: Bros. Myers P.M. 820, Job S.D. 1076, Shepherd W.M. 1349. There were also present:—Bros. Sadler, White, Brownson, Fyfe, Dixon, Wright, Roberts, Watson, Bailey, Spencer, Glasspool, Moss, Ellis, &c. That the working was of a very high order needs scarcely be said, the efficiency of this Lodge being widely known. Bros. Plater 65, Buckley 700, Job 1076, R. W. Pearcy 1227, Legge 1227, Pimm 1076, and Sussex 898 were elected members. Bro. P.M. Myers proposed a vote of thanks to the W.M. Bro. Andrews for his able discharge of the duties, and moved that honorary membership be conferred upon him. This, seconded by Bro. P.M. Cundick, was unanimously carried. Votes of thanks to the workers, to the Wardens, and Past Masters Myers and Cundick, for able assistance, concluded the business, and Lodge was closed, and adjourned until next Tuesday.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.—At the Pembury Tavern, Amherst-road, on Monday, 27th Oct. Bros. Olley W.M., Grist S.W., Goddard J.W., Garrod S.D., McMillan J.D., Martin I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Stephens Treas., C. Lorkin Preceptor; also Bros. Jacob, McDowell, Westfield, Slaiter, Cox, and others. After preliminary business the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Westfield candidate. Bro. Cox was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, Bro. Garrod gave the lecture on the second tracing board. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed its Masonic duties. Lodge was opened in third degree, and closed to the first. Bro. Westfield, of Lodge 382, was elected a member. Bro. Grist was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Monday last, the W.M. Bro. J. S. Cumberland in the chair. The business consisted of the initiation of Mr. B. Brown, previously ballotted for. Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. conveyed to the Lodge the thanks of Bros. J. W. Hughan for his election at the last meeting as an honorary member. After the business a Lodge of Instruction was formed, the W.M. elect assuming the chair, and working the openings and closings. Several books, photographs, &c., were presented to the Lodge.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Held its meeting at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, October 23rd. Present—Bros. J. W. Fisher W.M., J. Wells S.W., A. Jones J.W., J. Green S.D., C. E. Botley J.D., J. W. Woolmer I.G., J. C. Rowe, E. C. Porter, Yonens, W. Seward, W. R. Rickwood, J. J. Clarke, E. Gasson, M. Wyvill, H. Stephens, F. Botley. After preliminary business the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. Seward candidate; the W.M. delivered the charge. Bro. W. M. Wyville answered the questions leading to the second degree. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Youens candidate. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. On the motion of Bro. J. Wells, seconded by Bro. A. Jones, Bro. M. W. Wyville was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. J. Wells was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The Lodge was closed in due form.

St. George's Lodge, No. 1723.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 22nd October, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton. Present:—Bros. Nathaniel Nicholson W.M., G. P. Brockbank P.M. P. Prov. S.G.D. as S.W., James Heywood J.W., J. Martin Rutter Sec., W. Court S.D., Robert Latham J.D., E. G. Harwood Steward, John Barrett I.G., J. W. Roiley Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Entwisle P. Prov G. Sup. of Works, C. Stanley, Job H. Greenhalgh, W. Hewitt, Thomas Morris, James Richardson; Bros. Cosgrave, Bardsley, Tong, Smith, Hall, Stead, Fielding. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Thomas Naylor was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M., and the working tools were explained by the J.W. On the motion of Bro. Brockbank, seconded by Bro. Greenhalgh, a code of bye-laws, as presented, was adopted. The best wishes of the Lodge were expressed for the future happiness of Bro. Brierley, who was the first candidate in the Lodge after its formation, and who had been married that morning.

Lodge of Progress, No. 1768.—All the founders are pupils of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and, in nearly every instance, if not quite, are active working members thereof. Desirous of perpetuating Emulation ritual, as well as cementing friendships formed in acquiring the knowledge of the same, several brethren last year petitioned for the formation of this Lodge. The Progress was consecrated last October by our esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, Treasurer of the Emulation Lodge, and Bro. W. Alfred Dawson was installed first Master. Two emergency meetings have been held, in addition to the regular ones, during the past twelve months, and the number of brethren now enrolled is considerable. No. 1768 is essentially a non-banqueting Lodge, the fourth degree only being observed at the installation. On Wednesday last the installation meeting was held, on which occasion Bro. F. R. Spaull was inducted into the chair of K.S. by the retiring Master, Bro. Dawson, the ceremony being admirably performed. Bros. C. A. Murton P.G.D. and T. Fenn P.G.D. occupied the Wardens' chairs. After receiving the customary greetings the W.M. invested the following officers:—Bros. W. A. Dawson I.P.M., A. C. Spaull S.W., A. Duret J.W., E. Legge Treasurer, J. R. Jones Sec., T. W. Oskenden S.D., Albert Marvin J.D., W. G. Kentish I.G., Muzio M.C., J. E. Hunt W.S., Sadler G.T. Tyler. Amongst the Visitors present were Bros. J. Spaull P.G. Sec. Shropshire, Wilson P.M., &c., and the members not already mentioned, Bros. A. A. Richards P.D.C., W. Smallpeice P.M., H. G. Buss Assist.-G. Sec., Lee, Gaze, Dunlop, Cottam, Whittaker, Fyson, &c. Rev. Bro. J. R. Simpson wrote apologising for his absence. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Dawson, and he was heartily congratulated on the success attending his year of office. After the Lodge was closed the brethren sat down to banquet, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, including "The Committee of the Emulation." All the speeches were judiciously short.

Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction.—The weekly meeting took place on Tuesday last at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill. The Chapter was opened in due form, with the following Officers:—Comps. Brown M.E.Z., Gillard H., Catterson J., Goldsmith P.S., and Walker N. The ceremony of exaltation was gone through, Comp. W. P. Catterson, of the Wellington Chapter, No. 548 candidate, and he afterwards became a member. The ceremony was performed by Comp. Brown in a faultless manner. Any Royal Arch Masons who wish to progress cannot do better than attend this Chapter. The Companions meet every Tuesday evening at seven o'clock.

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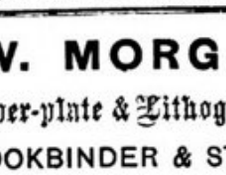

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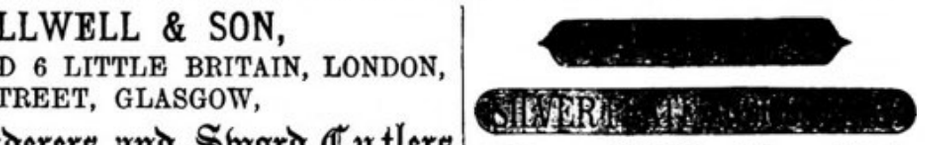

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OUR SCHOLARS IN AFTER LIFE.

ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

THE formation of a fund for the purpose of placing in situations the pupils who leave our Schools, or otherwise advancing them in life, has for many years past been a subject that has exercised the attention of the Craft. Proposals have been made from time to time with a view of starting the desired fund; among the most prominent Masons who have advocated the claims of the pupils being the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, who forcibly impressed on the Craft the desirability and real need of something being done; Bro. Jabez Hogg, who suggested that some part of the amount voted by Grand Lodge to commemorate the return of the Grand Master from India should be applied to some such purpose; and Bro. Clabon, who has on more than one occasion mooted the question in Grand Lodge, in connection with the accumulated funds of the Lodge of Benevolence. Up till recently, however, no decided steps had been taken towards its actual foundation, if we may except the discussions which have been made at various times in Grand Lodge. On one of these occasions ---June 1868—on the subject being brought forward by Bro. Clabon, there seemed to be a fair prospect of success, for the matter was then referred to a Special Committee appointed to report on the subject to Grand Lodge. As the report of the Committee, as well as the proposition of Bro. Clabon may be unknown to, or forgotten by, very many of the present generation of Freemasons, and as the arguments then used are therein fully set forth, we reproduce the Report in extenso. The proposition of Bro. Clabon, which called for the appointment of the Special Committee was brought before Grand Lodge in the following form :—

BRO. CLABON'S SCHEME.

Considering The large amount of the Reserve Fund of Benevolence, and the annually increasing surplus of that Fund (as shewn by a table of the actual figures from 1840 to 1867).

Considering That no reason exists for continuing this accumulation, and that, without diminishing the principal of the Reserved Fund, the annual surplus may be applied with advantage for the benefit of this generation.

Considering That there is no existing provision for apprenticing the children of Freemasons on their leaving the Masonic Schools, or in otherwise assisting them to commence life.

MOVE TO RESOLVE—

That one-third of the annual surplus of the Fund of Benevolence be appropriated for the Boys' School, and another third for the Girls' School, in forming funds for such apprenticeship and assistance.

That such one-third parts respectively be invested, and the Dividends paid to the House Committee of either School.

That the House Committee for the time being of each School do apply the Dividends of the fund respectively appropriated to the School in their discretion for the benefit of children who have been at the School—

In apprenticing them to any business or profession;

In making annual payments for a limited period to those proceeding to any of the Public Schools, Colleges, or Universities;

In aiding them to establish themselves in any business or profession;

With power to appropriate the surplus of one year in like manner in future years; and rendering to the Grand Lodge an annual account of their receipts and expenditure on account of the said funds.

The Committee first proceeded to consider the general question of the appropriation of the Fund of Benevolence, and the mode of dealing therewith, making various suggestions, which they considered necessary, and then presented the following report to Grand Lodge on Bro. Clabon's Scheme :—

Your Committee have carefully considered the Scheme, and the reasons prefixed to it.

They learn from the Grand Secretary that the Table given in the Scheme is correct.

The investments of the Fund of Benevolence at the end of 1868 were £9748 Three per Cent. Consols, and £19,000 lent on mortgage of the property of Grand Lodge, at Four per Cent. interest. The interest received in 1867 was £1053 15s 1d, but this was rather more than a year's interest, which, on the present fund, will be about £1025. The accumulated fund in 1860 was £19,000 Three per Cent. Consols. The subsequent increase has arisen from the investment of the annual surplus of the fund.

The fund pays £800 a year to the Royal Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and their Widows (£500 to the male fund and £300 to the widows' fund), and your Committee notice that even if the £19,000 secured on mortgage were paid off, and invested in Three per Cent. Consols, the dividends of the whole fund would more than suffice to pay this £800 a year.

The Committee observe that the surplus of the Fund of Benevolence diminished from £888 in 1860 to £179 in 1862, since which time it has steadily increased, having been £587 in 1863, £915 in 1864, £1843 in 1865, £1989 in 1866, and £2372 in 1867.

The Scheme only proposes to deal with two-thirds of the *Surplus* of each year, thus leaving it in the power of the Lodge of Benevolence, of the Grand Master on its recommendation, and of Grand Lodge, to apply the whole income of the Fund of Benevolence for distressed Masons or their families.

And it leaves one-third of any surplus of each year to be dealt with, as is at present the case with the whole surplus, by accumulation.

Your Committee, after full consideration, are of opinion that the time has arrived when it is not desirable to continue the accumulation of the whole of the surplus, and that a portion of it may be applied with advantage in making provision for apprenticing the children of Freemasons on their leaving the Masonic Schools, or in otherwise assisting them to commence life.

Until the recent change in the Rules of the two Schools, there was no fund existing for such apprenticeship or assistance. The amended Rules of each School now provide that upon a child leaving the School, if found deserving, and the General Committee shall be satisfied that there is a fair prospect of the child's obtaining by such aid the means of permanent provision, such Committee may appropriate for his or her benefit, in such manner as may seem best, a sum not exceeding £15. But the Committees have no special funds for this purpose; any aid to be given must come out of the general revenues of their School, if sufficient.

Your Committee have ascertained that about twelve girls leave school every year, of whom half at least require help, to the extent, on an average, of £25 each; and that, on an average, from fifteen to twenty boys leave school each year, full one-half of whom require assistance to start them in life, to the extent of from £30 to £50.

The boys leave at the age of 15 and the girls at 16. They could not be kept longer in the Schools, without a serious limit to the numbers admitted. It is clear that, at this age, there ought to be some apprenticeship, or period of qualifying themselves to earn their own living. Another two years, with proper help, would finish the education of the girls, and qualify them to be governesses; or it would enable them to learn a trade. Another but longer period, with like help, would enable the more clever boys to continue their studies, in the hope of their rising to eminence, and enable the others to learn a trade, or otherwise aid them to become bread-winners. It is this help which the Scheme proposes to furnish to those children whose parents or friends cannot afford to give it.

The Committee having very carefully considered the Scheme, passed the first paragraph of it, which contains the principle of the Scheme, unanimously, adding words to recognise the power of Grand Lodge to stop the appropriation at any time.

They have made various alterations in the remainder of the Scheme, the most important being that, instead of leaving it to the House Committee of either School to give the aid, they place this duty on the General Committee, on the recommendation of the House Committee, and that no aid is to be given by the General Committee beyond £25, except it be confirmed by a Quarterly Court.

The following is the Scheme, as amended and adopted by your Committee :—

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annual surplus of the Fund of Benevolence shall be appropriated for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and another third for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in forming funds for apprenticing the children of Freemasons who have been in those Schools, or in otherwise assisting them to commence life.

(b.) "Such one-third parts respectively shall be invested in the names of four Trustees for each School, to be appointed by Grand Lodge, and the dividends paid to the Treasurer of each School.

(c.) "The General Committee, on the recommendation of the House Committee of each School, may apply the dividends of the funds respectively appropriated to the School for the benefit of children who have been at the School during the preceding twelve months, in apprenticing them to any business or profession, or otherwise aiding them to obtain employment, or in applying any sum granted, by annual instalments, for a limited period, for the benefit of those proceeding to any School, College, or University.

(d.) "No sum exceeding £25 shall be appropriated for the benefit of any child, without the consent of the Quarterly Court of the School, and such Court shall render to Grand Lodge an annual account of the receipts and expenditure on account of the said funds."

Your Committee recommend the adoption of this Scheme by Grand Lodge, and suggest the following motion to be made in Grand Lodge for the purpose:—

"That the Scheme, as recommended by the Committee, be, and the same is hereby adopted by Grand Lodge, and added to the Book of Constitutions under the head Fund of Benevolence, after No. 16, as Nos. 17, 18, 19, and 20."

And, in the event of the foregoing motion being carried,

"That No. 3 under the same head be amended by adding, after the word 'shall' in the second line, the words 'except as provided for by Clauses Nos. 17, 18, 19 and 20.'"

It is, of course, in the knowledge of our readers that these suggestions of Bro. Clabon and the Special Committee of Grand Lodge were never acted upon, but we think that if the matter was again brought forward, backed, as it now is, by the experience gained during the past few months, something would be contributed by Grand Lodge, either in the form of a donation or annual grant to the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, or by adopting the suggestion of the Committee of 1868-9.

The prominence that has been given to this subject during the last few months has naturally led to discussion on the merits of the proposals set forth by the founders of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, and opinions have been freely expressed on the desirability, as well as the practicability, of carrying out the scheme as laid down by them. It is generally admitted that the proposal in itself is good, and that some sort of assistance would doubtless prove of immense benefit to a person in the start of life, but opinions vary considerably as to the form the assistance shall take, and by whom it shall be rendered. Brethren object to the pupils or their friends being led to think that for all time they will be justified in making claims on the generosity of the Craft, and naturally so, but the proposals as at present put forward do not justify the belief that anything approaching such indiscriminate charity is contemplated, nor do we imagine a suggestion so demoralising would be entertained for an instant. Others point out that the amount annually spent on the education of the children in the Schools at Wood Green and Battersea is sufficient to allow of their being prepared in such a way as to suit them for any position they may be called upon to fill, and if they require that a large sum of money be expended before they are capable of accepting a situation, then their education is not carried out as it ought to be. We would refer such objectors to the report quoted above, and further point out that the first work of the Assistance Fund should be to provide situations, and later on, to offer premiums to be contested for, either by ballot or as may afterwards be determined; but that the money grants should be so limited in amount as to be in reality but prizes, just sufficient to enable a boy or girl to provide the necessaries of life during the first few months of their business career, when, as a rule, the salary given is a mere nominal amount, meant more as an encouragement than as payment for services. These grants might be renewable, under certain conditions, say up to eighteen months, or even two years; but we would make the limits so narrow as to preclude any possibility of the generosity of the Craft being put to an unworthy use. The real object being to start the pupils on their business career, we think that the Committees of the Schools are not among those best suited to undertake such a work, their duties being already of a sufficiently onerous nature. More will be done by personal interest or individual attention than could ever be hoped for if money alone were to be the motive power. It is not so necessary that a boy or girl should have a position purchased for them, as it is that they should have a friend to watch and direct their course, and this, we think, can only be secured by forming an Association distinct from the two Schools, in so far as constitution and funds are concerned, but working together in all matters likely to tend to the pupils' advantage.

In urging on our readers the fact that influence will count for more than money, we do not wish it to be understood that we imagine the project can be carried out without funds being provided, such a course would be impossible, but we are certain that when the matter is clearly explained, and its relation to the existing Charities understood, there will be no lack of support. There are Lodges at the present time who periodically vote amounts for the purposes contemplated by the Pupils' Assistance Fund, notably the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, which, since 1866, has annually given a guinea; this amount, though small, is sufficient to show that the members take some interest in the future of their *protégés*, and if the example was followed by other Lodges, a sum nearly sufficient for the carrying out of the desired objects would be forthcoming from this source alone.

The support given to the proposals as set forth in the preliminary circular of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund—as shown by the list of names published on another page—is of so satisfactory a nature as to encourage the founders in furthering the formation of the Fund, and to warrant their appealing to the Craft at large to join in supporting them. The first step should be to convene a meeting, to which every member of the Craft should have free access, in order to lay down some more definite programme than was possible at the start, and we feel certain success is then assured.

As we had the pleasure of announcing a few weeks since, a donation of twenty guineas has already been received from H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, while a like amount has been promised by H.R.H. Prince Leopold. Nine of the Provincial Grand Masters, among whom may be numbered the Deputy Grand Master of England, and thirteen Deputy Provincial Grand Masters, have expressed their approval of the scheme; so that the Craft in the provinces may fairly be reckoned as likely to be ably represented in anything that may result from the efforts already made. Nor is support from north of the Tweed wanting, two Past Grand Masters of Scotland and one Scotch Provincial Grand Master appearing on the list. We think it but just that special reference should be made to one of the two Past Grand Masters of Scotland—we need hardly say we allude to the Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn—whose remarks at the Festival of the Boys' School, in June last, formed the basis on which the Fund has been established.

We hope ere long we shall have occasion to report the holding of a meeting, and that the support then given will amply justify the further advance of the work.

THE ROYAL ARCH AT YORK.

IN turning over the collection of books and papers belonging to the York Lodge, No. 236, a few days since, with Bro. J. Todd P.M., for the purpose of making a catalogue, I opened an old M.S. minute book, which, at the first glance, I suspected was hitherto undescribed. Further inquiry and examination has convinced me that this is the case, and I have great pleasure in announcing that the York Lodge reckons amongst its relics a minute book of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of All England, dating from 1762, which is, I take it, sixteen years earlier than any previous minute of that body known to be in existence. Our learned Bro. Hughan, in his "Sketches and Reprints," tells us that "the earliest allusion to Royal Arch Masonry is the Treasurer's Book of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, commencing April 29th, 1768, which says:—"A most sublime Royal Arch Chapter was opened 8th February, 1778, &c." This is one of the M.S. books which formerly were in the possession of the Grand Lodge of England, and presented by that body to the York Lodge No. 236, a few years ago. It begins with the date 8th Feby. 1778, and ends Sept. 10th, 1781. The minute book, which now lies before me, opens with the date 7th Feby. 1762, and ends 6th Jany. 1776, thus completing the chain of history of this Grand Chapter from 1762.

There are several peculiarities in connection with this Grand Chapter worthy of notice, and to make them more intelligible it will be

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necessary to refer briefly to the history of Masonry in York about the period the minutes commence.

From the Second Edition of "Mahhabone, or the Grand Lodge Door Open'd," published in 1766, I find in the "List of Lodges" appended thereto, that a warrant was granted dated 12th Jany. 1761, for a Lodge to meet at the Punch Bowl Inn, Stonegate, York, on the first and third Mondays of each month. The number of the Warrant was 259. From the minute book of this Lodge, also in the possession of the York Lodge 236, I find that its first meeting was held on the 2nd Feby. 1761, "at Mrs. Chaddock's, at the Punch Bowl, in Stonegate." It would seem as if this event had stirred up the energies of the surviving members of the dormant Grand Lodge at York, for it was in the following month (March 17th, 1761), that they met and revived that body "at the House of Mr. Henry Howard in Lendall, York," as Masonic students well know, from Bro. Hughan's valuable History of Freemasonry in York. In the following year then it was, on the 7th Feby. 1762 (Sunday) that "A most Sublime or Royal Arch Lodge open'd at the sign of the Punch Bowl in Stonegate, York."

The first Master of the Lodge No. 259 was Bro. Bridge Frodsham, who was in his day a Mason of prominence. The first S.W. was Bro. Oram, who was the manager of the York Theatre, in those days a playhouse of great renown. The Grand Lodge of All England must have been on excellent terms with the Lodge hailing from London at this time, for in the minute of the revival meeting, held on 17th March 1761, I find amongst the names of the visitors present a number who appear on the minutes of Lodge 259 to have been made Masons under its warrant, whilst in the very first minute of Lodge 259, on the other hand, appears the name of Bro. Coates, who was a Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of All England. These interchanges of visits appear through the minutes, and prove that at this period there was no animosity between the York and London bodies. Bro. Beckwith, who was elected a member of the Grand Lodge at its revival meeting, had only been made a Mason in Lodge 259 on Feby. 16th, 1761, just a month previously, and in May, 1761, Bros. Agar, Palmes, Bewley, and Howard, of the Grand Lodge, were all elected joining members of Lodge 259. In a future notice I hope to say something more about the minute book of this Lodge, but having briefly noticed the condition of Masonry in York, in 1761, I will at once go to the subject immediately in hand, the Royal Arch Minute Book.

It is a small quarto volume, and has, neatly written on its title page—"Minute Book belonging to the Most Sublime Degree or Order of Royal Arch, appertaining to the Grand Lodge of All England, held at the City of York, 1762." The first minute is as follows: "A most Sublime or Royal Arch Lodge open'd at the Sign of the Punch Bowl, in Stonegate, York, on Sunday, the 7th of Feby 1762. Present—

*Frodsham P.H.
Oram . . Z.L. } in the Chairs.
Granger . J.A. }
Owen.

At this Lodge Brothers Burton, Palmes, Tasker, and Dodgson, petition'd to be raised to the 4th Degree of Masonry, commonly call'd the Most Sublime or Royal Arch, were accepted, and acordingly made."

Then comes the cash account of the Chapter for the evening, by which it appears that the fee "for advancement to the 4th Degree" was 11s 6d, and then—

"This Lodge was closed till the 14th inst. by the Master's Directions." I have already mentioned that Bro. Frodsham was the first Master of the Lodge 259, and that Bro. Oram was his S.W. From the Lodge minutes it also appears that Bro. Granger was its first Secretary, and Bro. Owen had joined that Lodge on the 4th Jany. 1762. The "Grand" Chapter would seem therefore to have been really formed, at this date, of brethren of the Lodge at the Punch Bowl.

The next meeting of the Chapter was held on the 21st of the same month, when the chairs were filled by Frodsham, Palmes and Tasker, and Bro. Beckwith was chosen Secretary. The meetings were always held on Sunday at this period, and several members were the same year (1762) "excluded" for neglecting to pay their quarterages, and apparently there was a general laxity of interest, for, on the 16th May 1762, the "Lodge was closed till the most convenient opportunity, by order of the Masters in the chairs." No meeting was held until Jany. 16th, 1763, and on Feby. 6th, at a Lodge of Emergency, Bros. Palmes, Agar and Tasker were elected to the chairs. Again, on the 3rd April of that year, the Lodge was closed "to a convenient opportunity," and no meeting was held until 22nd Jany. 1764, when it was resolved, "that this Lodge should be continued by subscription for four nights." Meetings were held on March 4th, April 1st, May 6th of 1764, and then there is a gap until 16th Feby. 1766, and then an adjournment *sine die*. These few last named meetings were very thinly attended, and there were no candidates. It was about this time, probably, that the Lodge 259 ceased to exist. I have shown that on that year it appears on a list of Lodges, though in Dec. 1767 the Grand Lodge at York informed the Grand Lodge in London that the Lodge 259 had been "for some years discontinued."

The next meeting of the Royal Arch Masons was held on the 29th April 1768, and it is noteworthy that this is the first minute in which the body is entitled a "Chapter," previously it having been always denominated a Lodge. The same principals occupied the chairs as on the last occasion, and six "brethren petitioned to become Sublime or Royal Arch Masons; they were admitted and accordingly made." Three new principals were also appointed, and a new Secretary. The fee for the raising was at this time 6s. At a Chapter held on May 1st, 1768, a Sword Bearer (Janitor) was appointed, and it was agreed "that the regular meetings should be held on the 1st Sunday in every calendar month." It was also agreed that every member should pay a quarterage of two shillings, and "he shall be allow'd to have every regular Chapter sixpenny-worth of any sort of Liquor he chouses." The fees were also fixed at 5s, and 1s to the Sword Bearer for each member admitted of the Grand Lodge in York, and half-a-guinea and 1s to the Sword Bearer for every other candidate. Every visitor was also to pay a shilling each time he attended, but was to be allow'd to have sixpenny worth of "any sort of Liquor he chouses."

At this time candidates were proposed, balloted for, and made on the same evening, and on the 5th June 1768, a Bro. Burnand was refused, on the ballot, and a Bro. Thorp, "of the Lodge at Hull," was made a Royal Arch Mason. On the 17th August, at an Emergency Meeting, the day of meeting was altered from Sunday to the first Wednesday in each month. On the 2nd Nov. of that year, Bro. Bussey, afterwards Grand Secretary at York, was admitted, and we find Bro. Lakeland's name also prominent at the meetings. Nothing specially remarkable occurs thence until 18th Oct. 1769, when Bros. Meek and Atkinson, of Ripon, were made R.A. Masons, and at an Emergency Meeting, on the 28th Dec., Bros. King and Campey, of Ripon, were also made. "At this Chapter Bros. Atkinson, King, and Campey, of Ripon, petitioned to have a Constitution granted to hold a R.A. Chapter at Ripon, the consideration of which is Refer'd to the next Lodge Night, and Notice thereof is to be given in the summonses."

On the 7th Feby. 1770, "Bro. R. Consitt petitioned for to have a constitution granted to open a Royal Arch Chapter at Ripon for the use of the Bretheren, the which was ballotted for and pas'd N.C.

Bro. Atkinson to be P.H.
King . . . Z.L.
Campey . . J.A.

and at the March meeting. "The constitution for opening and holding a R.A. Chapter at Ripon was granted and sined in ample form; it was agreed to make them a present of it, only they paying the Secretary his fee." At the same Chapter Bro. Kedar, of Knaresborough, was made a R.A. Mason, and at the April meeting Bros. Bateson, Ackroyd and Taylor, from Knaresborough, were made, and "the Brethren from Knaresborough petitioned to have a Constitution granted, to be opened and held at the sign of the Crown in Knaresborough, which was agreed to:—

Bro. Bateson to be P.H.
Cowling Ackroyd Z.L.
Hen. Taylor J.A."

At the next meeting, in June, 1770, this Knaresborough Constitution was "seal'd and sign'd." In October 1770, I find the following visiting brethren were present:—Bros. Prondfoot, O'Brien, Cannon, and Burke. These brethren probably belonged to the regiment then lying in York Barracks, for it was "agreed to grant a Constitution for the opening and holding a most Sublime Royal Arch Chapter in the Inniskilling Regiment of Dragoons at all seasonable times, and when duly congregated to make Royal Arch Masons. On the 1st March 1771, the days of meeting were again altered, to the "first Wednesday after Lady Day, Midsummer, Michaelmas, and Christmas, Old Stile." A candidate from Leeds was made in April 1771, and the same year Bro. Kitson, a very prominent member of the Grand Lodge was received.

On the 3rd June 1772, the titles of the presiding Officers are altered, and instead of P.H., Z.L., and J.A., I find S., H.T., and H.A., and after this minute occur a number of blank pages, as if rough minutes of meetings had been made and not entered up, and then comes an entry made 6th January 1776, of the holding of a Chapter on that day, when three candidates were "raised." This is the last minute in the book, and I find nothing between that and the entry alluded to by Bro. Hughan, of the 8th February 1778, when Sunday was again adopted as the day of meeting, at the Grub Tavern, York. In this last named minute book the titles of the chairs remain S., H.T., and H.A. throughout, until the last entry on 10th Sept. 1871.

Not the least interesting of the contents of this valuable old relic are the "Rules and Orders of the Grand Chapter of All England," which are inserted at the end of the book in the neat handwriting of Bro. Lakeland, who seems to have acted as Secretary about 1776. They chiefly refer to fees, times of meeting, &c., and provide that in all cases the ballot must be unanimous. The last of the rules is as follows:—

"The fees charged on any Constitution granted by this Grand Chapter are usually paid on delivery of the Warrant, and are in future to be always so paid."

And then come "The Principia to be observed by all Regular Constituted Chapters of the Degree of Royal Arch." These provide for Annual Returns to be made to the Grand Chapter at York, for bylaws to be subject to approval of Grand Chapter, for the Jewels and Ornaments, and then the following, which I think worth giving in full:—

"That they make no innovation in the Business of the Chapter, and if any Doubts should arise they must always be referr'd to the Grand Chapter for decision.

"That they shall contribute annually to the Grand Chapter at York so much as they reasonably can towards the fund, to be employed to benevolent and advantageous purposes.

"That no man of bad or immoral character be admitted a Companion* nor any one untill he hath passed the several probationary Degrees of Craft Masonry, and thereby obtained the necessary Passport as a reward for his services. And no man may be admitted for an unworthy consideration.

"That they take every Method to forward the true Purpose of our Order, to promote all the useful arts and Sciences, and create universal Peace and Harmony, and that every Companion do consider it as his

* The interpretation of the initial letters of the chairs I imagine to have been Propheta Haggai, Zerubbabel Legislator, and Jeshua Armiger (or Armifer).

* This is the first occasion on which members of the Order are so designated in these records.

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Duty to lay before the Chapter whatever may tend to such Salutary Purposes.

"That any new Discovery or other Matter thought worthy of observation be communicated to the Grand Chapter at York, who will always be ready to support and forward whatever may be found useful to the Fraternity in general, or that Chapter in particular, not repugnant to the common Welfare."

On some future occasion I may ask for space to notice some of the later minutes of this august body.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

OLD LODGE MINUTES,

No. 246. A.D. 1756-69.

[The Minutes commence with the petition for a Warrant of Constitution, which was granted August 24, 1759, in the following words:—]

I do Grant the Prayer of the above Petition, and allow the Brethn to meet and make Masons, untill I constitute them into a regular Lodge.

JOHN REVIS, D.G.M.

August 24th 1759.

A TRUE COPY.

[No date] these Night Brother
Jacob moses
Lasers Levy
Edword merley
Solomon Levy
Jacob Aran ware made masons and Past felo Crafts and pad thrare yousell Fess and became Bambers [Members?] of the Lodge.

Sep: the 19th 1759.

July 18, 1760. Proposed and approved that every Visitor pay 18/d.
Admitt:
[Minutes commonly headed
The Lebeck's Head Lodge in the Strand.]

Dec. 19th, 1760. Mr. Jacob Atkinson was made a Mason, & went thro the degrees of Apprentice & fellow Craft, & paid his fee £1 1 0 accordingly, & became a member.
[The election of officers, semi-annual, June & December.]

August 20th, 1761. Br Saml Bromfield was proposed to be Remade a Mason, being formerly made by the Antients, & carried N.C.

Oct. 16th, 1761. Resolved that any Br who can work himself in may be admitted, & in case any doubts arise to take the obligation, a Member of the Regular Lodges to pay 1 6 for Viziting, & a Member of St. John's 2s.

Nov. 20th, 1761. The Tyler was Reproved because the Song book was missing.

Oct. 15th, 1762. Evald Ribe, M.D., Member of St. Edward's Lodge at Stockholm, took the obligation, & was proposed to become a member, & carried N.C.

March 18th, 1763. Br Secretary having applied for and Gott a dispensation for Mr. Joachim Dreyer, he was made a Mason, Apprentice, & Fellowcraft, & Raised Master, & paid his fees for Making and Raising £1 6 0.

Sept. 16th, 1763. The Lodge this Night agreed to give Notice to all Brs in Arrear that Unless they pay or Signify their Reasons for Nonpayment of them, on or before Next Lodge Night, that they Will be Summoned to the Court of Cons [Conscience] for the Same.

Nov. 18th, 1763. The Tyler having Left the List at home, intended for the Court of Conscience, it was agreed to defer it till Next Lodge Night.

May 18th, 1764. Bror John Duckett, Master of this Lodge, sent a letter, bearing date this day, thereby desiring to be withdrawn from this Lodge. [Br Duckett had been Master since the Constitution of the Lodge. The appointment of other officers seems to have been a prerogative of the R.W.M.]

Sept. 20th, 1765. Viseters—Br Dickey jn. W.[M.] of No. 14, Antient [and others].

Jan. 17th, 1766. Visiters—B. Taylor R.W.M. of the Horn, Westminster, [also members of] the Lodge Frederick, at Hanover, and the White Horse, No. 217.

March 21st, 1766. B. Lowne Proposed Mr. Willm Dickey, Junior, to Be made a modern mason of, was Firsted and Seconded, and was admited, and was made a mason In this Lodge, and went through the Regular Degres of the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft, and Raisd to the sublime degree of Master Mason. At the same time, Mr. James Bunn to Be made a Modern Mason of In this Lodge was Firsted and Seconded, and went through the three Regular degres of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and was Raisd to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and Payd their Admison Fees accordingly. [These brothers did not become members. Br Wm Dickey suceeeded Br Laurence Dermott as Grand Secretary, "Ancients," 6 March 1771.]

July 21, 1766. [Present Br Dickey, Junior].

Aug. 15, 1766. A Lecture From our Pasmaster in the First Branch.

Nov. 27th 1766. It was proposed, seconded, and unanimously agreed That for the future no Person calling himself a Mason, but not having been initiated under the English Constitution, shall be made a Mason in this Lodge for less than one Guines, conformable to the Constitutions and to the good order of the Royal Craft. And that such sum shall defray all Expenses attending his passing the three Degrees.

Jan. 16th, 1767. B. Durban proposed Mr Willm Brown, Gentn to be made a mason of In this Lodge, was Regularly proposed and duly Balloted for, and was Justly made an Entered Apprentice, and was Crafted, and went through the two Degres of masonry, and Became an Honary Member of this Lodge.

[Amongst the By-laws of the Lodge is the following:—]

Art. 6. Any Vizitor being a Member of a Regular Lodge to pay 2 [shillings] for admittance, & if a member of St. John's [i.e. a brother belonging to no Lodge] to pay two shillings & sixpence.

The Minute Book is inscribed—
"246. Lodge—Lebeck's Head"
"In the Strand 1768."

From the foregoing extracts we may infer:—

1. That Lodges occasionally worked for some while, under dispensations from the D.G.M., prior to the issue of regular warrants from Grand Lodge. [See *ante*, pp 290, 297. It was a common practice for *new* Lodges to be constituted by the Deputy Grand Master in person, a record of the circumstance forming the *first* entry in the Minute Book, and being duly attested by the signatures of the Grand or *acting* Grand Officers.]

2. That the first two degrees were usually conferred on the same evening, the *addition* of the third degree requiring a dispensation.

3. That the election of office bearers was semi-annual. [In some Lodges there was a *quarterly* election.]

4. That brethren holding under the "Ancients" were *re-made* by the "Moderns" if they wished it, but allowed to *visit* freely, *e.g.* Bro. Dickey, afterwards Grand Secretary "Ancients," *visited* the Lodge several times, prior to being again passed through the various degrees.

5. The title "Pasmaster" [Aug. 15, 1766] suggests that a recognised "Initiator" may have been known in the Lodge [vide *F. M. Mag.*, Aug. 4, 1866, p 90].

R. F. GOULD.

MASONIC CEREMONY AT READING.

THE thriving town of Reading may be congratulated upon the auspicious circumstances under which two most important undertakings, largely affecting the future of the Borough, have been inaugurated with Masonic rites. A few years ago the Heir Apparent, in his capacity as Grand Master, laid the principal stone of Reading School, on which occasion his Royal Highness was accompanied by the Princess of Wales, and the town of biscuits, seeds, and sauce, presented a gay and festive scene. On Monday, a still more costly work—the erection of a new Town Hall, Public Library, Museum, School of Art, &c., to cost £45,000, was commenced under Masonic auspices by the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, in the presence of a gathering of the brethren, more numerous, we believe, than any known in the annals of the Craft in the Province of Berks and Bucks. The ceremony was to have been performed last month, but it was postponed in consequence of Lord Carnarvon being attacked with gout, from which the noble earl was still suffering on Monday to such an extent as to prevent his lordship attending the Provincial Grand Lodge, and joining in the procession, as had been proposed. It was an unfortunate circumstance, also, that the R.W. Prov. G.M. Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., and the V.W. the D.P.G.M. Archdeacon Cust were both prevented being present through illness. In Sir Daniel's absence, the Rev. Sir J. W. Hayes, Bart. (for some years D.P.G.M.), presided over the special Provincial Grand Lodge held in the Corn Exchange, and after the Lodge had been opened a procession was formed by Bro. Biggs P.P.G.Sec., who acted throughout the day as Director of Ceremonies.

His lordship, with the Countess of Carnarvon, arrived at the Town Hall shortly before twelve, when they were escorted by the Mayor (Mr. H. B. Blandy) and Mrs. Blandy to the Council Chamber. Here, in the presence of a select company of guests, Lord and Lady Carnarvon were presented with a joint address from the Corporation of the borough and the members of the Building Committee, in the following terms:—

To the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, D.C.L., P.C., &c.—On the arrival of your lordship in this ancient Borough, for the purpose of laying the memorial stone to commemorate the erection of a new Town Hall, and other public buildings, comprising a Free Library, Reading Rooms and Museum, and Schools for Science and Art, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough unite with the Committee who have been entrusted with this important undertaking in offering a hearty welcome to your lordship and to the Countess of Carnarvon. The Committee were induced to invite your lordship to honour them and the town of Reading by laying the memorial stone of the proposed buildings, not only as a near neighbour, but from the recognition also of your lordship's distinguished character and attainments, and of the great interest which your lordship has always shown in undertakings having for their object the social and moral good of the people. We cordially thank your lordship for your ready response to the invitation of the Committee, and for the kindly interest taken by your lordship in their work, which owes its successful progress to its present stage to the great liberality of numerous subscribers, and the active labours of those who have freely devoted their

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time and energies to it. We believe that the undertaking which your lordship will to-day help forward by your presence and co-operation will supply wants which have long been felt, and we venture to hope that the buildings which will be provided, and the institutions which will be established in them, will be of wide spread public advantage, not only to the population of Reading and its immediate suburbs, but also to the inhabitants generally of the county of Berks and of the adjacent counties. We desire to offer our special thanks to the Countess of Carnarvon for the honour which is conferred upon the borough by her presence on this occasion. We beg your lordship and your Countess to accept the expression of our sincere desire that you may both be blessed with many years of health and happiness, and long continue to adorn the high station to which Divine Providence has called you. Given under the common seal of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Reading, at a meeting of the Council, and under the hands of the members of the Committee, this 3rd day of November 1879.

The Earl of Carnarvon rose to reply, but was requested by the Mayor to resume his seat, as his lordship was still suffering from his recent attack of gout. His lordship said: Mr. Mayor—I very gratefully take advantage of your kind permission to allow me this indulgence. I am suffering, as every one must see, from an enemy that is so remorseless and so unsparing that he must be humoured—otherwise it would be extremely difficult to resist him. I beg to express, first of all, the sincere thanks of Lady Carnarvon for the kind words in which you have been pleased to couch this address as regards her. She will long remember her visit to Reading, and appreciates the high honour done her. And next I have to express my own most sincere and grateful thanks for the honour which you have done me in asking me, as a friend and neighbour, to undertake the important duty of laying the foundation stone of this group of public buildings. I, too, shall long remember it, and I find it difficult to express my appreciation of the honour which has been conferred upon me. In public life there are undoubtedly many honours which are coveted, and many also which are gained. There are many distinctions, many rewards. There is much public approval, and sometimes much disapproval. All of us, I suppose, in our own way, know what this is. But of one thing I am quite certain, that nothing is more precious than for a man to feel that he has the goodwill, and still more the public mark of goodwill and confidence, expressed by a great town, near which he has so long lived, and in which he hopes he has so many, not only good neighbours but warm friends. I need not tell you how sensible I am of the importance of this great borough which you, sir, as chief magistrate, represent. It is an ancient borough, with great traditions in the past, and with a long roll of distinguished names, amongst those who have either been born here, or who have lived here, or who have done public service here. I feel it particularly gratifying to be allowed, in some small way, to identify myself to-day with one of the greatest modern public works that Reading has undertaken. I know this is not the time for making long speeches. That has been wisely postponed to a later period of the day. But I think I should be wrong if I refrained from saying one word as to a paragraph in the address which has just been read. I appreciate, as every one must do, the great liberality—I might say more than liberality, the munificence—of so many who have rendered it possible that this work should be undertaken. In earlier times and in other countries it was frequently the custom of the State to lay burdens of expense or of labour upon her most eminent citizens. Sometimes those services were compulsory, sometimes voluntary. In this case they are voluntary; free as the very air, and they will not, in consequence, be the less appreciated by the citizens of Reading. Though no doubt the fancy may change, yet the spirit remains—the same spirit of liberality, of munificence, of public service and duty; and so long as these qualities remain, either in Reading or in England, we may be quite sure that the State will be well and worthily served. I have only once more to express, on behalf of Lady Carnarvon and myself, our grateful thanks for the high honour you have done us, and, though we are only just at the beginning of our work to-day, to add our warm and hearty wishes for the completion and final success of the work.

The Earl of Carnarvon then proceeded to the Masonic Lodge, whence, after some time, the brethren emerged in procession, and, joined by a procession of the members of the Corporation, they, in all the pomp of mace and sword and Masonic regalia, escorted his Lordship to the site of the memorial stone, where Lady Carnarvon was waiting, and where a large assemblage of ladies and gentlemen had gathered. When the head of the procession arrived at the Buildings the brethren formed an avenue for the P.G. Officers to pass through. The brethren bearing the vessels containing the corn, wine, and oil, together with the mallet, having deposited the same on a pedestal placed for that purpose, silence was proclaimed by the Provincial G. Director of Ceremonies, and the Mayor presented the trowel to the M.W. the Pro G.M., on behalf of the Building Committee, asking him to set the stone.

Lord Carnarvon said: Ladies and gentlemen—I have to thank the Mayor for this most handsome trowel, which he has been pleased to give me. I shall long retain it—I trust not only I, but my family—as an heirloom in memory of the work with which you have been good enough to entrust me to-day, and which I deeply appreciate. Next, I desire to thank my Masonic brethren for being present here to-day, and to assure you how much they feel it also an honour and a privilege to take part in this work of great public usefulness to the town of Reading. Let me offer you my hearty good wishes for the group of public buildings of which we to-day lay the memorial stone. May the School of Science and of Art spread far and wide in this town and its neighbourhood, and be a useful means of education! May the Museum, already enriched by a precious gift, receive many more bequests and gifts, and have a crowd of students to study the books of nature which these specimens within its walls may reveal! May the Library be a source of instruction and of happiness to young and old, to rich and poor alike! And may the Town Hall carry out the best and highest traditions of English civic and public life, the traditions of self-government—the traditions of free speech—the traditions of law and of liberty! I thank you deeply for having allowed me this important privilege to-day.

In due course the architect presented to the Pro Grand Master the plans. The Prov. G.Chaplain (Bro. R. C. Honey) offered a prayer. The Prov. G.Sec. (Bro. R. Bradley) read the inscription on the stone. The Prov. G.Treas. (Bro. C. Stephens) deposited the vessel containing the coins, and also the records. An entered apprentice (Bro. Cundell) then presented the cement to set the stone. A hymn was sung by the choir, under the direction of Bro. W. H. Strickland P.P.G.O., during which the stone was lowered, with three distinct stops. The Pro Grand Master having proved, by the mallet, square, level, and plumb, that the stone was well laid, then received the cornucopia and strewed corn thereon; the G. Wardens presented the ewers containing the wine and oil, which was poured out conformably to ancient custom. The Rev. Sir J. W. Hayes then offered a prayer and pronounced the benediction. Among the Masons whom we noticed present were—Bros. the Rev. Sir J. W. Hayes, Bart., acting as Prov. Grand Master; E. J. Trendell P.P.S.G.W., acting as D.P.G.M.; J. Blandy Jenkins S.G.W., J. McGubbin J.G.W., Revs. C. R. Honey, N. T. Garry, E. De Ewer Grand Chaplains, C. Stephens Grand Treasurer, R. Bradley Grand Secretary, Jabez Adams S.G.D., R. Roberts J.G.D., Edward Baker G.S.W., R. Ravenor G.D.C., Joseph Elmes A.G.D.C., James Rutland Grand Organist, W. G. Flanagan Grand Pursuivant, C. Nowell A.G.P., C. W. Cox, C. A. Vardy, Ephraim Davey, E. J. Shrewsbury, Dick Radclyffe Grand Stewards, and forty-one Past Grand Officers; also Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Reginald Bird P.G.D., Deputy Prov. Grand Master Oxon. T. H. Chandler P.P.S.G.W. Wilts, W. B. Farr P.S.G.W. Bengal, W. R. Wood P.G. Steward Eng., P.P.G.S.W. Sussex, — Lainson P.P.G.S.W. Sussex, John M. Reid P.P.G.S.W. Sussex, Darrell W. H. Horlock P.P.G.S.W. Cornwall, S. G. Kirchhoffer P.G.S.W. Cambs., E. G. Bruton P.P.S.G.W. Oxon, J. M. Dormer S.W., J. W. Terry P.G. Reg. Herts. W. Weare P.P.G.D. Leicester, H. Sadler Gr. Tyler, J. M. Studwell P.G.S., Jos. Tomlinson P.P.G.S.D Norfolk, Christopher Park P.P.G.R. Oxon, Wm. Park P.P.G.S.D. Oxon, John Dew P.P.G. Reg. Hants, Geo. Lear P.P.G.D. Hants, Wm. Wells P.P.G.D. Surrey, Jno. Bond P.G.P. Surrey, H. M. Powell P.G.O. Hants, Fredk. Binckes P.G. Steward, W. F. Freeman P.G. Sec. Sussex, A. Portsmouth P.P.G.D.C. Hants, and about two hundred members of Lodges in the Province, and Visitors. On returning to the Exchange, the Lodge was closed in due form. Sir John Hayes expressed the deep regret of the brethren that illness had caused the absence of the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M. The Rev. Bro. thanked Bro. Biggs for his admirable management of the procession; and Bro. Bradley, the P.G. Sec., for his excellent arrangements.

The ceremony was followed by a public luncheon in the Town Hall, in which upwards of three hundred ladies and gentlemen participated. The Mayor presided, and amongst the invited guests were—The Earl and Countess of Carnarvon, Mrs. H. B. Blandy, the Ven. Archdeacon Parey-Cust Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, and Lady Parey-Cust, the Bishop of Oxford, the Right Hon. Sir R. J. Phillimore and Lady Phillimore, Sir Julian Goldsmid Bart. M.P. and Lady Goldsmid, Mr. Walter M.P. and Mrs. Walter, Mr. G. Shaw Lefevre M.P., Mr. G. Palmer M.P. and Mrs. Palmer, Sir Peter and Lady Spokes, the Right Hon. J. R. Mowbray M.P. and Mrs. Mowbray, Mr. W. W. B. Beach M.P. Prov. G. Master Hants and Isle of Wight, High Sheriff of Berkshire, the Recorder of the Borough, Mr. Henry Day (Town Clerk), Mrs. Day, Mr. W. I. Palmer, and many members of the Corporation. Sir D. Gooch, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, was absent by medical advice. The loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the Right Hon. J. R. Mowbray M.P. proposed "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese and other Ministers of Religion." He said the effect of religion was to bind man to man, and it gave sound principles to legislation. It was the main security for local order, and the sole foundation of good government. The Bishop of Oxford, in reply, said, when he became bishop ten years ago, Reading was the second town in the diocese for population, but now it was the first, having surpassed the cathedral city of Oxford. The increase of the town was not of temporal advantage to the clergy, as they had to pay stipends for assistance; but they took delight in doing their duty. Mr. W. W. B. Beach M.P. then gave "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces." In the course of his remarks, he said if there was anything that marred the usefulness of the British Army, it was the extreme youth of many of the men; but this was a fault which time would remedy; for, although young, the English soldiers were not destitute of courage. Colonel Jordan, C.B., acknowledged the compliment. The Mayor proposed "The Health of the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon." The toast was warmly honoured. The Earl of Carnarvon, on rising to reply, was received with loud cheers. His lordship said: Mr. Mayor, Ladies, and Gentlemen,—It needed no apology from you, sir, either for the form of words or for the hospitality of which we have been partakers to-day. Your words were most graceful; your hospitality has been overflowing. Allow me to express in Lady Carnarvon's name and mine, our heartfelt thanks for the honour which you have done us this day, and for the great privilege of being allowed to share in this great work of the town of Reading. My noble friend Lord Derby the other day made a very able speech—such as he is accustomed to make—on those public men who, in their own towns, rendered great public service, and discharge great acts of local patriotism and statesmanship. I might say much in the same strain here to-day. I might speak of the liberality, the princely munificence, which has rendered possible this great public work in Reading—but I have already alluded to that to-day. Time I know is pressing, and I will remit my remarks to a somewhat different side of the question. Mr. Mayor, I know nothing more remarkable than the extraordinary growth of our great English towns during the last quarter of a century. To-day Reading is doing that which other great municipalities have been during that time. These public buildings, and the men who created them and occupy them,

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go, as it were, together. Both are equally important. But, perhaps, some may ask what the meaning of this is. I believe it means a much truer sense of beauty, in the first place, growing up among our people than has existed for many generations past. I believe it is also connected with a nobler and, shall I say, a freer, idea of public life. It is a feeling by which great cities have grown famous. It is a feeling with which I, for one, most heartily and entirely sympathise; and more than that, it is a feeling which is very nearly akin to a form of public education, first of all in art and taste, and then in the highest form of political life, the highest because the greatest. I know there are some who tell us that these things, such as the creation of schools of science and art, free libraries and museums, add nothing to the happiness of the people; that they create tastes which the condition of the circumstances of those people never allow to be realised; that the savage or a semi-civilised savage is probably a happier man than the man of education, of mind, and of formed tastes. Cultivation, the more it is developed, the more also it becomes fastidious of all surroundings, and in the greatest of philosophical romances, written many years ago, the author says perchance such a man of cultivation will be unhappy, but he says, what of that? If inevitable, the penalty of learning and of education must be abided by. Sir, intelligence, apart from mere happiness, I do believe is a good in itself. It satisfies a man. It fulfils the conditions of the age in which we live. We have more to gain, I believe, from light than we have from darkness; and I am satisfied that, term it as you will, the opposite doctrine leads to a sort of obscuritanism, in the end involving much greater unhappiness than in the other case. I spoke of philosophical romances. I remember one some three hundred years old, written by the great Sir Thomas More—his well-known "Utopia." In that you may remember how he describes the wide streets and spacious houses, and the health and comfort in his imaginary city. At that time the Italian cities were rising and building their stately edifices; and by inspiration gained from Italy, Sir Thomas More so contributed to the revival of that learning, which from this day never ceases to grow. The doctrine is applicable in our day. I look round upon the work of to-day, and in the remarkable group of public buildings of which it has been my high privilege to lay the foundation stone, in that remarkable group I see as it were a picture of the best form of English civilisation. I see a school of art and science, a museum and a free library, forming part, so to speak, of a special education, all culminating in and crowned by that Town Hall, which to me symbolises the freedom of the life of English self-government. The growth of modern liberty is a very interesting story for many centuries. But there was a time, before our day, when a free people, as free as ourselves in many ways, existed; and to that free people one of the greatest orators—the greatest orator of his time, perhaps—in a speech which has come down to us through all the chances and changes of fortune, he praised the popular Government of his time. He praised it for its union of public and private politics. He praised it for its noble use and worth. He praised it for the absence of jealousy and suspicion, for its courage in war, and its refinement and arts in time of peace. That noble eulogy, spoken more than 2,000 years ago, which has furnished thoughts and aspirations to hundreds and thousands who have lived since then, was pronounced for ever. At a time under different conditions these words, spoken in the midst of stately buildings, to a people whose like intellectually has never been seen upon the face of the globe, these words have a full sense for us. We cannot rival the matchless architecture that adorned that State; we cannot even achieve some of the mental triumphs which they achieved; but I venture to think that the buildings of to-day, in our own plain, homely fashion, preach pretty much the same sermon—teach us the value of self-government. They speak of the happiness and cultivation of thousands, and they adorn a town of which its citizens have every reason to be proud.

Mr. Walter M.P., in replying to the toast of "The County Members," referred to the progress the town had made. In the construction of this new group of buildings he said the Shaksperian maxim,

> How oft the sight of means to do ill deeds
> Makes ill deeds done,

was just reversed in this instance; for the good example set by other municipalities had been followed at Reading. A toast, "In Memoriam Sir J. H. Goldsmidt, Bart., M.P., was acknowledged by Sir J. Goldsmid, Bart., M.P. Mr. Shaw-Lefevre, in responding for the health of the borough members, dwelt upon the importance of free libraries, and said that in towns where such libraries existed the average daily attendance of readers was 500, while at Walsall, a place only a little larger than Reading, the number was 1,200 daily. He believed that the existence of a free library in that borough would be amply justified by the use that would be made of it. Mr. Palmer M.P. also spoke in reply to the toast. The Earl of Carnarvon proposed "The Mayor and the Building Committee." The Mayor and Mr. W. I. Palmer responded. The last toast set down on the list was that of "The Visitors," proposed by Mr. J. B. Monck, and with which the name of the Right Hon. Sir R. J. Phillimore was associated. Lord and Lady Carnarvon, on quitting the Town Hall, received an ovation of cheers.

Most of the Masons subsequently partook of luncheon together, at the Foresters' Hall,—there not being sufficient accommodation at the Town Hall,—under the presidency of Bro. W. W. Moxhay P.P.G.S.W. The usual toasts were proposed, and a good selection of music was rendered under the direction of Bro. Strickland P.G. Organist.

The corn used in the ceremony was presented by Bro. T. Deller of Southsea, and forwarded through Bro. Coeburn, of Newbury, to the Provincial Grand Secretary. It is a sample of the "Royal Masonic Pedigree Wheat," and possesses a history of some interest. Bro. Deller attended the laying of the stone of the Reading Grammar School, performed some years since with Masonic rites, by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Order, and a grain of wheat which fell during the ceremony, being picked up by Bro. Deller, was planted by him, and in three years the produce amounted to 7¼ gallons. The Prince accepted the wheat, which was grown on the Sandringham Estate, and in two years it produced 500 bushels. In October 1877, his Royal Highness sent eight bushels to Bro. Deller, who grew it two years, and he has now in his possession the yield of 50 acres, grown from the eight bushels. The wheat is of fine quality and yields well, and it is certainly an interesting circumstance that the wheat used at the ceremony by the Pro Grand Master should have decended from a grain of that used by the Royal Head of the Craft on the last occasion when an important work in this town was inaugurated under Masonic auspices.

NEW MASONIC HALL AND CLUB AT KIDDERMINSTER.

A MOVEMENT is on foot in Kidderminster to supply what has long been felt to be a most pressing want; viz., a club-house where gentlemen may enjoy the numerous comforts and conveniences for which such places are celebrated. The scheme is fast approaching maturity, and we believe it will not be long before the inhabitants of the town will possess a club, modelled upon the well-known pattern of the principal metropolitan ones; the only difference being that instead of its being reserved exclusively for any particular "set," it will embrace as wide a range as possible, consistent with the character and position of the institution. The great object will be to make it as cosmopolitan as possible, and although the new club will take its title from the Masonic body, by which it has been promoted, the members of the Craft will claim no privileges or rights over any other members of the club. We hail with pleasure the wise determination of the members to throw open the benefits of club membership and shareholding to others, as well as to the Freemasons. We have been shown the premises acquired by the company, and explanations have been given us as to all it is intended to do and to provide, and we were struck with the thoroughness with which the Masonic body, in their ideas and intentions, sink all that could savour of self-interest or advantages in arranging for the wants and conveniencies of the general body of club members. Indeed, there is nothing which all the members may not enjoy and share on the premises. The happy blending of accommodation is favoured very much by the peculiar formation of the premises, which are situate in Mill-street, and which allow of the Masonic Hall and ante-rooms being entirely detached from the club.

On either side of the front entrance hall, on the ground floor, is situated a commodious well-lighted apartment, each of which it is intended to let for an office. Besides the front entrance, there is also a side entrance, from the carriage drive, so that these offices *will be* entirely separate from the rest of the building, although the members of the club will have the right of going through the front entrance. In a small closet near the back kitchen it is intended to place a hoist and speaking tubes, communicating with the ante-rooms of the hall at the back. Masonic dinners will be given in the Hall, so as not to interfere with the apartments which are open to those who are not Masons. Between the front and back kitchens is a still room, and the front kitchen is supplied with a very fine cooking range, and all the most modern appliances for the practice of the culinary art. There is an entrance to the cellars from this apartment, and in a small recess near will be placed another hoist and set of speaking tubes, the former to convey dinners into the dining rooms, and the latter for the convenience of giving and receiving orders, &c. The same hoist and speaking tubes will also communicate with the billiard room on the third floor. A very handsome room on the ground floor, 22ft. 6in. by 17ft. 6in., will be appropriated as the morning and evening room, for the reading of newspapers, smoking, &c. At one end of the room is a large bay window opening on to a small lawn, where those who prefer to do so may sit on summer evenings. On the first floor is the dining room for the use of the members, which is a commodious and cheerful apartment; and on the same floor, having a window facing the front street, is the card room, with a small room adjoining, lavatory, &c. Another room on the same floor will be appropriated to the committee, and another to the secretary. On the second floor are rooms for the servants and managers of the club. The greater portion of the third storey is taken up by the billiard room, which is 32 feet long by 17 feet wide, with a lantern roof. Lavatories and other conveniences will also be placed upon this floor. The Masonic Hall is completely separate from the rest of the building, and Masons can gain access to it without going through the front buildings. A broad staircase leads up into the robing room, and other offices. Underneath the hall are large premises, which it is intended to let for store rooms. The Masonic Hall itself will be, when finished, a splendid room, 56ft. long 22ft. wide, and 20ft. high. Adjoining will be a room for the purpose of storing the furniture of the Lodges. The whole of the premises will be well-lighted, ventilated, and warmed. It would have been impossible to find premises more suitable for the peculiar requirements for which they are needed, and the shareholders are to be congratulated on having, for the comparatively low figure of £1,100, obtained so central and eligible a property. The alterations, which will cost about £400—and which comprise the transformation of the warehouse into the hall, with necessary lighting and heating apparatus, suitable ante-rooms and other conveniences, the taking down of intermediate walls and lighting from roof to form billiard room, the construction of hoists, speaking tubes, &c.—are in full operation. The builder bids fair to complete his work well within the limit of the time allowed, which will permit of the building being opened about the middle of December. While contracts for furnishing, &c., are in a forward state, and in accord with the general promise of affairs in connection with the undertaking. We understand that 3-4ths of the share capital has already been

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taken up by about sixty of the principal residents in the town and neighbourhood, and no doubt as soon as the scheme is properly understood, and all its features realised, the remaining shares will be quickly appropriated. Bro. George Taylor P.M. and Treas. 377, P.S.G.D. Worcestershire, the Secretary, is exerting his utmost energies to make the affair a complete success, and having a considerable knowledge of the amount of energy that very able and indefatigable gentleman throws into any work he undertakes, we cannot but entertain the brightest auguries of the future of this institution.—*Sun.*

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY.

From the Freemasons' Repository for August.

In a late number of the *Repository* we referred to the action taken by the Grand Priory of Canada, requiring all visiting Knights from the United States to affirm their belief in the doctrine of the Trinity, as a condition of being allowed to visit any of the Templar organizations in Canada, and expressed our opinion that the establishment of such a test was both unwise and inexpedient. In the June number of the *Canadian Craftsman* our article is responded to by the Grand Prior of Canada; and this reply to our brief comments appears in the present issue of the *Repository*.

It seems that we were mistaken in assuming that the action noticed was taken on the recommendation of the *Grand Prior*. The official announcement of the test decided upon stated that it was "recommended by the Grand Council," and we naturally inferred that the Grand Prior concurred in the recommendation. But this was not the fact. On the contrary, the Grand Prior believes that the legislation on this point was too hasty and requires revision. He says, substantially, that if the Templar organization in the United States is to be recognized by the British Order, it follows that those who are in good standing in the Order at home should be recognized and fellowshipped when abroad, without being required to submit to any special test unknown to the organization in which they hold membership. But, although the Grand Prior expresses an opinion that the requisitions imposed by the Grand Priory can hardly be defended as either courteous or just, he puts forward other statements bearing upon the matter which open a much wider field of discussion. Indeed, if we correctly interpret his words, the Grand Prior favors more stringent legislation on this point so that there shall be no recognition of the Templar Order in the United States. He says: "What might have been done by the Grand Priory was to declare that the Order in the United States is not a Templar Order with which we can maintain communication, having discarded its most essential characteristic." Reading these strong words we could but recal those occasions when the Grand Prior and other distinguished Knights from Canada have been attendants upon the sessions of the Grand Encampment of the United States, formally commissioned to be the bearers of fraternal greetings from the Grand Priory of Canada to the governing Templar organization of the United States. At Baltimore in 1871, at Cleveland in 1877, did our Canadian friends realize that they were recognizing a Templar organization which had "*discarded its most essential characteristic*!"

In the article copied from the *Craftsman* the Grand Prior leaves us in no doubt as to the *importance* he attaches to the doctrine of the Trinity. He says: "It is as necessary for a Templar to believe in the Trinity as it is for a Craft Mason to believe in God;" and then, to be consistent in his conclusion, he goes on to affirm that the Templar Order always has been a "Trinitarian Association," and that it ceases to be a Templar Order, although it may continue to bear the name, just as soon as it admits members who do not subscribe to the doctrine in question.

We join issue with both of these statements. Admit the necessity of a belief in the Trinity—admit that the dogma is of necessity a part of the system of modern Templarism—we still deny that it holds an equal rank with faith in God, without which faith we know there can be no true Masonic law or life. It may be desirable, even essential, to believe in three persons in the God-head, but to reject such a doctrine, still holding fast to faith in a personal God, and in a Divine Lord the Saviour of men, surely is not quite as bad as atheism itself. Doctrines and beliefs are of *relative* value, and however great stress may be laid upon the dogma of the Trinity it is not the one underlying and vital principle of religion that belief in God is. Let it be granted that the doctrine ought to have place in the Templar system, or that it has been improperly eliminated therefrom, we should still hold that there was solid Christian ground for the system to rest upon; and that it was not wounded to death by questioning the validity of this dogma as Masonry must be whenever and wherever it comes to atheistical denials.

But what proof is there that the Templar Order is and always has been a "Trinitarian Association?" It is well known that the Institution of Christian Knighthood as it exists to-day is connected with the times of the Crusades and the Soldiers of the Temple by only legendary ties and associations. There is no historic continuity. The present Order is of comparatively modern origin; and it was not intended by those who fashioned the system and breathed into it the breath of life that it should partake of *all* the features which belonged to the ancient monastic and chivalric Orders. Some of the aims and characteristics, and more of the spirit, we trust, of those olden organizations have found their way into the Templarism of our time. But many changes and modifications have been made—departures from the original ritual and ceremony—and there is little use of citing the beliefs of the middle ages as the absolute law of faith that now exists. In the article we are reviewing the doctrine of the Trinity is designated as the *principal landmark* of Templarism, whereas, if we use the term in that technical sense which makes it the synonym of truths and principles that always have been known and accepted among Masons, there are no landmarks in Templar Order.

There are first principles and original foundations, of course, but these do not take on the character of landmarks; and if they did, we should still venture to doubt whether the doctrine of the Trinity is included in the list of clearly expressed fundamentals. The dogma in question may have been indicated by the ritualistic teaching of the Templar societies instituted in Europe during the middle or latter part of the last century, and yet never have attained the dignity of a *landmark*. It is exceedingly problematical what the Templar system was as formulated by Ramsey or by Baron Von Hund; and altogether too much obscurity gathers about the early history of the present Templar Order to admit the showing that any special dogma originally held a pre-eminent place.

About the beginning of the present century Templarism received fresh impetus both in Europe and America. In this country, at the hands of Webb and others, it took form, shape, character, and entered upon a vigorous life. Then was formulated a ritual which in substance has been adhered to for nearly three quarters of a century. That system of Masonic Templarism rests upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues. As every Mason must believe in God, so every Knight Templar must believe in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Immanuel is the one great watchword of the Order, and the cross is the sign that sets forth all so significantly the nature of that faith and the works of truth and Christian love to which every Knight Templar is most sacredly pledged. But he is not bound to accept the dogma of the Trinity. It is enough that he accepts the Divine authority of Christ—that he seek to walk in the footsteps of the crucified and risen One, showing forth the Christ spirit in word and deed. This would seem to give him standing as a "true Templar" and entitle him to recognition as such, the opinion of the Canadian Brother to the contrary notwithstanding. But he cannot understand why the United States Templar Body is not distinctively and avowedly Trinitarian. He says the whole ritual tends that way, while the crucifixion and ascension scenes, together with the anthem sung, inculcate the doctrine. Well, we accept the ritual—we join with devout thought and quickened spiritual feelings in all the solemn ceremonies of the Order; and, if this is all that is required, we think that the Unitarian and the Trinitarian Christian may kneel side by side in the asylum, and before the empty sepulchre, as we have often seen them thus kneel, and together prosecute the work of Masonic Templarism. Filled and led by the spirit of their common Lord we can but think that each of these Brethren will accord to the other the name of a true Templar, and that thus being faithful they may both hope to merit at last the glad welcome, "well done, good and faithful servants."

CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHWARK.

A Musical and Elocutionary Entertainment took place at the Parochial Schools, Holland-street, Blackfriars, on Monday evening, 3rd November. The Entertainment was given in aid of the New Vestries' Fund, and was ably conducted by Bro. Usher Back. The most successful pieces of the evening were 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin," and "The Election of a Beadle," by Mr. W. T. Cope; and "Nothing to Wear," and "I remember," by Bro. C. Greenwood jun. Bro. W. W. Morgan gave one of his Popular Selections, and Mr. A. C. Wade gave a careful rendering of "The Execution of Montrose." The Vocalists were represented by Miss Parker, Miss Battie, Miss T. Battie; Messrs. F. Caston, H. E. Vickers, Crow, and Bro. Alfred Green. Miss T. Battie was very happy in Balfe's ever popular "I dreamt I dwelt in Marble Halls;" Miss Parker, who has a rich and powerful voice, sang "The Storm," and "Looking Back," much to the satisfaction of the audience. The duet "Starboard Watch," was effectively given by Messrs. Vickers and Crow, the latter gentleman was also applauded for "Sweethearts." Bro. Alfred Green contributed "Hybrids, the Cretan." Altogether, the Entertainment was most satisfactory.

The installation meeting of the Trinity College Lodge, No. 1765, was held on Thursday at the Trinity College, Weymouth-street, W. The brethren afterwards dined together at the Criterion. Bro. Rev. J. Robbins D.D. P.M. 1635 P.G. Chap. Middx., is the new W.M. A full report will appear in our next.

The installation meeting of the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507, was held on Thursday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Comp. J. R. Stacey was installed M.E.Z., Comp. W. J. Ferguson H., and W. M. Stiles J. A report of the meeting will appear next week.

Bro. Dr. J. J. Pope will, on the 14th inst., give his celebrated and popular Lecture on Sanitary Science, entitled "Number One—His Very Good Health," by special request of Lord Northbrook, at Micheldever, in Hampshire.

Bro. Stanton (Sydney).—Your letter of August was lost in the post, only the outside wrapper reached us.

The current number of Messrs. Groombridge and Sons "Greenhouse favourites" is devoted to particulars of the Erica. As usual the number contains two coloured illustrations, the one representing the geranium, the other the clematis. In each the artistic execution is well up to the standard of the plates which have preceded these.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter was holden on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, London. Comp. S. Rawson occupied the chair of M.E.Z., Comp. Captain Platt the chair of H., and Comp. Captain N. G. Philips the chair of J.; Comp. Colonel Creaton Treasurer, Comp. Ernest Emil Wendt as S.N., Comp. H. G. Buss as Scribe E., Comp. J. Lewis Thomas Sword Bearer, Comp. S. Mullens D.C.; besides, a large number of Past Grand Officers and Principals and Past Principals of Chapters were also present. Comp. Buss announced that Comp. Hervey was too ill to be present, and that he had commissioned him (Comp. Buss) to express his regret to the M.E.Z. that he was unable to attend. Comp. Rawson observed that all the Comps. regretted as much as he did that Comp. Hervey continued to be so seriously indisposed. *On* the motion of Comp. Colonel Creaton, seconded by Comp. R. *Gray*, the report of the Committee was adopted, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes. The first four petitions which the Committee had received (particulars of which were given in our last) were then granted, on the motion of Comp. Colonel Creaton. Comp. Colonel Creaton also moved, and Comp. Robert Gray seconded, the granting of the petition for a Chapter to be attached to the Aldershot Camp Lodge, No. 1331. Comp. H. Hacker P.Z. 723 inquired whether since this had been recommended Grand Chapter had received any communication from the Provincial Grand Superintendent of Hants and the Isle of Wight. Comp. Buss said there had been a letter received from Comp. W. Beach, in which he asked for a postponement of this petition until he had time to make inquiries, which he proposed to do by going to Aldershot. Comp. Hacker thereupon thought the petition should be postponed. Comp. Rawson agreed. A petition for a new Chapter could not be granted without a recommendation, and this recommendation was now in abeyance. Comp. John Fenn, one of the petitioners, objected. It had been recommended, and the recommendation had been passed by the Committee, who had recommended Grand Chapter to grant the Warrant. Comp. Rawson did not think it was now in the power of Grand Chapter to grant the petition. Comp. Barron said the motion now before Grand Chapter was that the petition be granted. It might, however, be convenient to postpone it. Comp. Rev. C. W. Arnold said there was a definite question before the Grand Chapter—was this petition to be granted or not? He did not see how the letter from the Grand Superintendent could overrule the agenda paper. Comp. Rawson said he had no legal adviser present to assist him, but his opinion was that this discussion should not be continued, and that the consideration of the prayer of this petition should be postponed in consequence of the withdrawal of the recommendation of the Grand Superintendent. Colonel Creaton felt bound to say that when the Committee received a petition duly signed and recommended by a Grand Superintendent, they had no alternative but to bring it before this Grand Chapter. He thought it a great pity that the Grand Superintendent, and those other Comps. who signed the petition, did not enquire before sending it. It would be thought playing fast and loose with the Committee. Comp. Joshua Nunn said that the Grand Superintendent having recommended the petition, and the Committee having brought it before Grand Chapter, the Comps. were at liberty to discuss it. They ought now to decide upon it. Any letter not before the Committee could have no weight. Comp. Rawson thought that the Grand Superintendent having withdrawn his recommendation, Grand Chapter could not consider that he had granted his recommendation. His own personal feeling was that they should decide at once that this petition should not be entertained that evening, but postponed till next meeting. Where a Superintendent had acted in error, he should be allowed to correct that error. Several other Comps. having spoken, Comp. Rev. C. W. Arnold proposed, and Comp. Robert Gray seconded, the adjournment of the petition till next meeting. This was carried. Comp. Colonel Creaton then drew attention to the concluding paragraphs of the Committee's Report, and Grand Chapter was closed.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

THE annual meeting of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons within the Province of Durham was held on Tuesday, 21st ult., at Gateshead. The Provincial Grand Lodge, which was held under the banners of Lodges Industry 48, and Borough 424, was opened in form by Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart. D.P.G.M., in the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of Bro. John Fawcett R.W. P.G.M., at the Town Hall. The acting P.G.M. was supported by Bro. C. J. F. Fawcett P.P.S.G.W., acting D.P.G.M., and the following Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge:—Bros. Thos. Robinson Mayor of Newcastle P.S.G.W., R. J. Dent P.J.G.W., Rev. J. M. Shepherd P.G.C., G. M. Watson P.G.R., Rev. John Cundill P.G.T., Wm. H. Crookes P.G. Sec., Frederick Maddison P.S.G.D., W. J. Watson P.J.G.D., John Tillman P.G.S. of W., Robert Hudson P.G.D. of C., George Greenwell P.A.G.D. of C., G. Johnson P.G.S.B., H. E. O. Muller P.G.O., H. J. Turnbull P.G.P., and the following Provincial Grand Stewards:—Bros. E. Sutherst Phœnix 94, F. W. Poad Borough 424, H. W. Emerson Fawcett 661, G. Lazonby Philanthropy 940, G. B. Hall Williamson 947, John Smith St. Bede's 1119. In addition to the present Provincial Grand Officers there were upon the dais the following brethren:—Bros. L. M. Cockcroft D.P.G.M. of Northumberland, E. D. Davis P.P.S.G.W. Durham, and P.G.D. of C. Northumberland, F. Binckes Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the Rev. J. Bulman P.P.G.C., Smailes P.P.S.G.W. Northumberland, Joseph Cook P.P.J.G.W. Northumberland, J. E. Robson P.P.G.S.B., Rev. J. Bewsher P.P.G.C., Anthony Clapham P.P.S.G.W. Northumberland, Dr. Cook P.P.S.G.D., Addison Potter P.P.J.G.W. Northumberland, J. G. Youll P.M. 685 P.G.S.B. Northumberland, P. P. Ord P.P.G.S.B. Northumberland, Bailes P.P.J.G.W., Rev. Canon Tristram P.P.S.G.W., B. Probert P.P.G.P., J. S. Denham P.P.S.G.D., J. Roddam P.P.G.P., George Lawson P.P.G.S.B. Amongst the other brethren present were Bros. R. Whitfield W.M. 48, J. Marchant W.M. 424, T. Potter P.M. 240, T. Coulson I.P.M. 240, J. Ponder P.M. 1119, Montgomery P.M. 991, W. M. Bell P.M. 1557 Hexham, G. Hardy W.M. 1643, McCulloch I.P.M. 1643, T. Wraith P.M. 1643, J. A. Wilson W.M. 1119, James Mitchell S.W. 1643, W. Eckford J.W. 1643, Rev. W. Hedley Chaplain 1643, J. Smith S.W. 1119, M. H. Dodd J.W. 1119, A. McDougal S.D. 1119, Hugh Golder J.D. 1119, Chadwick Sec. 1643, A. Brodie S.D. 1643, J. J. Athey W.M. 240, J. H. Morton S.W. 240, T. Richardson J.W. 240, G. S. Shotton Sec. 240, J. J. Wilson S.D. 240, and J. H. Thompson J.D. 240. Bro. Rev. J. Cundill was re-elected P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year. The Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested as follows:—Bros. Sir H. Williamson, Bart., D.P.G.M., Sir Henry Pottinger 375 P.S.G.W., Bulman 1334 P.J.G.W., Rev. J. M. Shepherd 1650 P.G.C., Meek 1379 P.G.R., Rev. John Cundill P.G. Treas., W. H. Crookes P.G. Sec., Corbett 48 P.S.G.D., Lane 764 P.J.G.D., Lear 111 P.G.S. of W., R. Hudson P.G.D. of C., Geo. Greenwell P.A.G.D. of C., Jesse Marchant 424 P.G.S.B., H. E. O. Muller 1379 P.G.O., Donkin 124 P.G.P., and John Thompson P.G. Tyler. The following were the P.G. Stewards:—Bros. W. Hawdon 80, J. T. Wilson 240, M. Graham 531, John Stonehouse 764, Henry Noel 111, and F. Baines 1379. The Provincial Grand Lodge was subsequently closed in form. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Grey Horse Tavern, High-street, Bro. J. Tait's, where an excellent banquet was served up in first-class style, the chair being occupied by Bro. Sir H. Williamson, acting R.W.P.G.M. A most harmonious evening was spent, the enjoyment of the brethren being considerably heightened by the singing of Bros. Whitehead, Nutton, Walker, and Leatham of Durham Cathedral.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE Annual Meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge took place on the 29th ult., in the Town Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne, under the banner of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481. There was an unusual large gathering of brethren from all parts of the Province. P.G. Lodge was opened at three o'clock, in ample form, by the Right Hon. the Earl Percy, M.P., R.W.P.G.M., and he was supported by Bro. L. M. Cockcroft D.P.G.M., Bro. Adam Robertson W.M. 1167 P.S.G.W., and Bro. W. J. Ward P.P.J.G.W. acting as P.J.G.W. in the absence through illness of Bro. J. Ridsdale P.J.G.W.; the other Provincial Officers present being—Bros. G. Robinson 636 P.G.C., T. Anderson 1712 P.G.T., G. Cockburn 24 P.G.R., B. J. Thompson 1427 P.G. Sec., J. Bolam 24 P.G.S.D., John Harcuss 431 P.G.J.D., J. A. Forbes 393 P.G.S. of W., E. D. Davis 541 P.G.D. of C., George I. Dean 541 P.G.A.D. of C., J. G. Youll 685 P.G.S.B., Bertram P. Ord 1427 P.G.O., Robert Lamb Armstrong 406 P.G.P., John T. Taylor 1676 P.G.A.P., Joshua Curry 48 P.G.Tyler, and Brothers John Usher 481, George Blandford 541, R. C. Symonds 1626, Henry Wilson 1664, H. Robson 1676, R. T. Bell 1712, P.G. Stewards. Upon the dais were a great many Past Provincial Officers, amongst whom were Bro. Thomas Robinson (Mayor of Newcastle) P.P.S.G.W. Durham, Bro. Addison Potter P.P.S.G.W., Bro. the Rev. P. H. Phelps P.P.G.C., Bro. the Rev. G. S. Thomson P.P.G.C., Bro. the Rev. E. L. Marrett P.P.G.C., Bro. the Rev. W. B. East P.P.G.C., Bro. the Rev. W. L. J. Cooley P.P.G.C., Bro. Joseph Cook P.P.J.G.W., Bro. W. Twizell P.P.S.G.W., Bro. J. G. Tulloch P.P.G.S.W., Bro. Thomas Jackson P.P.G.S. of W., Bro. Thomas Haswell P.P.G.O., Bro. J. C. Mowbray P.P.G.S. of W., Bro. H. H. Blair P.P.G.S.B., Bro. R. F. Cook P.P.S.G.D. Durham, Bro. W. E. Franklin P.P.S.G.D. Durham P.P.G.S.B., Bro. Thos. Blenkinsop P.P.S.G.D., Bro. R. Eynon P.P.G.A.D. of C. The usual routine business being got through, reports from the Lodges in the provinces were read by the various W.M.'s, upon which the Prov. G.M. congratulated the Brethren on the state of the Craft in the county, as shown by the reports, the result of which evidenced an increase of 29 members as compared with last year. The following amounts were then voted to the Masonic Charities, R.M.I.B. £21, R.M.I.G. £21, and R.M.B.I. £10 10s; £70 10s was also voted to the various Local Charities. Bro. Thomas Anderson was subsequently unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bros. H. Hotham and Anthony Clapham were also unanimously re-elected auditors. The Officers for the ensuing year were afterwards appointed and invested by the R.W.P.G.M. as follows:—Bros. Richard Eynon P.M. 481 P.S.G.W., W. S. Hughes W.M. 406 P.J.G.W., Rev. John Walker 1427 P.G.C., Thomas Anderson P.G. Treas., George Cockburn 24 P.G.R., B. J. 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Grace having been said, the R.W.P.G.M. gave the usual Loyal toast, which was followed by that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master of England, followed by that of the Pro Grand Master and other Officers of Grand Lodge. Bro. L. M. Cockcroft D.P.G.M. then, in a few well chosen remarks, submitted the toast of the Provincial Grand Master, Earl Percy, which was received with much enthusiasm. Earl Percy having thanked the brethren for the reception accorded him, and expressed the pleasure it gave him that his Officers for the past year had taken on themselves the duty of visiting the various Lodges in the Province; he hoped the Officers appointed that day would follow their example. He was likewise very gratified to find from the several statements made that day that Freemasonry was flourishing throughout the Province. He concluded by submitting the name of the D.P.G.M., who, having responded to the toast, the past and present Provincial Grand Officers received the compliment due to them. The next toast on the list was that of the W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481, which was replied to by the W.M. Brother Usher, and "the Masonic Charities" lost nothing in the hands of Bro. E. D. Davis, who made a forcible appeal on their behalf. The remaining toasts were those of the Visitors, replied to by Bro. Robinson P.P.G.S.W. Durham, Mayor of Newcastle, and the Tyler's toast. Some capital harmony rendered the evening very enjoyable. During the meeting in the Town Hall, Bro. C. H. Shepherd P.P.G.O. very ably presided at the great organ. Great praise is due to the W.M. of St. Peter's Lodge and his Board of Stewards for their untiring energy to secure the comfort of so large a gathering of brethren, and if unfortunately dissatisfaction was felt at the dinner no blame can be attached to them.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. S. Rosenthal (in the chair), D. M. Dewar, Rev. Richard Morris (Head Master), R. B. Webster, A. J. Duff Filer, J. W. Dosell, W. H. Perryman, Arthur E. Gladwell, S. Rawson, H. Massey, John Constable, J. J. Berry, F. Adlard, W. Maple, Herbert Dicketts, W. F. C. Moutrie, Charles Horsley, H. Venn, Thomas Meggy, E. C. Mather, and F. Binckes Secretary. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the Report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted, and in accordance with a recommendation of the Committee, the brethren resolved to invest £1500, selecting Three per Cents. Reduced. Seven candidates for admission to the School were placed on the list for the April election. A grant (deferred from last meeting, for further information) of £20 to apprentice an ex-pupil was made; four outfits were granted to former pupils of the Institution, and the request of another ex-pupil for a similar outfit was deferred, after which the Committee dispersed.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked as under:

At the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, W.C., on Tuesday, 25th November 1879. Bros. Abell W.M. 1599 W.M., Gush I.G. 1541 S.W., Brown 862 J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Lee, Liddall, Sanders, H. C. Soper, Hallam, Brown, Tate. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Linscott, Dickins, Bingemann, Marston, Pate. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Dodson, John Soper, Gates. At six o'clock precisely.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the 4th November, at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill. Comps. F. Brown Z., W. H. Lee H., S. R. Catterson J., G. L. Walker N., J. C. Goldsmith P.S., and the following Companions were present:—H. Thompson, J. T. Briggs, H. J. Lardner, J. Wyer, C. H. Webb, G. P. Gillard, T. Mason. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Webb being the candidate, and the Convocation was adjourned until Tuesday evening, 11th November, at half-past six o'clock.

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THE Quarterly Convocation of Grand Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' S. Rawson occupied the chair of M.E.Z., chair of H., and Comp. Captain N. G. Comp. Colonel Creaton Treasurer, Comp. Er Comp. H. G. Buss as Scribe E., Comp. J. Lew Comp. S. Mullens D.C.; besides, a large Officers and Principals and Past Principal present. Comp. Buss announced that Comp be present, and that he had commissione express his regret to the M.E.Z. that he Comp. Rawson observed that all the Comps. did that Comp. Hervey continued to be so the motion of Comp. Colonel Creaton, secon the report of the Committee was adopted, a and entered on the minutes. The first f Committee had received (particulars of whic were then granted, on the motion of Comp. Colonel Creaton also moved, and Comp. Rob granting of the petition for a Chapter to be Camp Lodge, No. 1331. Comp. H. Hacker since this had been recommended Grand Ch communication from the Provincial Grand Sup the Isle of Wight. Comp. Buss said there h from Comp. W. Beach, in which he asked for petition until he had time to make inquiries, by going to Aldershot. Comp. Hacker thereu should be postponed. Comp. Rawson agre new Chapter could not be granted without this recommendation was now in abeyance. of the petitioners, objected. It had been recommendation had been passed by the C commended Grand Chapter to grant the Warra not think it was now in the power of Grand petition. Comp. Barron said the motion Chapter was that the petition be granted be convenient to postpone it. Comp. Re there was a definite question before the this petition to be granted or not? He letter from the Grand Superintendent agenda paper. Comp. Rawson said he had n to assist him, but his opinion was that this d continued, and that the consideration of the should be postponed in consequence of the wi mendation of the Grand Superintendent. Col to say that when the Committee received a p recommended by a Grand Superintendent, t but to bring it before this Grand Chapter. I pity that the Grand Superintendent, and th signed the petition, did not enquire before se thought playing fast and loose with the Com Nunn said that the Grand Superintendent the petition, and the Committee having bro Chapter, the Comps. were at liberty to discus to decide upon it. Any letter not before the no weight. Comp. Rawson thought that the having withdrawn his recommendation, Grand sider that he had granted his recommendati feeling was that they should decide at once th not be entertained that evening, but p stpo Where a Superintendent had acted in error, h correct that error. Several other Comps. havi

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

THE annual meeting of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons within the Province of Durham was held on Tuesday, 21st ult., at Gateshead. The Provincial Grand Lodge, which was held under the banners of Lodges Industry 48, and Borough 424, was opened in form by Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart. D.P.G.M., in the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of Bro. John Fawcett R.W. P.G.M., at the Town Hall. The acting P.G.M. was supported by Bro. C. J. F. Fawcett P.P.S.G.W., acting D.P.G.M., and the following Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge:—Bros. Thos. Robinson Mayor of Newcastle P.S.G.W., R. J. Dent P.J.G.W., Rev. J. M. Shepherd P.G.C., G. M. Watson P.G.R., Rev. John Cundill P.G.T., Wm. H. Crookes P.G. Sec., Frederick Maddison P.S.G.D., W. J. Watson P.J.G.D., John Tillman P.G.S. of W., Robert Hudson P.G.D. of C., George Greenwell P.A.G.D. of C., G. Johnson P.G.S.B., H. E. O. Muller P.G.O., H. J. Turnbull P.G.P., and the following Provincial Grand Stewards:—Bros. E. Sutherst Phœnix 94, F. W. Pead Borough 424, H. W. Emerson Fawcett 661, G. Lazonby Philanthropy 940, G. B. Hall Williamson 947, John Smith St. Bede's 1119. In addition to the present Provincial Grand Officers there were upon the dais the following brethren:—Bros. L. M. Cockcroft D.P.G.M. of Northumberland, E. D. Davis P.P.S.G.W. Durham, and P.G.D. of C. Northumberland, F. Binckes Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the Rev. J. Bulman P.P.G.C., Smailes P.P.S.G.W. Northumberland, Joseph Cook P.P.J.G.W. Northumberland, J. E. Robson P.P.G.S.B., Rev. J. Bewsher P.P.G.C., Anthony Clapham P.P.S.G.W. Northumberland, Dr. Cook P.P.S.G.D., Addison Potter P.P.J.G.W. Northumberland, J. G. Youll P.M. 685 P.G.S.B. Northumberland, P. P. Ord P.P.G.S.B. Northumberland, Bailes P.P.J.G.W., Rev. Canon Tristram P.P.S.G.W., B. Probert P.P.G.P., J. S. Denham P.P.S.G.D., J. Roddam P.P.G.P., George Lawson P.P.G.S.B. Amongst the other brethren present were Bros. R. Whitfield W.M. 48, J. Marchant W.M. 424, T. Potter P.M. 240, T. Coulson I.P.M. 240, J. Ponder P.M. 1119, Montgomery P.M. 991, W. M. Bell P.M. 1557 Hexham, G. Hardy W.M. 1643, McCulloch I.P.M. 1643, T. Wraith P.M. 1643, J. A. Wilson W.M. 1119, James Mitchell S.W. 1643, W. Eckford J.W. 1643, Rev. W. Hedley Chaplain 1643, J. Smith S.W. 1119, M. H. Dodd J.W. 1119, A. McDougal S.D. 1119, Hugh Golder J.D. 1119, Chadwick Sec. 1643, A. Brodie S.D. 1643, J. J. Athey W.M. 240, J. H. Morton S.W. 240, T. Richardson J.W. 240, G. S. Shotton Sec. 240, J. J. Wilson S.D. 240, and J. H. Thompson J.D. 240. Bro. Rev. J. Cundill was re-elected P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year. The Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested as follows:—Bros. Sir H. Williamson, Bart., D.P.G.M., Sir Henry Pottinger 375 P.S.G.W., Bulman 1334 P.J.G.W., Rev. J. M. Shepherd 1650 P.G.C., Meek 1379 P.G.R., Rev. John Cundill P.G. Treas., W. H. Crookes P.G. Sec., Corbett 48 P.S.G.D., Lane 764 P.J.G.D., Lear 111 P.G.S. of W., R. Hudson P.G.D. of C., Geo. Greenwell P.A.G.D. of C., Jesse Marchant 424 P.G.S.B., H. E. O. Muller 1379 P.G.O., Donkin 124 P.G.P., and John Thompson P.G. Tyler. The following were the P.G. Stewards:—Bros. W. Hawdon 80, J. T. Wilson 240, M. Graham 531, John Stonehouse 764, Henry Noel 111, and F. Baines 1379. The Provincial Grand Lodge was subsequently closed in form. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Grey Horse Tavern, High-street, Bro. J. Tait's, where an excellent banquet was served up in first-class style, the chair being occupied by Bro. Sir H. Williamson, acting R.W.P.G.M. A most harmonious evening was spent, the enjoyment of the brethren being considerably heightened by the singing of Bros. Whitehead, Nutton, Walker, and Leatham of Durham Cathedral.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE Annual Meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge took place on the 29th ult., in the Town Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne, under the banner of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481. There was an unusual large gathering of brethren from all parts of the Province. P.G. Lodge was opened at three o'clock, in ample form, by the Right Hon. the Earl Percy, M.P., R.W.P.G.M., and he was supported by Bro. L. M. Cockcroft D.P.G.M., Bro. Adam Robertson W.M. 1167 P.S.G.W., and Bro. W. J. Ward P.P.J.G.W. acting as P.J.G.W. in the absence through illness of Bro. J. Ridsdale P.J.G.W.; the other Provincial Officers present being—Bros. G. Robinson 636 P.G.C., T. Anderson 1712 P.G.T., G. Cockburn 24 P.G.R., B. J. Thompson 1427 P.G. Sec., J. Bolam 24 P.G.S.D., John Harcuss 431 P.G.J.D., J. A. Forbes 393 P.G.S. of W., E. D. Davis 541 P.G.D. of C., George I. Dean 541 P.G.A.D. of C., J. G. Youll 685 P.G.S.B., Bertram P. Ord 1427 P.G.O., Robert Lamb Armstrong 406 P.G.P., John T. Taylor 1676 P.G.A.P., Joshua Curry 48 P.G.Tyler, and Brothers John Usher 481, George Blandford 541, R. C. Symonds 1626, Henry Wilson 1664, H. Robson 1676, R. T. Bell 1712, P.G. Stewards. Upon the dais were a great many Past Provincial Officers, amongst whom were Bro. Thomas Robinson (Mayor of Newcastle) P.P.S.G.W. Durham, Bro. Addison Potter P.P.S.G.W., Bro. the Rev. P. H. Phelps P.P.G.C., Bro. the Rev. G. S. Thomson P.P.G.C., Bro. the Rev. E. L. Marrett P.P.G.C., Bro. the Rev. W. B. East P.P.G.C., Bro. the Rev. W. L. J. Cooley P.P.G.C., Bro. Joseph Cook P.P.J.G.W., Bro. W. Twizell P.P.S.G.W., Bro. J. G. Tulloch P.P.G.S.W., Bro. Thomas Jackson P.P.G.S. of W., Bro. Thomas Haswell P.P.G.O., Bro. J. C. Mowbray P.P.G.S. of W., Bro. H. H. Blair P.P.G.S.B., Bro. R. F. Cook P.P.S.G.D. Durham, Bro. W. E. Franklin P.P.S.G.D. Durham P.P.G.S.B., Bro. Thos. Blenkinsop P.P.S.G.D., Bro. R. Eynon P.P.G.A.D. of C. The usual routine business being got through, reports from the Lodges in the provinces were read by the various result of which evidenced an increase of 29 members as compared with last year. The following amounts were then voted to the Masonic Charities, R.M.I.B. £21, R.M.I.G. £21, and R.M.B.I. £10 10s; £70 10s was also voted to the various Local Charities. Bro. Thomas Anderson was subsequently unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bros. H. Hotham and Anthony Clapham were also unanimously re-elected auditors. The Officers for the ensuing year were afterwards appointed and invested by the R.W.P.G.M. as follows:—Bros. Richard Eynon P.M. 481 P.S.G.W., W. S. Hughes W.M. 406 P.J.G.W., Rev. John Walker 1427 P.G.C., Thomas Anderson P.G. Treas., George Cockburn 24 P.G.R., B. J. Thompson P.G.Sec., James Oswald W.M. 393 P.S.G.D., Ralph Carr W.M. 24 P.J.G.D., R. L. Armstrong 406 P.G.S. of W., E. D. Davis P.G.D. of C., W. M. Bell W.M. 1557 P.G.A.D. of C., John Page W.M. 406 P.G.S.B., E. J. Gibbon W.M. 541 P.G.O., John Usher W.M. 481 P.G. Pursuivant, Wm. Cooper 1342 P.G.A.P., Joshua Curry P.G.Tyler. The R.W.P.G.M. announced that the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at North Shields, under the banner of St. George's Lodge, No. 431. The Lodge was afterwards closed in due form, and the brethren, to the number of nearly 400, adjourned to the large ball room at the Assembly Rooms, Westgate, where they dined together. The chair at the dinner was occupied by the Right Hon. the Earl of Percy, M.P., R.W.P.G.M., and the vice-chairs by Bros. R. Eynon P.S.G.W., W. S. Hughes P.J.G.W., Adam Robertson P.P.S.G.W, and W. J. Ward P.P.J.G.W. Grace having been said, the R.W.P.G.M. gave the usual Loyal toast, which was followed by that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master of England, followed by that of the Pro Grand Master and other Officers of Grand Lodge. Bro. L. M. Cockcroft D.P.G.M. then, in a few well chosen remarks, submitted the toast of the Provincial Grand Master, Earl Percy, which was received with much enthusiasm. Earl Percy having thanked the brethren for the reception accorded him, and expressed the pleasure it gave him that his Officers for the past year had taken on themselves the duty of visiting the various Lodges in the Province; he hoped the Officers appointed that day would follow their example. He was likewise very gratified to find from the several statements made that day that Freemasonry was flourishing throughout the Province. He concluded by submitting the name of the D.P.G.M., who, having responded to the toast, the past and present Provincial Grand Officers received the compliment due to them. The next toast on the list was that of the W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481, which was replied to by the W.M. Brother Usher, and "the Masonic Charities" lost nothing in the hands of Bro. E. D. Davis, who made a forcible appeal on their behalf. The remaining toasts were those of the Visitors, replied to by Bro. Robinson P.P.G.S.W. Durham, Mayor of Newcastle, and the Tyler's toast. Some capital harmony rendered the evening very enjoyable. During the meeting in the Town Hall, Bro. C. H. Shepherd P.P.G.O. very ably presided at the great organ. Great praise is due to the W.M. of St. Peter's Lodge and his Board of Stewards for their untiring energy to secure the comfort of so large a gathering of brethren, and if unfortunately dissatisfaction was felt at the dinner no blame can be attached to them.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. S. Rosenthal (in the chair), D. M. Dewar, Rev. Richard Morris (Head Master), R. B. Webster, A. J. Duff Filer, J. W. Dosell, W. H. Perryman, Arthur E. Gladwell, S. Rawson, H. Massey, John Constable, J. J. Berry, F. Adlard, W. Maple, Herbert Dicketts, W. F. C. Moutrie, Charles Horsley, H. Venn, Thomas Meggy, E. C. Mather, and F. Binckes Secretary. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the Report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted, and in accordance with a recommendation of the Committee, the brethren resolved to invest £1500, selecting Three per Cents. Reduced. Seven candidates for admission to the School were placed on the list for the April election. A grant (deferred from last meeting, for further information) of £20 to apprentice an ex-pupil was made; four outfits were granted to former pupils of the Institution, and the request of another ex-pupil for a similar outfit was deferred, after which the Committee dispersed.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked as under:

At the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, W.C., on Tuesday, 25th November 1879. Bros. Abell W.M. 1599 W.M., Gush I.G. 1541 S.W., Brown 862 J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Lee, Liddall, Sanders, H. C. Soper, Hallam, Brown, Tate. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Linscott, Dickins, Bingemann, Marston, Pate. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Dodson, John Soper, Gates. At six o'clock precisely.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the 4th November, at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill. Comps. F. Brown Z., W. H. Lee H., S. R. Catterson J., G. L. Walker N., J. C. Goldsmith P.S., and the following Companions were present:—H. Thompson, J. T. Briggs, H. J. Lardner, J. Wyer, C. H. Webb, G. P. Gillard, T. Mason. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed. Comp. Webb being the

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 8th NOVEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
R. A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1656—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon
1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

MONDAY, 10th NOVEMBER.

45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
846—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1060—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Formor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
R. A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R. A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
M. M.—Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
R. C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 11th NOVEMBER.

46—Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden
1635—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
408—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
686—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, Indin Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1678—Tonbridge, New Public Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R. A. 265—Judes, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R. A. 789—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R. A. 537—Zion, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M. M. 153—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 12th NOVEMBER.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R. A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R. A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
M. M.—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
483—Sympathy, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire, at 7.30. (Inst.)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Canterbury (Installation)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1249—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey & Ripon, 140 North Hill St., Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1394—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7. (Instruction.)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llandudno, Trewythen Arms, Llandudno, North Wales
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R. A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Star Hotel, Chatham
R. A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Hecknondwike
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 13th NOVEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8 (Inst.)
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road, W. (Install. at 5)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Inst.)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1088—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1114—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1201—Royal Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.

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1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Co'chester
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
R. A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.
R.A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonian-road, Batley
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K. T.—Salamanca, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

FRIDAY, 14th NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 8
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8 (Inst.)
R. C.—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.
1299—Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
R. A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K. T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 14th NOVEMBER.

193—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, at 8 (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1732—Kings Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At Bro. Butt's, the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, on Monday, the 3rd instant. Present—Bros. Symons W.M., Halle S.W., Cordingley J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., A. W. S. Humphries S.D., Dean J.D., Balls I.G.; also Bros. Wing, Kerswell, Pelikan, Fox, Rushton, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Kerswell acting as candidate. The same brother answered the questions leading to the second degree, but, being an E.A., was not entrusted. Bro. Fenner worked the first, Bro. Fox the second section of the lecture. Lodge advanced a degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Pelikan being the candidate. Lodge was resumed, and Bros. Cordingley, Dean, and Kerswell, all of the Mother Lodge, were elected members of the Lodge of Instruction. A vote of thanks was awarded those brethren who had so kindly vacated their offices in favour of the members of the Mother Lodge, after which Lodge was closed.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday evening, 4th November, at Bro. Bond's, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, W.C. Present — Bros. Powneeby W.M., Linscott S.W., Liddall J.W., Lee S.D., Luker J.D., Snodin I.G., John Bingemann Preceptor, John Soper Hon. Sec., and several other brethren. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. P.M. Gilruth being the candidate. Bro. Abell worked the first, second, and third sections of the First Lecture. Bro. Linscott was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed and adjourned to Tuesday, 12th November.

London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, No. 58.—A meeting was held on Friday, 31st October, at the London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Bros. Wells W.M., Chapman S.W., Joseph Langton J.W., Hogg Treas., J. D. Langton Sec. as S.D., Barnett J.D., Garland I.G., J. S. Fraser Preceptor, and Bro. Williams. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. D. Langton as candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of the S.W. Bro. Williams, being a candidate for the third degree, answered the usual questions, and was raised. Bro. Wallis Mackay 1319 was elected a member. Bro. Barnett was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed.

Manchester Lodge of Instruction, No. 179.—Saturday, 1st November, was quite a gala night for the old Lodge held at the Yorkshire Grey, Fitzroy-square; the Fifteen Sections being ably worked by the undermentioned brethren, under the direction of Bros. Koester P.M. 435 W.M., Kew P.M. 179 S.W., Baker P.M. 179 J.W., Frost P.M. 228 P.Z. I.P.M. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the various sections were worked as follows:—First Lecture: Bros. Marx, J. C. Smith, P. Recknell, J. J. Harvey Sec., Paul, Frost P.M., Baker P.M. Second Lecture: Bros. Paul, Ash P.M., W. C. Smith, Kew P.M., Sedgwick P.M. Third Lecture: Bros. Belfrage W.M. 179, Paul Koester P.M. On the proposition of Bro. J. C. Smith, seconded by Bro. Baker, Bro. Ramsden 1744 was unanimously elected a member; and on the proposition of Bro. Sedgwick, seconded by Bro. Baker, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, to Bro. Koester P.M. Preceptor, as a recognition of the ability displayed by him in the chair, and for his cheerfully rendered services as Preceptor of the Lodge. Bro. Koester tendered his thanks to the brethren, and remarked that it always afforded him the greatest pleasure to impart Masonic knowledge to those who wanted it. He thanked his old friends the Masters and Past Masters who came to support him on that occasion. Among the brethren assembled were Bros. W. S. Luck, Lovett, Sibley, Wood, Gittens, Pratt, Stamm, Davis, Recknell, Ramsden, &c. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Industry Lodge, No. 186.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 28th October, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bro. W. H. Hook W.M., Powell S.W., Allison P.M. J.W., H. G. Lake Treasurer, W. Mann Sec., Philp S.D., Johnson J.D., Taffs I.G., J. G. Horsey W.S.; Past Masters D. Robinson, Noehmer, Seex, and Black. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Leonard was raised to the third degree (by the courtesy of the W.M.) by Bro. D. Robinson I.P.M.; Bros. Marcus and Alexander were passed to the second degree by the W.M. There were three initiates on the agenda paper, and Mr. W. H. Watts, being present, was balloted for and duly initiated into the Order by Bro. Noehmer P.M. All the ceremonies were excellently rendered by the W.M. and P.M.'s. The resignation of Bro. Mortlock P.M. was tendered, owing to ill health, but was not accepted; for valuable and long services he was unanimously elected honorary member of the Lodge. The W.M. and every brother present expressed a hope that he would at future meetings be present among them in renewed health. It was arranged that a Ball in connection with the Lodge should be held in December next. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down, in the Crown Room, to a very sumptuous and *récherché* banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. Dawkins, the tables being beautifully decorated. The W.M., after grace had been said, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The National Anthem was then sung. Bro. D. J. Robinson I.P.M., in a very eloquent speech, proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Hook, which was enthusiastically received. The W.M., in reply, said they had witnessed his working, and he had proved to the brethren, by his regular attention to the duties of his office, and his successful efforts to administer to their comforts and harmony at the festive board, that he had their interests at heart. He was sure he was never so happy as when promoting some new idea to give them pleasure, and promoting that social intercourse which is at all times so agreeable. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the newly-initiated Brother, said he was proud to have one among them who would he was sure prove an ornament to Freemasonry. The toast having been very ably responded to, Bro. Philp sang the E.A. song. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, in enumerating them he said how pleased he was to see so many old and distinguished brethren. By the way the toast was received, they would see how their presence was appreciated. Bro. James Terry P.G.W. Herts, and the W.M.'s of the various Lodges were called upon to respond. Bro. Chubb gave an excellent song, Miss May Woodville accompanying him on the piano. Bros. Brooke W.M. 1839 and James Terry returned thanks in very able speeches, both those brethren thanked the W.M. for their hospitality, and the musical entertainment he had given them, with such artistic taste. The W.M. stated he would be pleased to represent the Lodge on the next Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he hoped the brethren would liberally support him on behalf of that noble charity. The W.M. said he would now ask them to drink a joint toast, the health of the Past Masters, the Treasurer, and Secretary, those who had witnessed their working knew their worth; he would call on Bro. W. Mann P.M. and Sec., a host in himself, to respond to the toast. That Brother, with his usual ability, responded; he regretted the absence of the Treasurer Bro. H. G. Lake, whose professional avocations in a gigantic undertaking prevented him being present. The toasts of the Officers and the Tyler were given. The W.M. provided an excellent musical entertainment. Miss May Woodville, Miss Elliott, and Bro. Philp being the artistes. The W.M., Bros. Chubb and Earl sang some capital songs. The Visitors were—W. Skelton P.M. 1056, Brewster 514, A. Thompson 1601, J. G. Rush 1201, T. Hunt 224, J. W. Brooke W.M. 1839, Newnham 1624, J. Freeman 1426, Carter W.M. 192, Coleman 1604, W. S. Marshall 1549, J. Terry P.G.W. Herts, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Bros. M. Spiegel W.M., H. Hyams S.W., J. S. Lyon J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., R. Baker S.D., L. M. Myers J.D., Bean as I.G., N. Baum and J. Davis Stewards, Woodstock Tyler; Past Masters L. Alexander, H. M. Levy, A. G. Dodson; and Bros. Bean, Martin Botibol, Hart, B. Weigel, A. Verdun, &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Adolph Goodman, of the Cape of Good Hope, was, by the courtesy of the W.M., passed to the second degree perfectly and impressively. The resignation of Bro. J. T. Miller P.M. was accepted with regret. A petition to the Grand Lodge of Benevolence, on behalf of a distressed Brother of the Lodge, was received, and three brethren were relieved from the funds. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to light refreshment, which the brethren enjoyed, perfect harmony and con-

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viviality being paramount. The W.M. proposed the toasts, both Loyal and Masonic. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P., in one of his characteristic speeches, eloquently replied on behalf of those distinguished brethren—the Grand Officers. The toast of the Benevolent Fund was responded to by Bro. Lensberg, the newly qualified V.P., in a very excellent speech. Bro. H. M. Levy proposed the health of the W.M., whom he stated had not had so good an opportunity of showing his Masonic abilities as might have been wished, but he was thoroughly proficient in his Masonic working. Bro. Levy hoped, before he left the chair, Bro. Spiegel would have an opportunity of displaying his knowledge. The W.M., in a very excellent speech, returned thanks. The toast of the Visitors was given, and the Worshipful Master expressed the pleasure he felt in proposing that of Bro. Goodman, from the Cape of Good Hope. He gave them a hearty welcome, in the name of the Lodge. Bro. Batchelor very ably responded. The W.M. proposed the toast of the P.M.'s, to which Bros. H. M. Levy, A. G. Dodson, and E. P. Albert responded. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Wardens, said the Lodge might be congratulated on having so good a working Mason as the Senior Warden; he hoped to see him in due course occupy the chair of the Lodge. Bros. Hyman and R. Baker having responded, the W.M. proposed the toast of the newly elected Treasurer, Bro. J. L. Lyon—one who was able in every respect to carry out the duties of that important office. He is a thorough business man, and the W.M. was sure he would render valuable service to the Lodge. These remarks applied also to their respected and valued Secretary. The W.M. hoped to have those two brethren among them for many years. Bros. Albert and J. S. Lyon returned thanks for the toast. The Tyler's toast was then given. During the evening Bros. Dodson, Hart, Baum, and Harris contributed to the harmony. The Visitors were Bros. Adolph Goodman Cape of Good Hope, Parker 1474, Batchelor 153 Gibraltar, Sedansky 48 Gateshead, H. J. Hames 507.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 29th October, at Railway-place, Fenchurch-street. Present:—Bros. A. F. Lay W.M., D. Moss S.W., Fells J.W., J. K. Pitt Sec., A. J. Baxter J.D., Walker Preceptor, D. Posener I.G., &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Walker as candidate. The brethren unanimously elected Bro. D. Moss as W.M. for the next meeting.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 1st. inst. Present—Bros. Giller W.M., McMillan S.W., Carr J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., C. Lorkin S.D., Valentine J.D., W. Williams I.G.; also Bros. D. Moss, J. Lorkin, W. Burtle, J. Millington, Richardson, Webb, Peach, Brasted, Fysh, Yates, McDowell, H. Hall, Halford Treas., &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a very creditable manner, Bro. Peach being the candidate. Bros. Pearcy worked the first, D. Moss the second and third, C. H. Webb the fourth sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. McMillan was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the W.M. for the very able manner he had presided—this being his maiden attempt to discharge the duties of the chair. Lodge was closed.

York Lodge, No. 236.—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, the W.M. Bro. A. Buckle presiding, there being also present Bros. Sir James Meek P.M., Geo. Balmford P.M., W. Lawton P.M., J. Todd P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., the officers, and many brethren and visitors. The business consisted in the initiation of Mr. A. Neill, of Leeds. Ballots were also taken for two life memberships in the Masonic Charities. A candidate was proposed, and the Lodge was closed at nine p.m.

Zetland Chapter, No. 236.—The regular meeting of this Chapter was held at York on Wednesday, when the following Companions, amongst others, were present—Sir James Meek M.E.Z., Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett H., G. Balmford J., J. G. Turner S.E., J. M. Meek S.N., A. Buckle P.S., R. Davison P.Z., J. Todd P.Z. and Treas., T. Smurthwaite P.Z., T. Cambridge Organist, T. B. Whytehead, T. J. Wilkinson, Cattell, T. M. Richey, Kirby, Rooke, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Comps. W. Watson Z. 734, J. Hanly (4th Dragoon Guards), Dixon 543, &c. The business consisted in the exaltation of Bros. Hanson, Draper and Border of the York Lodge, the ceremony being performed by M.E. Comp. Sir James Meek, in a deeply impressive manner. The sum of ten guineas was voted to the Steward's list of Comp. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, who had given notice that he purposed representing the Chapter at the next Benevolent Festival. After the close of the Chapter the Companions met at supper, and a pleasant evening was passed, in the course of which Comp. Whytehead read an interesting paper on some early minutes of the Grand Chapter of All England at York, extending as far back as the year 1762.

Eton Lodge, Congleton, Cheshire, No. 533.—The annual meeting of this flourishing Lodge took place on the 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall, and was of more than usual interest, inasmuch as it was the day fixed on which the W.M. Bro. John Bradbury P.M. was to be installed in the chair. The brethren began to assemble at 2 p.m., and at 2.30 the acting W.M. Bro. Furnivall, took the chair, and opened the Lodge with the usual solemnities. There was a large number of the brethren present, including the following Visitors:—Bros. Vernon 456 P.P.G.S.B. Staffordshire, Stanhope Bull 821 P.G.S.W., McKinley 424, Moore 295, Maydew 295, Dodd 1558; Bros. Wood, Gaskell, Jackson and Astle, all P.M.'s 267, Macclesfield; Bros. Cokayne W.M. 267, Dr. Cranswick P.M. 999, Wood S.W. 726, Jackson 418, Leech S.W. 295, Broad S.W. 460, &c. Bro. John Bradbury P.M. was duly installed into the chair by Bro. Cokayne P.M. and P.P.G.S.B., assisted by the P.M.'s present, in his usual correct and highly impressive manner, the other Officers adding to its beauty by the perfect style in which each performed his part. The newly installed Master at once appointed the following Officers:—Bros. Daniel S.W., Cotterill J.W., the Rev. J. E. Colyer Chaplain, Dr. Beales P.M. Treasurer, W. Blackshaw P.M. Secretary, Garside S.D., Wingate J.D., S. Blackshaw P.M. Director of Ceremonies, G. Barlow Organist, Orrey I.G., Dr. Beales P.M. and John Broadhurst Stewards. Such an excellent staff of Officers is the best assurance that the high reputation so justly and deservedly earned by this Lodge will be fully maintained during the ensuing year. Superior music was introduced during the ceremony by Bro. G. Barlow P.P.G.O., who presided at the harmonium, which, if possible, added to its beauty, and certainly promoted and enhanced its effectiveness. The business of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed in due and ancient form at five p.m. The brethren then adjourned to the banquetting hall, where the installation banquet was served in becoming style by Mrs. Hopkins. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. A warm eulogy was passed on the Treasurer Bro. Dr. Beales, for the efficient manner in which he had performed his duties. Dr. Beales responded, in a very happy and appropriate speech. The Rev. Dr. Cranswick, in replying to the toast of the Chaplain of the Lodge, in most eloquent terms urged the brethren to practise out of the Lodge those excellent principles they were taught in it. Song followed song, and harmony prevailed until the "time for trains and carriages" arrived, when the brethren separated, well satisfied with their successful and harmonious meeting.

Chapter of Rectitude, No. 581.—The last regular meeting of this Chapter was held at the Corporation Hotel, Tipping-street, Ardwick, Manchester, on Thursday evening week, when the following Companions were present: Julius Arensberge Z. P.G.S.B. E.L., John Hayes H., Henry Darbyshire J., Joseph Wilkinson Treasurer and Acting E., Thomas Tyers P.Z., Taylor Topham A.S., Henry Booth, James Burton, John Brown, P. H. Nicholls J., and Visiting Companions James Hall P.Z. P.P.G.P.S. E.L., John Gallagher Z. No. 325. The minutes of the last regular Chapter having been read and confirmed, E.Z. said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to present to Comp. James Hall P.Z. a very handsome gold jewel and collar, which had been contributed for by the members of the Rectitude Chapter as a token of esteem for Comp. James Hall, and in recognition of the very many services rendered to the Chapter by this highly esteemed Companion. It was confidently hoped that he might be long spared to wear the jewel, and that he would continue to honour the Chapter with his visits. Furthermore, it afforded him very great pleasure to say that the Comps. of the Chapter had unanimously decided to make Comp. Hall an honorary member of the Chapter, and he hoped by the help of the Most High he would long be spared to enjoy that honorary membership, and concluded by adorning his neck and breast with the collar and jewel. Comp. Hall (who was very heartily applauded), in receiving the jewel, said:—Companions, I am very thankful for your kind expressions, and also for the very handsome jewel and collar which, as your E.Z. says, has been so unanimously given to me by the Companions generally. I do assure you that I have always taken a deep interest in Royal Arch Masonry, and anything I may have done for you in the past I will readily and most willingly do in the future, if my health will permit. I esteem most highly the great honour you have conferred on me by honorary membership, and I assure you that, from this fact alone, I shall feel more than ever that I am one of you, and will more than ever try by example and precept to stimulate the Officers and Companions to efficiency, so that when the Chapter is visited, as it will no doubt be, by P.G. Officers, those Officers will go away pleased, and be able to say that the Officers and Companions of the Rectitude Chapter are well up to their work and have plenty of it to do. Companions, from my heart I sincerely thank you. The election of Officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, when the following Companions were duly elected:—The first, second, and third principals were appointed to again serve in their several chairs for another year, owing to the fact that amongst the Companions there did not happen to be a Companion eligible. Comp. John Brown was elected to the office of Scribe E., Comp. Wilkinson as Treasurer; Comp. Emanuel Nelson as P.S. Comp. Thomas Tyers P.Z., seeing that an efficient N. was wanted, very generously offered to take that office, which was most readily given to him, with hearty expressions of gratitude, by the E.Z., and loud acclamations by the Companions. Comp. Nicholls was re-appointed Janitor. On the motion of Comp. Julius Arensburg E.Z., seconded by Comp. Burton, Comps. Thomas Tyers P.Z. and Henry Darbyshire J. were appointed Auditors. The Chapter was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer, at 8.30 p.m. Comp. Julius Arensberg E.Z., having given the visitors his usual hearty invitation, the Companions sat down at the festive board to a grand supper, which was put upon the table by the comely hostess, Mrs. Langford, in her usual neat style and pleasing manner. Supper over, the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured, and the proceedings closed at 10.45 p.m.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday. Bros. Carr W.M., J. King S.W., Polak J.W., Baker S.D., Wardell J.D., Williams I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Smyth Treas., C. Lorkin Acting Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, Allen, Hand, Moss, C. Lorkin, Clark, Woodding. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hand candidate. Lodge advanced, and Bro. Christian was raised. Bro. Hubbert of Lodge 1625 was elected a member. Bro. J. King was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, and nominated his Officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed.

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Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—On Thursday, 6th November, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C. Present:—Bros. J. Da Silva W.M., Gimingham S.W., Bedell J.W., L. Norden Sec., Valentine S.D., Webb J.D., C. H. Webb Preceptor; Bros. Moss, Bingemann, &c. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Moss candidate. The W.M. worked the first, second, third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Gimingham was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed in due form.

St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211.—A meeting was held on Thursday evening, at the George Hotel, Australian-avenue, Barbican. Present—Bros. A. Withers W.M., Radcliffe S.W., H. Forss J.W., Back S.D., Young J.D., G. H. Stephens as Sec., Hentsch I.G., Peirce, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting received confirmation. Bro. G. H. Stephens offered to be candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was ably rendered by Bro. Withers. Bro. Peirce was tested and entrusted; Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Peirce candidate, Bro. H. Forss, Yarborough Lodge 554, was admitted a member.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., on Thursday, 6th October. Present—Bros. Giesecke W.M., Westfield S.W., Legg J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Wallbrecht Sec., D. Moss S.D., Hine I.G.; also Bros. Patrick, Hansbach, Pearcy, and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Patrick acting as candidate. The second and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Fenner, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Westfield was appointed to preside at the next meeting.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction.—At the regular meeting, at Bro. Smith's, Salmon and Ball, on the 29th ult., the Fifteen Sections were worked under the able presidency of Bro. W. Musto P.M. and Preceptor. He was supported by Bro. C. H. Webb P.M. 1607 as S.W., and Bro. Christian J.W. We regret that so few members of the Lodge of Instruction were present to hear the excellent rendering of the sections. Although anxious to excuse them, on the plea of bad weather, or the many similar meetings just being held, we cannot but regret so few were there to do honour to the Visitors. The sections were rendered by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Bros. Clarke, Woodding, Chitson, Christian, McDonald, Webb, T. Barnes. Second Lecture—Bros. Veal, Moss, Ellis, Cundick, Stephens. Third Lecture—Bros. I. P. Cohen, J. Taylor, West. The compliment of a vote of thanks, also the honorary membership of the Lodge, was accorded to Bro. Musto. Votes of thanks were also passed to the S.W. Bro. Webb and the working brethren. Lodge was duly closed.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, Tuesday, 4th November. Bros. Pavitt W.M., Power S.W., Smith J.W., P.M. Myers S.D., Johnson J.D., Legg I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor; also Bros. Fyfe, Spencer, Sanderson, Coper, Sadler, White, Barker, &c. The Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Worsley acting as candidate. Bro. Pavitt worked the first section of the Lecture, Bro. Worsley the second, third, and fourth, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Sanderson 949 and Cope 898 were elected members. Bro. Power was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. This Lodge commences precisely at 7.30, and closes at 9.30, so that visitors from town can reach home by ten. We can recommend Craftsmen to look in at this ably conducted Lodge of Instruction. The brethren who manage affairs pay every attention to those who visit them, and the instruction imparted is of a sound and practical nature.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—On Thursday, 30th October, at Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C. Present—Bros. Poore P.M. W.M., Tolmie P.M. S.W., Hamer J.W., Bisset S.D., Kibble J.D., Lewis I.G., Harper Secretary, Saul Preceptor, and a goodly muster of the brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting were confirmed. The Fifteen Sections were then worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Bros. E. A. Baber P.M. 452, Perceval W.M. 1607, Harper J.D. 1216, Moss J.W. 1201, Jas. Stevens P.M. 1426, &c., Tolmie P.M. 861, Ockenden S.W. 1512. Second Lecture—Bros. Paddle 1201, Goodman, E. A. Baber P.M. 452, Marvin 1768, Saul W.M. 1201. Third Lecture—Bros. Bisset 405 S.C., Blackie W.M. 1426, E. A. Taylor P.M. 1201. The Lodge was closed to first degree. Votes of thanks were passed to Bro. Poore and the working brethren. Lodge was afterwards closed in due form.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.—At the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, on Monday, 3rd November Bros. Grist W.M., Goddard S.W., Garrod J.W., J. Lorkin Secretary, P.M. Stephens Treasurer, McMillan S.D., Cox J.D., High I.G., Bro. C. Lorkin Preceptor, Bros. R. Olley, Aspinall, Coubro, Blunt, McPherson, and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Coubro candidate. Bro. J. Lorkin worked the 1st and 2nd sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Aspinall candidate. Bro. Goddard was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. The Lodge was then closed.

Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693.—Held its regular meeting on Tuesday last, the 4th instant, at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road. Present—Bro. H. P. Isaac W.M., Hawkins S.W., A. W. Fenner J.W., Crosbie Treas., C. K. Killick sen. P.M. Secretary, H. Hall S.D., W. Burtle J.D., Western I.G., Steedman Tyler; also P.M.'s C. K. Killick jun. and A. H. Trewinnard. Visitors—Bros. Gibbs Perfect Ashlar 1178, and R. Clark of the Cripplegate Lodge 1613; a strong muster of the members of the Lodge were also in attendance. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Richard Defries, which proved unanimous, and that gentleman was duly initiated into the mysteries of our ancient rite, in a very impressive manner by the W.M., who was ably supported by his Officers. There being no other business on the rota, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a light repast, to which ample justice was done. After the Loyal and patriotic toasts had been disposed of, the W.M. proposed the health of the P.M.'s, dwelling largely on the valuable assistance the W.M. received from them. To his remarks they severally responded in short but effective speeches. The W.M.'s health was proposed, and received with the usual honours; in replying Bro. Isaac assured the brethren that he would strive to perform his duties with the utmost assiduity; he felt proud of his position, more particularly as he was supported by such an efficient staff of Officers, and he trusted that his year might be as great a success as that of his predecessor. The Treasurer, Secretary, and Visitors' toasts were next on the list, and were duly honoured, as was also that of the Officers. The Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close. The evening's amusement was considerably augmented by the vocal abilities displayed by several brethren; a capital recitation was also given by a member of the Lodge.

Ancient Carthage Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1717 E.C., at Tunis.—The first meeting of the winter season was held on Saturday, 25th October. Present—E. Comps. A. M. Broadley D.D.G.M. Malta Z., Dr. Magnaini H., Baron James Castellnuovo J.; Comps. J. H. Stevens E., G. Pentecost N., Dr. Perini P.S., Cassar 1st A.S., Barsotti 2nd A.S., Professor V. C. Clement Registrar, Professor Souiller Interpreter, and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Comp. T. F. Reade, H.B.M.'s Agent and Consul General, P.D.D.G.M. Egypt, &c., was unanimously elected a member of the Chapter. On the proposition of the M.E.Z., a vote of thanks was passed in favour of the 2nd and 3rd Principals for their invaluable services to the Chapter during their term of office. The three Principals having expressed their desire to retire from office, a ballot was taken for their successors, which resulted as follows:—Comps. T. F. Reade P.M. 1068 Z., Dr. Perini W.M. 1717 H., J. E. L. Barker, C.E., W.M. 1835 J. After routine business being transacted, the Chapter was closed in peace and harmony according to ancient form.

Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744.—A meeting of this Lodge took place at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, on Tuesday, 28th ult., Bro. J. Willing W.M. in the chair. Also present, Bros. J. Douglass S.W., Jones as J.W., W. M. Styles Secretary, Hyland J.D., Cook I.G., Holt W.S., Deller, Jaques, Dovey, Smith, Sillis, Lloyd, Bennett, Cole, and about 60 other Brethren. Visitors—Bros. Mursell J. W. Medina 35, Kauffmann D.C. Kings Cross 1732, and Meacock Crystal Palace 742. The minutes of the previous regular meeting, and that of the Emergency having been read and confirmed, Bros. Dickey and Ramsden were raised to the degree of M.M.; Bros. Harton, Blundell, Thorn, and Holland were passed to the degree of F.C.; after which Messrs. H. Dickey, H. Hoare, and J. T. Woods were properly introduced and impressively initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with, when Bro. John Douglass (Standard Theatre), P.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge 1507, was unanimously elected. The outgoing W.M. was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. Nolan Tyler. Bros. Sillis, Maby, Bennett, Johnson and Lieut. Cole were elected auditors. The Secretary Bro. Stiles (W.M. King's Cross Lodge 1732) proposed that a P.M.'s jewel of the value of £10 10s be voted to Bro. Willing W.M.'s for his successful and able working during his year of office as Founder and first W.M. of the Royal Savoy Lodge. This was seconded and carried unanimously. The names of several candidates were given in to be ballotted for and initiated at ensuing meeting (installation), and after accepting Bro. Treadwell's resignation. The brethren adjourned to banquet, at half-past seven. During the evening the W.M. most earnestly thanked the Officers and brethren for their able working and hearty co-operation from the formation of the Lodge, some fifteen months ago; he felt certain the same goodwill and assistance would be rendered to his successor. The number of the Brethren in the Lodge now amounted to about seventy, and the earnest attention paid by the members to the duties of Freemasonry, and cordial reception accorded to visitors at all times, augured well for the prosperity of the Lodge and the happiness of the brethren. Several songs were excellently rendered and the meeting broke up about 10 in the evening. The installation meeting will take place the fourth Tuesday in November.

Saint Leonard Lodge, No. 1766.—The November meeting was held in the Council Chamber of the Town hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday last. Bro. Louis Stean W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. G. T. Barr S.W., C. F. Barham J.W., Rev. H. G. Henderson Chaplain, C. Stevens Treasurer, J. Cox Hon. Sec., E. Benjamin S.D., J. A. Jones J.D., A. A. Clement I.G., C. T. Speight Tyler, J. Fenston, W. Beasley, W. Snelgrove, T. Lawrence, J. Staff, J. Tidball, F. Matthews, E. Walker, Dr. W. Holt, R. Drysdale, H. J. Thrower, G. Plummer, W. H. Brand, W. Prevost, R. S. Mendey. The Lodge was opened according to ancient custom, and Bro. J. Staff was passed, the ceremony being ably worked. Bro. G. T. Barr was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. C. Stevens was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. C. T. Speight Tyler. Routine business was transacted, and the Lodge was closed.

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LOCAL VOTING POWER IN THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

WE are indebted to Bro. Thomas Bowden, of Bristol, for the following Tabular Statement, taken from the Reports for the Year 1878, which shews the number of Votes held by the various Provinces in England in the Three Royal Masonic Institutions, with the number of Boys and Girls belonging to the several Provinces, and the number of Lodges in each.

When it is remembered that the compilation of this table involves the classification of about ten thousand names which appear in the Report of the Benevolent Institution, undivided as regards Provinces, the amount of work entailed may be imagined. As regards the Boys' and Girls' Schools, the labour is simply one of addition, an item in itself of considerable toil, but the task as regards the Benevolent Institution may better be imagined by any brother who attempts the subdivision of one page, and then takes into account the fact that there are 175 such to work upon. We have before expressed our opinion that this work should not be left to the enterprise of an individual, but should be issued officially by the three institutions. We are not in favour of abolishing the existing books, but think that an additional one should be issued, showing on one page the votes acquired by an individual in the *three* charities; in such a work it would not be necessary to insert the addresses, as they could be found, when required, on reference to the respective lists, the name here being sufficient for all purposes. Were this list issued, it would be easy to discover the brethren who had qualified for one or other of the institutions, and a favourable opportunity would arise for soliciting his or her subscription on behalf of the others, in order to complete the circle of support to the three institutions. In this respect alone we believe the work would repay the outlay its production would entail, if it be necessary thus to justify a most necessary and useful addition to the information we are able to obtain of our Charities. We hope before long this matter will be brought before the respective Committees, and that the ideas of the subscribers on the point will be solicited. In the meantime all praise is due to Bro. Bowden, who, we are assured, will be proud to see an official list issued as an outcome of his exertions. Bro. Bowden desires us to state, that although he has used every care to render his figures correct, he is unable to guarantee their accuracy. This statement we think is quite unnecessary, we imagine that the totals are as accurate as it is possible for any one unconnected with the offices to supply them; but should any material error in any be discovered, we shall be glad to hear of it, as we feel certain will Bro. Bowden. The more brethren who interest themselves in verifying these figures, the more likely are we to have the desired information published officially.

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	No. of Lodges	Life Votes	Annual Votes	Life Votes	Annual Votes	In School	Life Votes	Annual Votes	Life Votes	Annual Votes
Bedfordshire	5	18	6	8	6	0	23	2	15	4
Berks and Bucks	17	194	36	115	40	3	289	11	208	6
Bristol	8	100	215	68	163	1	124	22	74	17
Cambridgeshire	4	11	4	9	4	1	27	14	11	13
Cheshire	36	260	28	116	16	4	428	3	200	8
Cornwall	28	101	0	119	6	0	150	9	72	7
Cumberland and Westmoreland	19	55	14	58	2	3	235	9	95	2
Derbyshire	19	42	417	28	11	4	210	16	25	8
Devonshire	47	404	287	335	120	5	336	18	188	23
Dorsetshire	13	198	28	100	100	6	427	98	92	13
Durham	25	180	0	110	7	7	458	7	233	13
Essex	17	176	90	120	68	3	255	53	138	22
Gloucestershire	14	141	37	74	45	2	390	25	179	27
Hants and Isle of Wight	31	235	46	208	24	4	700	10	357	23
Herefordshire	4	34	2	26	0	0	23	3	22	3
Hertfordshire	11	158	235	138	153	1	114	18	109	26
Kent	43	651	207	573	143	10	944	60	657	35
Lancashire East	89	654	46	532	45	20	1868	32	640	40
Lancashire West	79	574	33	326	69	2	392	7	263	17
Leicestershire and Rutlandshire	10	23	0	53	0	2	160	4	67	38
Lincolnshire	20	154	17	70	29	4	334	15	241	26
Middlesex	29	183	27	167	23	0	298	15	217	34
Monmouthshire	8	92	6	80	2	4	76	68	89	6
Norfolk	15	76	11	66	11	4	121	42	92	22
Norths and Hunts	9	153	8	92	6	3	162	5	112	5
Northumberland	18	142	4	109	4	2	307	1	67	1
Nottinghamshire	9	37	24	17	16	0	98	30	42	27
Oxfordshire	9	119	27	97	42	1	189	8	121	26
Somersetshire	21	245	65	191	74	5	485	18	234	28
Staffordshire	21	167	174	56	39	4	434	9	236	16
Suffolk	19	216	33	163	38	2	184	16	159	21
Surrey	18	244	52	181	42	2	464	38	241	39
Sussex	20	241	60	201	144	4	436	23	396	51
Warwickshire	30	151	23	361	46	4	981	28	400	16
Wiltshire	10	176	8	78	116	1	189	5	141	27
Worcestershire	10	70	6	50	6	0	112	8	57	17
Yorkshire, North and East	26	134	174	58	95	2	306	57	137	48
Yorkshire, West	66	809	434	875	99	16	2458	22	1419	45
Wales (North and Shropshire)	25	50	31	38	18	4	202	15	110	13
Wales S.E.	13	74	4	37	2	3	313	3	177	9
Wales S.W.	9	10	6	6	6	3	102	5	77	14
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WE have received from Jamaica the preliminary prospectus of a Masonic Charity it is proposed to form there, under the title of the Masonic Educational Fund of Jamaica. We have been requested to make the matter known to the brethren of the mother country, and we have much pleasure in placing the details before our readers, trusting that the brethren of the far East will receive the support they deserve in carrying out their desired object. After referring to the general principles of Freemasonry, the brethren of Jamaica point out that its great aim is Charity, and while they admit that theoretically the Craft presents much which calls for praise, practically, they urge, it appears to effect but little good in some places, among which they class their own colony. Having so far accused themselves of neglecting to properly discharge their Masonic obligations, our brethren deserve the greater sympathy in their present attempt to remove the stigma which, they say, rests on the Craft in their district, for it is well known that in many respects they deserve to be complimented on their exemplification of the principles of true Brotherhood.

Having decided on making an effort to remove the stigma which attaches to them, the brethren of Jamaica naturally first sought an object to which they should devote their charity; and we think they have acted wisely in determining to afford to the children of Masons the benefits of an education which the circumstances of their parents, from unforeseen calamity, may render it impossible to provide. The object of the Fund is described as being to assist in the education of the children of Masons, who, on application to the General Committee, shall be considered eligible. It is further stated in the Prospectus that it is not intended to form an independent single Masonic Educational School, but to provide, wholly or in part, for the education of a certain number of children of the Masons of Lodges in Jamaica in one or other of the established schools in the colony. By this step the brethren will be able at once to start their work of fraternal relief, and by a judicious expenditure of funds will be able to assist many cases; while, if they had decided to found an independent school, some years must have elapsed before the needful funds would be forthcoming, and the other arrangements completed.

The names of the brethren who have already promised to support the foundation of the Fund are given with the prospectus, and comprise most of the influential Masons of the district, so that there is a fair prospect of an immediate start being made. At present, the efforts of the founders are mainly occupied in securing promises of support, and it is proposed that, as soon as the requisite organisation is called into action, a brilliant Masonic Fête will be given in the Asylum grounds, when all the members of the Provisional Working Committee, as well as the fraternity generally, will be urged individually and through the influence of their respective circles of private friends to aid in making the Fête financially a success.

The Committee have drawn up a proposed Code of Bye-laws for the government of the Fund, which we give below. At this early date it may perhaps be somewhat out of place to make any comment on these proposed laws, but as we presume the Committee are seeking for the opinions of their friends, we desire to offer a protest against law No. 9. The adoption of this law, virtually limiting the benefits of the Fund to old residents of Jamaica, would, we think, be a great mistake. Surely our brethren there do not wish Freemasonry to lose any of its cosmopolitan nature. We are taught that the charity of a Freemason should know no bounds—so far as nationality or distance is concerned, and therefore why enforce a limit which, in years to come, might act most detrimentally to some whom the brethren would desire to aid. Other points in the proposed Code we may refer to at a later period.

The following have been put forward by the founders of the Fund as the

PROPOSED BYE-LAWS.

1. It consists of a Patron or Patrons, President, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, Treasurer, Secretary, and an unlimited number of Life Governors, and Annual Subscribers.

2. The General Committee shall hold Special Meetings on and at such other times as they may deem necessary, for the purpose of considering applications, and for fixing the days of election.

3. The mode of Election is by means of Voting Papers issued by the General Committee.

4. Every sum of Five Shillings per annum subscribed to the Educational Fund gives the Subscriber one vote at a single election.

5. A donation of Five Guineas, in one or more payments within twelve months, gives five votes for Life at every election, and constitutes the donor a Life Subscriber.

6. A donation of Ten Guineas, in one or more payments of not less than Five Guineas each, gives twelve votes for Life at every election, and constitutes the donor a Life Governor.

7. A donation of Twenty Guineas, in one or more payments of not less than Five Guineas each, gives Twenty-five votes for Life at every election, and constitutes the donor a Vice-President.

8. Similar privileges are acquired by Lodges of the Colony, on payment of double the above amounts.

9. No applicant shall be eligible for election unless the Father has been for at least three years a Subscribing Member of some Regular Lodge in Jamaica, and be a subscriber of at least Five Shillings per annum to this Fund for the same period, unless the Father shall have died before the inauguration of this Fund.

10. No child shall be admitted to the benefits of this Fund who is under or above years of age, nor continue a recipient after the age of

11. No candidate shall be placed on the list until approved of by the General Committee.

12. Every petitioner shall produce a certificate, signed by the Master and Secretary of the Lodge of which the father has been a subscribing member, together with a certificate or satisfactory proof of the date of the birth of the applicant.

13. A list of all approved candidates, together with such particulars as the General Committee may deem necessary, shall be sent by the Secretary to every subscriber at least days before the day of election.

14. As a condition of a grant from the Fund, a quarterly report of the progress, conduct and health of every child assisted by this Fund, shall be required from the head of the educational establishment where the child is placed, and the General Committee shall take such other steps as may be practicable, for ascertaining the progress made by the child.

15. The General Committee shall have the power to increase, decrease, or rescind at any time, any grant in aid, if in their opinion it be deemed desirable to do so.

16. A bye-law will be prepared, showing the mode of election to a seat in the General Committee, and the qualifications which are necessary therefor, say to be confined to the Life Subscribers, Life Governors, and Vice-Presidents. In the case of a Lodge subscribing such a sum as will qualify for a Life Subscriber, Life Governor, or Vice-President, the Lodge to elect annually a representative for a seat on the General Committee.

"HOW TO RULE AND GOVERN A LODGE."

FROM THE "MASONIC REVIEW."

THIS excessive hot wave we are just at this time passing through, brings up the thought, that, perhaps, if a little attention were given it, the cause of a very large proportion of the difficult matters that have to be met and overcome in our Lodge organizations might be discovered.

Nature in her efforts to counteract the deleterious influences with which mankind appear to be surrounded, no doubt does much, but then she cannot do all. A sudden change in the atmosphere occurs, nature becomes weakened, if not wholly exhausted, in her efforts to maintain a proper equilibrium throughout the system, and, in consequence, we become more or less bilious, feel irritable, ill-natured and all out of sorts, and in no proper frame of mind to transact the business in our Lodge rooms, in that cool, calm and deliberative manner which the precepts of Masonry enjoin.

Under circumstances like these—and they frequently occur in our assemblies, especially where our Lodge rooms are not sufficiently ventilated—if the W. Master is not an experienced hand at the business, with a cool head on his shoulders, we are very apt to have a little excitement, and perhaps hot contention, with some unbrotherly feelings before the meeting is over, out of which come contention and trouble that frequently take time to heal up and reconcile. Again, the Master may feel a little out of sorts, and not quite competent to govern himself, much less his Lodge, and then a muss is apt to occur before the business is through.

In one of our Lodges, a few years since, at a time when the hot wave—as it is sometimes called—was passing over the section of country, the Lodge meetings came. The members assembled, but it soon became evident that many of them did not feel as pleasant as was desirable. Among the first business presented for consideration was some half-dozen applications for advancement. Of course the ballot was severally passed, and every last one rejected by from two to six negative votes.

Here was trouble, you may be sure, and it required a cool head and steady hand to guide the Lodge safely through. Excitement ran high, and soon became hot as the atmosphere in which they were sweltering. Each demanded to know why his particular friend had been rejected. Fortunately, however, the Master, who was an experienced hand in his place, and knew how to keep himself in order at such times, promptly ruled all such matters out of order, and would allow no such inquiries to come before the Lodge.

When, by a little vigorous use of the gavel he had got matters quieted, he arose, and in a pleasant manner and tone of voice remarked that he thought they had just finished a most magnifi-

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cent day's work, although occupying but a few moments of their time; and as it was extremely hot and disagreeable, and perhaps, like himself, many of them had become more or less bilious, and of course not in a condition to overtax themselves with any further business at present, he thought they had better take a holiday for the rest of the evening. He should therefore proceed to close the Lodge.

This, however, appeared unsatisfactory to some who wanted to fight it out right then and there. The Master was unyielding, the Lodge was closed; the combustible element dispersed, and of course the fire died out. The next Lodge night came on; all met in harmony; the several applications were renewed; all passed clear, and a happier lot of good fellows never appeared together in a Lodge room.

Now, all who have had any experience in matters of this kind can readily see what it might have resulted in had it been otherwise managed. There was combustible element in it enough to have destroyed more Lodges than one.

Again, another source of trouble and disquiet in our Lodges arises from the want of ability to discriminate between duty and privilege. Whatever is a duty should be performed, and at the proper time; but a simple privilege may or may not be performed, just as the party may think proper. And here we might remark as we pass along, that the doctrine which is being so energetically promulgated by many of the Masonic writers of the present day, that custom, or what is usually called "ancient usage," has not only become law, but an unalterable landmark, is causing more contention and difficulty in our Lodges than there is any necessity for. How often we hear these expressions in our Lodge meetings "ancient usage," "old regulations," "common custom," &c. Such expressions are always used as knock-down arguments—the raw head and bloody bones that are to silence all opposition, when the truth is, "ancient usage," "old customs," &c., however beautiful and appropriate they may have been, were but privileges, and as such, can never become law, much less unchangeable landmarks. Were it otherwise, Masonry would be changing every hour. The Masonry we of the present day shall hand over to our successors will be altogether a different affair from what we received from our predecessors.

Take an example: A Lodge, young, vigorous, and prospering, had fitted up their Lodge rooms appropriately, and procured a fine set of jewels, with velvet collars for their officers, all in good taste, just as it should ever be. Their Master, by the way a good fellow, but a little exacting, must have every thing just so, and stood much upon custom, usage, &c. One sultry evening, the Master observed the Senior Deacon without his jewel. Calling his attention to the fact, he peremptorily ordered him to put it on. Now it being exceedingly hot, as before stated, this arbitrary order of the Master had naturally a tendency to stir up the superabundance of bile. The Deacon felt that somehow his privileges were being tampered with, and without proper reflection, absolutely refused to obey the order of the Master.

Here, of course, was trouble. The Master for a time lost the control of himself, and of course, the control of his Lodge; the members became more or less excited; "old regulations," "ancient usage," "common custom," with all their raw head and bloody bone arguments, were hurled at the head of the Deacon, with profusion, until finally, he became exceedingly angry, threw off his apron, and left the Lodge, declaring he would never enter it again. This of course made matters worse; a resolution was introduced to at once expel him for his contumacious refusal to obey the order of the Worshipful Master. This for a time was discussed pro and con, but not in a proper spirit. All had become too much excited for that; some insisting that as the facts were all before them, the Lodge could adopt the resolution, and expel the brother without any notice or form of trial whatever. Better counsel, however, prevailed, and the matter was laid over until the next stated meeting.

In the meantime the Worshipful Master, realizing that a great wrong had been perpetrated somewhere, but not knowing just where or how to get hold of it, wrote to the Grand Master, giving a detailed statement of the whole case, and asked for advice, what to do, and how to proceed. This was a fortunate step. In due time the advice asked for came, which was in substance that the Deacon, in contumaciously refusing to obey the order of the Master, had laid himself liable to discipline by the Lodge; his remedy against the order of the Master, if he thought it improper or oppressive, was by an appeal to higher authority; but as the Master himself was the first aggressor, in that he had attempted to compel his Deacon to perform as a duty that which was but a privilege, he should at once go to his Deacon, let him read the communication from the Grand Master, and then take back his improper order, apologize for what had been done, and courteously request him to come back and resume his place in the Lodge, and then let the matter drop. This advice, so appropriately given by the Grand Master, was carried out to the letter. The next Lodge meeting came on; both Officers appeared in their appropriate stations; the Grand Master's letter was read, and then the Worshipful Master arose, acknowledged his error, and handsomely apologized to the Lodge, and asked for forgiveness.

The Deacon, feeling that he could be as generous as his Master, candidly acknowledged his error, pledging himself never to be caught in the like again, and as apologies appeared to be the order of the hour, the members caught the spirit, and thus a general love feast ensued, and all got happy; and that was the last ever heard of that difficulty. The circumstance occurred less than sixteen years ago, the Lodge, as before stated, was at that time quite young, having been organized but a few years, and located in a new place, yet it has gone on and prospered, until in addition to the Lodge, there are now located in the same place, a Chapter, Council, and Commandery, and all are prospering finely.

The customs, usages, and privileges of our predecessors 50, 100 or 200 years ago, are no more binding on us of to-day, than will our customs, usages, and privileges be upon our successors, 100 or 200 years hence. The stability and perpetuity of our time-honoured institution can rest in safety nowhere else.

MARK WELL!

From The Masonic Newspaper.

AFTER many month's labour in the editorial field, and having week by week presented to the fraternity The Masonic Newspaper—for their information, instruction and amusement,—it is proper that we should survey the scene of our toil, examine the past, and carefully review the work that has been done. We have performed this duty as we believe conscientiously, and with the desire of detecting errors, if committed, to the end that they might be corrected, and avoided in the future. We have been prompted to more careful scrutiny and most severe examination by the partial censure of some of our contemporaries. Our exchanges have, in one or two instances, brought to us the intelligence that some supposed, that in the discussions and suggestions that we have from time to time made, in reference to the Grand Lodge and its wasteful extravagance in paying representatives, that we have been wanting in proper respect for that most worshipful body, and for the venerable brethren who illumine the East in the character of Past Grand Officers. Willing to believe that such a charge would not be insinuated or expressed unless there was foundation for it, we have taken the lantern of scrutiny, and with it carefully examined all our productions in that respect, and we do not find anything that will, in our humble judgment, justify such reflections. On the contrary, we have expressed our highest reverence for the M.W. Grand Lodge and *all* its Officers past and present. We have dealt tenderly with many things that might have been severely criticised, for the reason that we did not see how remedy could be applied. We have made it a rule not to find fault unless we could suggest some beneficial change. In our various articles on "How to do it," we have called the attention of the Craft to the existence of a system which is working as, we believe, greatly to the injury of the Grand Lodge, and dishonouring the fraternity in the State. We see that a burden is now borne for obligations already incurred. We see that the Craft are severely taxed to reduce this debt, and at the same time that an enormous sum is annually expended to pay the expenses of the Grand Lodge, that the greater part of the expenses arises from paying members for their attendance at the Annual Communications. We see that the labours of the sessions are actually small, and certainly insignificant, compared with the sum spent. We see the disbursements for charity confined within such narrow limits and in amount so small that the bare mention of it has startled all, and awakened by astonishment the indignation of our neighbours, who, educated under the same banner and in the same principles, exemplify their faith by works, while we are content with faith alone. Seeing all this, and feeling that we stood in the position of advisers to our readers, we gave them various suggestions for correcting the evil and relieving the Craft from both the burden of taxation and the unpleasant reflections cast upon their work. In these suggestions we have proposed various remedies, all tending to reduce the enormous expense. We have advanced the idea of reducing the number of representatives, and as part of that made mention of the Past Grand Officers and others, as some who could well be spared without injury to the successful working of the Grand Lodge. As to the reduction of the number of representatives, we but echo a proposition already made in Grand Lodge. As to dispensing with Past Grand Officers, we but follow a precedent which was set in 1849, and which has since proved satisfactory. We certainly are not to be blamed for this, or to be charged with lack of respect to our "elders" and those more experienced. In furtherance of relief, we discussed the propriety of *triennial sessions*, and consolidation of Lodges. And at length settled upon the plan of *dispensing with the pay system in toto*, as the proper method of removing the evil. And we have urged this upon the brethren with all the ability we possess, and shall continue so to do until the work is accomplished.

We would have been unworthy the favour of all Masons, and recreant to our editorial duty had we done less. Our best efforts we feel have been imperfect, but we know that our intentions and desires were honest, and that the achievement of the plan of repeal would be to the honour of the M.W.G. Lodge and of every Mason who hails from the jurisdiction. Let our readers *mark well* the words that we have written, and let them carry forward the work until the end is attained. They must not remain idle or be intimidated by the suggestions that they are reflecting discredit upon the Grand Lodge or dishonouring its Officers,—far from it! On the contrary, all who take up this labour are working for the honour, glory and reputation of our time honoured institution; are striving to remove the clouds which obscure its lights, and restoring to the Grand Lodge of New York its ancient and well merited standing as a peer among the Grand Lodges of the world.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Thursday, 13th November. Present—Bros. Legg W.M., Powell S.W., Lane J.W., Patrick S.D., Hine J.D., Fenner Preceptor, Wallbrecht Sec., Gieseke I.G.; also Bros. Andrews, Clark, Hambach, Trewinnard, Wilson, Stroud, Pearcy, and Bromet. The usual formalities were duly observed, and then the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Clark candidate. Bro. Legg vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Trewinnard, who worked the ceremony of Installation, Bro. Fenner being the Master-Installed. The Lodge was closed in the third degree, and resumed to the first. Bro. Powell was appointed to preside at the next meeting. Bro. Trewinnard was elected an honorary member of this Lodge of Instruction, and a vote of thanks accorded to him for the very able manner in which he had worked the ceremony of Installation, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ROYAL LEBANON LODGE, No. 493.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, in the ancient City of Gloucester, on Tuesday, 4th inst., the W.M. Bro. A. V. Hatton P.G.J.W. occupying the chair. Present—Bros. G. K. Prowse I.P.M. P.P.G.S.D., S. Moss S.W. W.M. elect, G. Haynes J.W., J. Brook-Smith P.G. Treasurer Installing Master, Baron de Ferrieres P.G.R., W. A. Sole W.M. No. 82, J. Walker W.M. 346 P.P.G.S.W., J. Bryan W.M. 839 P.G.J.D., T. Taynton P.P.S.D., H. W. Bruton P.P.G.S.D., T. Nelson Foster P.P.G.S.W., Rev. H. G. Layton P.P.G.C., Geo. Roberts P.P.G.S.B., W. Roberts W.M. 1005, W. A. Hill P.P.G.S.D. (Herefordshire), F. Fisher P.P.G.S.W., E. S. Joseph P.P.G.J.D., R. D. Worsley P.P.G.S.W., E. G. Woodward P.P.G.O., W. B. Stocker P.P.G.J.D., E. Browne P.P.G.S.B. Wilts, F. J. Blake W.M. 855 P.G.S.D., C. S. Atkins, G. Norman, E. Lawrence, E. Gregory, J. Bruton, T. H. Chance, J. Barnard, J. Weston jun., C. Taynton, G. Buchanan, W. Fream, T. White, E. T. Chipp, W. H. Rew, W. J. Lifton, Dr. F. Canisimo (America), E. Horlock P.M., T. Leader, J. Powell, G. R. Shemalt, W. R. Baker, C. E. Quilter, Dr. Peacock, W. C. Heane, G. Horton, T. Hunt, E. George, R. Matthews, D. Buckle, J. A. Matthews, J. Cooper, W. Curtis, T. Robinson, J. Knight, J. Murrell, R. Shfleton, E. W. Pickard, D. J. Newman, T. J. Pooley, T. Price, C. G. Clark, J. Poytress, H. Winfield, J. M. Webb, C. Hooper, J. R. Havland, J. R. Andrews, G. H. Edwards, J. Heastie, E. Niblett, W. Renwick, T. H. Daniels, W. Gardner, B. Shadgett, S. Aitken, T. Steeds, T. Wood, &c. The Lodge was opened in ample form, and the minutes of last regular meeting confirmed, Bro. J. Brook-Smith then duly installed Bro. S. Moss into the chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom. The W.M. invested his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. A. V. Hatton I.P.M., G. Haynes S.W., R. Matthews J.W., E. D. Worsley P.M. Sec., T. White Treas., J. A. Matthews S.D., D. Buckle J.D., G. K. Prowse P.M. Director of Ceremonies, J. Kelly I.G., B. Doyle Tyler. After which the W.M. closed the Lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where a repast, embracing all the delicacies of the season, was provided by Bro. G. H. Grogan, which gave universal satisfaction. The W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts—the first being the Queen and the Craft,—Solo by Bro. R. Matthews—"God save the Queen." Then H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. G.M.; in doing so he remarked that we had a Grand Master at our head whom we not only admired and loved, but all Masons throughout the universe respected, as the Prince of Masons. Solo by Bro. Lifton—"God bless the Prince of Wales." Prov. Grand Master Lord Sherborne, D.P.G.M. Bro. Newmarch, and Prov. Grand Lodge. After speaking in eulogistic terms of Lord Sherborne and Bro. Newmarch, the W.M. coupled with the toast the names of Bro. A. V. Hatton P.G.J.W., and Bro. Baron de Ferrieres P.G.R., who suitably responded; the latter brother giving some of his experiences in regard to the Charities. It is worthy of record that the brother in question is a Vice-patron of the three Institutions, and so much has he the welfare of the Order at heart that the Province is exceedingly proud of him. In giving the health of the Installing Master, Bro. J. Brook-Smith, the W.M. remarked that no words of his could express his thanks for the kind and efficient manner in which Bro. Brook-Smith had conducted the ceremony. It may here be said that one and all of the brethren were exceedingly delighted with the masterly and able manner the Installing Master did the work; seldom, if ever, had they seen it done so well. The brethren having drank the toast heartily, the Installing Master responded, thanking the brethren of the Royal Lebanon for the hearty reception he had received at their hands, and saying that what he had done he considered was only a duty. In his observations he impressed upon all present the necessity, in these days of gigantic strides in the Masonic world, to admit none into our Lodges who would not bring credit and honour with them, so that when we meet in Lodge we may truly say we are a band of brothers, and all good fellows. The Installing Master then asked the W.M. for his gavel, when he proposed the health of the W.M., remarking that he was convinced the brethren had made a wise selection in choosing their Master in the person of Bro. Moss, to whom he wished a prosperous year of office. The W.M. briefly responded, thanking the brethren for the honour conferred upon him. Then followed the toasts of the Visitors, Charities, Officers, and Tyler. The evening was spent harmoniously, and the proceedings were enlivened with songs from Bros. R. Matthews, Lifton, Kelly, Woodward, Aitken, Worsley, and Clarke. Bro. Horton furnished a great treat, viz., a solo on the oboe, which was fully appreciated. The Royal Lebanon Lodge can look back upon its installation night with a degree of pride. May it ever continue the same.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER, No. 1507.

THE members of this Chapter inaugurated their second year on Thursday, 6th November, when Comp. J. R. Stacey was installed into the first Principal's Chair. The Chapter was consecrated in July 1878, and for a time the gatherings were held at the Metropolitan Club, Pentonville-road, where likewise the Metropolitan Lodge was wont to hold its meetings. Consequent, however, upon the great accession of members to the Lodge, the brethren had to seek fresh fields and pastures new, and they are now located at Anderton's Hotel. The Metropolitan Club has lately changed hands, and the members of the several Lodges and Chapters who were in the habit of assembling under its roof have had to migrate. The meeting on the occasion it is now our province to record was held at Anderton's Hotel, where the Companions assembled at 4.30. Comp. T. A. Adams P.Z. acted as installing Principal, and he was assisted by Comp. James Terry P.Z., Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Principals elect were Comps. J. R. Stacey M.E.Z., W. J. Ferguson H., and W. M. Stiles J. The two former have already passed the Chair in R.A. Masonry, and in their case the ceremony was necessarily curtailed, but the installation of Comp. Stiles gave the veteran Comp. Adams an opportunity of displaying the marvellous aptitude he has for conducting Masonic ceremonies. The Officers were appointed as under:—J. Willing I.P.Z. Treas., C. W. Hudson Scribe E., J. Douglass Scribe N., H. Stiles P.S., T. J. Hyland 1st Assist., W. Cook 2nd Assist., W. S. Daniel D.C., W. Side W.S., T. C. Edmonds Assistant Steward, R. E. Barnes Janitor. The agenda paper contained the names of no less than six candidates for exaltation, but unfortunately neither of these were in attendance; consequently, after the transaction of routine business, the Chapter was closed. A capital banquet was served, under the personal superintendence of Comp. F. H. Clemow, who evidenced his desire to study the exigencies of the occasion by forestalling the time set down by half-an-hour, thus avoiding the wearisome interval that would have occurred consequent upon the non attendance of the candidates. This forethought enabled the M.E.Z. to go through the toast list without that amount of rushing and scrambling we are getting almost too much accustomed to. On the removal of the cloth, Comp. Stacey, who is a most genial President, said that he should make his remarks concise, and as brief as possible, therefore, without further preface he would call on them to do honour to the first toast—"The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry." This was most heartily received, and then the M.E.Z. gave, in quick succession, "The Prince of Wales, the First Grand Principal," "The Pro Grand Principal and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present." Comp. James Willing jun. now rose with very great gratification to propose the health of their esteemed M.E.Z. He referred to the estimable qualities of Companion Stacey, from whose ability as an instructor, both in Craft and R.A. Masonry, personally he had derived much benefit. Companion Stacey spared no amount of labour, and his election must inevitably tend to the advancement of the Metropolitan Chapter, and he was sure the Companions, one and all, would join with him in heartily drinking the toast. Full honour was done by all present, and then the M.E.Z. rose: He would elect to take the royal road, and at once get out of his present difficulty. He was eminently gratified at the kind way in which Comp. Willing had spoken of his exertions. This was not the first chair he had filled, and so long as he was so well received he trusted it would not be the last. He assured the Companions that every exertion should be made by him to further their interests, and concluded by again thanking Comp. Willing and the members for the hearty reception they had given him. The next toast that was offered was the health of the I.P.Z., whose exertions had met with such favourable results. A very handsome P.Z.'s jewel had been presented by the members which bore the following inscription:—

Presented to Comp. James Willing,
By the Members of the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507,
As a token of esteem and respect, and in recognition of kind and able services,
As Founder and first M.E.Z.
6th November 1879.

Comp. Stacey, in offering the toast, dilated eloquently upon the zeal and ability Comp. Willing displayed; for the advancement of their Chapter as its Principal he had exerted himself most strenuously, and now, as a member, he (Comp Stacey) was assured he would be none the less zealous. After a song—"Eily Mavoureen"—by Comp. F. Clemow, the I.P.Z. replied. He felt he was surrounded by an assemblage who would sympathise with him, and appreciate all he had to say. Unquestionably throughout his year the time had passed most pleasantly, and the gatherings had been characterised by good fellowship. He had had, both in Lodge and Chapter, some most pleasant meetings in the establishment conducted by Bro. Cox; but events had transpired which necessitated their removal, and individually he did not think they could have secured better quarters than where they were now assembled. Anderton's Hotel seemed to be the recognised place for Masonic gatherings, and he was sure the Bros. Clemow would strive might and main to make them comfortable; he thought both Lodge and Chapter might be congratulated on this point. Comp. Willing then expressed his indebtedness to Comps. Terry and Adams, who, in the formation of the Chapter and in the conduct of the early portion of its affairs, had both rendered excellent service. He also expressed his deep obligations to his Officers; the support they had given had materially tended to ensure the success that had been achieved. The jewel the Companions had presented him with would ever be highly prized, and he trusted their present happy relationship would long continue. The next toast was the health of the Installing Officers of the evening—Comps. Adams and Terry, whose many qualities the M.E.Z. gracefully commended to the Companions. Previous to the reply of these worthy Past Principals, the M.E.Z. called on Comp. Morgan for a reading. The selection made was a little poem entitled "Brought to Light," which was given with much dramatic feeling, intensified by an intimation Comp. Morgan said he had that morning received of the death, at the age of eighty-one, of the old lady with whom he had identified some of the main incidents of the story. Comp. Adams then briefly acknowledged the compliment that had been paid him, and he was followed by Comp. Terry, who assured the M.E.Z. and Companions that anything he could do to forward the interests of Freemasonry, whether in Craft or Royal Arch, it would ever be his desire to do. Comp. Terry strongly urged that to make our ceremonies impressive they should be rendered with dignity and solemnity: this would make those who listened to them for the first time the more deeply impressed with the importance of what they were undertaking. To him it was intensely gratifying to see the Chapter so well conducted. In proposing the health of the Companion Principals, and Officers of the Chapter, the M.E.Z. said that the Haggai and Joshua were both competent Royal Arch Masons, and both were capable of imparting

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knowledge to the younger members. Moreover, the other offices were filled by Companions who felt a deep interest in all matters they undertook, and the continued advancement of the Chapter might thereby be considered almost a certainty. Comps. Ferguson and Stiles acknowledged the compliment, and then came the toast of the Visitors, all of whom spoke a few words expressive of the gratification and pleasure they had derived from their visit. Several other toasts were honoured, and eventually that of the Janitor was called for. The Companions were much entertained during the evening by the vocal efforts of several of the members, notably we may mention Comps. Storey and Clemow. Comp. Hudson was very effective in his recital of "My Lord Tom Noddy."

EARL OF CHESTER LODGE, No. 1565.

THE annual meeting was held on 6th November, when the picturesque village of Lymm, Cheshire, was *en fete*. The meetings of the Lodge are held at the Masonic Hall, and on the above occasion, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the W.M., Bro. J. H. Evans, was supported by a large number of members and visitors from neighbouring Lodges. Among those present we noticed Bros. John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, Rev. — Hodgson P.P.G.C., E. G. Parker S.W. W.M. elect, Balshaw Sec., John Sudlow S.D., James Kenworthy J.D., J. Lewis I.G., G. G. Wootton P.M., Coxhill W.M. 758, Siddeley 1045, John Young W.M. 148, D. W. Finney P.M. Prov. G. Dir. Cers., Capt. Little 120, Bradbury P.M. 1357, Kenyon P.M. 1045, Smith P.M. 1009, E. G. Simpson P.M. P.P.G.D., Rohmer P.M. 633, Groves, Bradford, Wallington, P. Pearse, Griffin, Thompson, W. L. Stone, Crompton W.M. 1588, Barber W.M. 1730, Ryder W.M. 1357, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes were confirmed, and the auditors' report received. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when, in the absence of Bro. E. Simpson, a distinguished member of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cheshire, Bro. Bowes was requested to take the chair as Installing Master. Bro. Evans presented Bro. E. G. Parker W.M. elect for the benefit of installation. The preliminary portion of the ceremony being completed, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and subsequently a Board of Installed Masters was completed in ample form, W. Bros. Finney and Siddeley presiding over the West and South respectively. Bro. E. G. Parker having been placed in the East, according to antient custom, the congratulations usual in well-ordered Lodges followed, the Board being "called off" *pro tempore*. Labour resumed, the Board was closed "in the name and fear," and the members and visitors of the three degrees admitted in due course. The usual proclamations, salutations, and greetings followed, and then the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year. The Installing Master addressed each brother on the meaning of his emblem of office, his situation in the Lodge, and the nature and importance of his duties, after which he addressed at length the W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren generally, and thus completed the interesting ceremony of the day. After the reception of some propositions and the discharge of some routine business, a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Bowes for the able and efficient manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned for a brief interval, after which they re-assembled at the banquet table. The W.M. presided, and after the cloth was withdrawn, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the pleasures of the evening were enhanced by some excellent music.

TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE, No. 1765.

THE annual Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Trinity College, Weymouth-street, W. Lodge was opened by Bro. Prof. E. M. Lott P.M. 245 P.P.G.J.W. Jersey, P.G. Org. Surrey W.M., who was supported by Rev. J. Robbins, D.D., P.M. 1635, P.G. Chap. Middx. (W.M. elect) S.W., E. Passawer J.W., Lt.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke P.G.D., R. W. H. Giddy Dist. G.M. Griqualand, J. E. Turner Treas., John Stedman Sec., J. A. Hammond S.D., H. J. Stark J.D., E. J. Hoare Organist, Bradbury Turner D.C., Rev. H. G. Bonavia-Hunt I.G., F. Droege Steward, George Harrison Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. Lt.-Col. W. S. Somerville Burney P.P.S.G.D. Essex P.M. 1615, H. C. Levander P.M. 1415 Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex, M. A. Cuffee Sec. 63, G. P. Hazelgrove P.M., John Chynoweth P.M. 4, W. W. Morgan jun., George Hastings J.W. 1718, A. Cumner 1426, George K. Emmett jun. 1635. After the customary formalities had been observed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. Matthew Robson, who was a candidate for initiation. Resulting in his favour, that gentleman was regularly introduced and initiated by the W.M., the working tools being explained by the J.W. The report of the Audit Committee was then presented to the Lodge. From this we learn that all claims against the Lodge have been settled, the only debt now owing being a comparatively small balance to the Treasurer. The brethren of the Lodge are to be congratulated on the financial state of their affairs; very few Lodges can boast a complete set of furniture and other necessaries paid for after so short an existence. One other item deserves special mention, we refer to the fact that here a fixed proportion—five per cent.—of all receipts is set aside for the purposes of charity. We have often urged the adoption of this principle, and hope, ere long, to see it more generally carried out. The report of the Audit Committee having been formally received, the Lodge was advanced, Bro. Shadwell Clerke assumed the gavel, and in due course obligated and installed Bro. Dr. Robbins into the chair of the Lodge. That brother having been regularly proclaimed and saluted, appointed the Officers for the year, the following being regularly invested:—Bros. E. Passawer S.W., J. A. Hammond J.W., Turner (named as) Treas., Stedman Sec., Rev. G. T. Handford Chaplain, Stark S.D., Bonavia-Hunt J.D., Droege I.G., E. M. Lott I.P.M. Director of Music, A. W. S. Hoare Organist, Hammond D.C., Hoare and Bradbury Turner Stewards, Harrison Tyler. A notice of motion, relating to the future days of meeting, was then brought forward and carried unanimously. Previous to closing the Lodge, the W.M. stated that his first duty as Worshipful Master was one that could not be improved upon during the whole time that he might rule the Lodge. It was to present to the I.P.M. the jewel which had been so unanimously voted to him by the members. Were he to attempt to interpret the feelings of the brethren, he felt he should but divert their sentiments. He hoped their I.P.M. would live long to adorn the jewel which he would ever do, far more than the jewel could adorn him. Bro. Lott, in reply said it could not possibly give the W.M. as much pleasure to present the jewel as it did him to receive it. He looked upon it as a present of priceless worth, it being really a gift far beyond the value of any amount of money. After receiving the congratulations of the Visitors, the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge, when the brethren adjourned to the Criterion to banquet. The company here had an opportunity of inspecting the suite of apartments recently fitted up by Messrs. Spiers and Pond specially for Masonic purposes. The appointments of the Lodge are as near approaching perfection as anything we know. We hope on a future occasion to give a more detailed account of the Masonic home which the enterprise of Messrs. Spiers and Pond has added to the Lodge accommodation of the metropolis. The banquet was served in the new Dining Hall adjoining the Lodge room, and everything reflected great credit on the caterers. At the conclusion of the repast grace was sung by Bro. Stedman's choir of boys, and was quickly followed by the usual preliminary toasts, each of which were heartily given and received. In proposing the Grand Officers, the W.M. coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Arnold, Giddy, and Shadwell Clerke. Bro. Rev. C. J. Arnold, in reply, after thanking the brethren, referred to the heartiness with which mention of the Grand Officers was always received. He regretted he was unable to be with the brethren in the Lodge: notwithstanding his personal absence, his heart was with them. In his capacity of Deputy G.M. of Surrey, he had that day presided at a meeting at Croydon, and had there performed the ceremonies of the three degrees; and thus the brethren could imagine with what appetite he came among them to partake of refreshment after labour. He had long looked forward with pleasure to attending the meeting, and hoped the Lodge would become one of the most prosperous in the metropolis. Bro. Lott now proposed what he considered the premier toast—that of the W.M. Bro. Robbins. He felt certain the brethren could not have selected a more suitable Master than they had. Bro. Dr. Robbins briefly replied, thanking the brethren very much and very sincerely for the compliment they had paid him. In proposing the next toast the W.M. expressed his regret that he had so short a time at his disposal; it was the question of time which alone prevented his giving the toast the full consideration it so justly deserved; still, it was a toast that required no colouring. The Lodge would not have been in existence but for Bro. Lott, while their musical programme without him would have been unorganised. The W.M. considered that Bro. Lott had founded a most promising Lodge. The toast having been heartily received, Bro. Lott rose to reply. He felt greatly the honour of his position. The W.M. had just stated that the Lodge was founded by him (Bro. Lott), but if he had not had the assistance of the Trinity College men the Lodge could never have been started, while without the aid he had received from the Officers it could never have reached its present position after so short an existence. Bro. Lott next proposed the health of the Installing Officer, Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke; it was a task that gave him great pleasure. Part of his duty that evening was to instal his successor; but, as they all knew, music was his forte, and he was not proficient in anything else. He therefore had to find some one to take his place as Installing Officer. He was not long in deciding on the brother he should most prefer to perform the task, and had no hesitation in asking Bro. Clerke to undertake the work. He had so materially helped the Lodge during its formation, and at its consecration, that he felt no more suitable Brother could be found. The brethren had seen how heartily he had undertaken the work, and now he called upon them to drink his health. Bro. Clerke, in his reply, said he considered it quite unnecessary to confer this further honour on him after the very high compliment that was paid him in being selected to usher the Lodge into existence. He had been especially interested in its welfare. When the I.P.M. suggested that he should occupy the chair on the occasion of the first installation meeting, he readily assented, especially as the W.M. was a brother who had been known to him for many years. He felt sure that, under the rule of Bro. Robbins, the Lodge would prosper. In conclusion, he hoped the little plant he was privileged to put into the ground last year, and which had already advanced to a hardy shrub, would, ere long, rise to be a forest tree, and far overshadow even other Lodges in the district. The W.M. now proposed the toast of the initiate. He was aware that, in many Lodges, it was considered the principal one of the evening, and justly so. He had no doubt but that the initiate had been fully impressed with the ceremony he had gone through. He hoped Bro. Robson would learn that Freemasonry was not a society formed for enjoying good eating, drinking and society, but that it was a bond of good-fellowship—aye, and even higher; but to that he must not at present refer. After a suitable reply from the initiate, the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Visitors." Without visiting, the W.M. considered Freemasonry would be but of little worth. The Trinity College Lodge would ever respect that charge which enjoined brethren to entertain guests. Bro. Chynoweth tendered his thanks for the very handsome entertainment provided during the evening. He had no doubt but that his brother Visitors would agree with him that they had enjoyed a most pleasurable evening, both in Lodge and at the banquet table. Bro. Cousins followed, to a similar effect. Bro. Levander was also called upon. He felt that the other visitors could

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but be as pleased as he was himself at witnessing the progress the Lodge had made since its foundation. The W.M. next gave the Charities. He considered Charity was a very important item in Freemasonry—in fact, they were told that it was the distingnishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart. Even those who had lately professed to disclose the secrets of the Order—with how much truth those who listened to him were aware—had one and all admitted that the first aim of English Freemasonry was Charity. Bro. W. W. Morgan jun. replied to the toast. To the toast of the Officers Bro. Passawer the S.W. replied. It would take him too long to fully express the feelings of the Officers. He would simply tender their thanks, and state that whenever they might be called upon to assist in anything for the welfare of the Lodge, their co-operation might be relied on. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was proposed by the I.P.M., and acknowledged by Bro. Turner. As Treasurer, he had always striven to receive as much, and pay as little, of their funds as was possible. He regretted the balance was not on the other side of the account, but at the same time considered the Lodge was in a very good position. The Tyler's toast was now given and the proceedings terminated. We have already mentioned that Bro. Stedman's choir of boys was present, but we think a word or two more of praise is due to him for the pains he took in conducting the music of the evening. Bro. Lott's services at the piano were a valuable adjunct; but Bro. Stedman's work of looking after a small family is no light task. Everything passed off well, and the result of the day was a grand success. We may mention that in addition to the P.M.'s jewel already referred to, the I.P.M. was the recipient of a miniature jewel, which it was thought would sometimes be preferred by him.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 13th inst., at the Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, W. The W.M., Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, opened the Lodge, supported by the Officers, together with numerous members and Visitors. Lodge was advanced, after the usual preliminaries, to the third degree, when a board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Parkhouse proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. Edward M. Lander, the late S.W. That Brother, having been regularly placed in the chair of the Lodge, was saluted and proclaimed, and then proceeded to invest the following brethren as his Officers for the year:—S. Smout senior S.W., Darby Reade (named as) J.W., Dr. Pocock (being invested as his Deputy), P. M. Holden Chaplain, G. Penn P.M. Treas., W. J. Murlis P.M. Sec., S. Smout junior S.D., F. Frye J.D., J. Bartle I.G., F. Delevante Organist, S. H. Parkhouse I.P.M. Director of Ceremonies, J. Woodmason A.D.C., W. W. Buckland and J. H. Wood Stewards, R. Schofield P.M. Tyler. Bro. Parkhouse then completed the installation ceremony, and the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge. Before doing so he presented to the I.P.M. an elegant P.M.'s jewel, which had been voted unanimously by the members of the Lodge. In doing so Bro. E. M. Lander said: Brethren, we all know the good working of our late W.M. Bro. Parkhouse, and I have great pleasure in now placing on his breast this Past Master's jewel. Every member of the Lodge esteems him, I may even say loves him, for his services during the past year have been such as to call for the highest compliments. Never was there a better Mason at heart. I could go on speaking of his ability, but will now merely add that his conduct is such that we may all copy, both in Lodge and in outer life. I trust that he may live for many years to attend the Lodge and wear the jewel I now have the pleasure of placing on his breast. Bro. Parkhouse in acknowledgment said: I have to thank you, Worshipful Sir and Brethren, for the compliment you have paid me. I do not feel that I deserve all that has been said by the W.M., however, I cannot but express how greatly I appreciate the jewel which you have presented to me. The brethren then partook of banquet, which was served in first-rate style by Bro. Linscott, the proprietor of the hall. At the conclusion of the repast grace was said by the Chaplain of the Lodge, and then the W.M. gave the usual Loyal toasts—the Queen and the Craft, and the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The National Anthem, sung by Bro. Pushman, and "God Bless the Prince of Wales," by Bro. A. Kent, followed. In introducing the next toast, the W.M. said the members were aware it was customary to honour the Pro Grand Master with a special toast. He trusted this special toast would always be heartily proposed and received in the Lodge. He should have been greatly pleased to have seen their noble brother present at their meeting. With the next toast—that of the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers—the W.M. coupled the name of Bro. F. Binckes P.G. Steward, who, in acknowledging the toast, after thanking the brethren, said he conceived it a very high honour to have his name coupled with so distinguished a toast as this. He considered the Grand Officers were a body of men who deserved the highest compliments. Bro. Parkhouse, the I.P.M., gave the health of the W.M. He proposed the toast with very great sincerity. His remarks emanated from the bottom of his heart. He felt that what he said would be endorsed by all present. A better hearted man, or a more genial Englishman than the W.M. never existed. Bro. Lander is a thoroughly good-hearted Mason, one who has supported the Lodge in every way that lay in his power, ever since the time of its consecration. After a concertina solo by Mr. Rudderford, the W.M. tendered his thanks for the hearty reception the last toast had met at the hands of the brethren. He believed when the brethren responded so heartily as they had just done that they meant what they expressed. He should endeavour to fulfil the duties of the chair to the best of his ability, although he could not hope to carry them out as well as the I.P.M. had. Bro. Parkhouse's working during the year had been something grand, and it had been a pleasure to listen to him. He hoped to discharge his duties efficiently, and he felt that he might rely on his Past Masters for assistance, if at any time he was obliged to seek it. The next toast proposed by the W.M. was that of the I.P.M. Bro. Parkhouse. The W.M. felt that this was a toast that would be heartily received; he could not possibly recount the good qualities of the brother on his left. In the name of the Officers of the Lodge, he had especial pleasure in presenting an illuminated address which his co-workers intended as a slight token of the regard they entertained for their Past Master. The address, which was handsomely illuminated, was in the following terms:—

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.
Presented, together with a P.M.'s Jewel, to
Bro. SAML. H. PARKHOUSE,
By the Brethren of the above Lodge,

As a mark of regard and esteem in which he is held by them, and in recognition of the services rendered during the time in which he fulfilled the various offices, but more especially during the year in which he presided as W.M.

Edward M. Lander, W.M.
Samuel Smout, S.W.
Darby Reade, J.W.
George Penn, Treasurer.
W. J. Murlis, Secretary.

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Bro. Parkhouse assured the brethen that it was with heartfelt thanks that he responded to the toast. He felt that the jewel which had been presented to him was as great a compliment as any that could be paid, and—from the fact of its bearing the arms of the Earl of Carnarvon, who as a Mason had earned the regard of every brother in the land—was of priceless worth in his estimation. He had accepted the office of W.M. with a great deal of nervousness, and throughout the year he had felt nervous. As far as his humble abilities allowed, he had carried out the duties consistently. He desired to thank the brethren for the reception they had always given him, and for the attention that had always been paid. He specially urged on the brethren at all times to respect the gavel of the Master, as by so doing they would deserve respect, and show their ability as Masons. He had to tender special thanks to his Officers for the assistance they had given him. He should at all times be pleased to do his best for the Lodge. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Initiate, who, in reply, said he felt very proud at being a member of the Lodge, and having a seat among the brethren. The brethren had all been placed in a similar position, and therefore knew his feelings. No one ever sat there with greater pride than he then felt, or have a greater wish to occupy that chair which was now so near to him, and yet so far away. He felt that a few words of thanks were due to Bro. Parkhouse for the way in which he introduced him to the members on the evening of his initiation. He stated that he never thought that Freemasonry comprised so much good feeling as he had found it did. He should regularly attend the Lodge and the *Lodge* of Instruction, and hoped he might become a star in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. He also hoped that in years to come his proposer would be able to look back and feel that not only had he paid him a great compliment, but that he had done something—however small—for the welfare of the Craft at large. The toast of the Visitors was one, the W.M. said, that was always warmly received in the Lodge. He desired to thank each one for attending, and tendered to them a hearty reception. Come when they might there would always be a welcome. Bros. Levander, Bryett and Isaacs responded. Bro. Levander said, in a very few words he desired to thank the W.M. and members of the Lodge for the hearty reception that had been accorded the visitors. He had had the pleasure of receiving,—and the pain of not being able to accept,—several invites to attend the meetings of this Lodge. He had to congratulate the members on the great progress the Lodge had made. As a guest, and on behalf of the other visitors, he felt it was his duty to refer to the charitable feeling that had been evidenced by the Lodge. He could but congratulate the members on the results they had achieved. Bro. Bryett thanked the members for their hospitality. The members of the Shepherd's Bush Lodge, of which he had the honour of being first W.M., heartily appreciated the co-operation they had received from the members of the Earl of Carnarvon, who had so kindly recommended their petition to the Grand Lodge. Bro. Isaacs could only travel over the old road, and say how pleased he was to again number himself among the guests at the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. He highly complimented the Installing Master, who he said deserved the greatest praise for the way in which he had performed the task he had so fully carried out that day. The W.M. now proposed the Charities. This was a toast always received and responded to most heartily in the Lodge. He intended to uphold and maintain the Charities, as his predecessors had done. He would just remind the brethren that the I.P.M. was a Steward for the next Festival of the R. M. Benevolent Institution, and leave further comment on the toast in the hands of the two representatives of the Institutions who were present. Bros. J. Terry and F. Binckes replied, thanking the brethren for what they had done in the past, and urging them to do as much as they could to maintain the Charities in the future. The list of Bro. Parkhouse was circulated among the brethren during the evening, with a very satisfactory result, the amount promised up to the present time exceeding two hundred guineas. To the toast of the Past Masters, Bro. Parkhouse briefly responded, followed by Bro. Murlis, who assured the brethren that he looked upon the success of the Lodge with the greatest pride. Every year he witnessed the installation of a W.M. he felt more and more grateful for the support he had received when, as first Master of the Lodge, he laid the foundation from which the Lodge had arisen to its present grand position. He trusted the Lodge would always be to the front in the cause of Charity. It had always been his wish to impress on the members to give liberally, but not to exceed the limits they could reasonably afford: so long as they did that, he thought the Lodge would merit the respect of the Craft. Bro. Penn followed. It gave him great satisfaction to see the way in which the work had been done. It would be the endea-

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vour of the Past Masters to show that the Lodge was able to maintain its position, and continue to advance with the times. In giving the toast of the Officers, the W.M. said the members who had been appointed were brethren who he knew would fulfil their duties properly. He trusted that next year, at the corresponding meeting, he should have the pleasure of seeing Bro. Smout occupying the chair of W.M. Bros. Smout sen., Dr. Pocock, and Smout jun. replied, after which the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. Some excellent music was provided during the evening, occasionally being "disagreeably" accompanied by some brethren who assisted, so far as nut-cracking and other pleasantries would count. Among the Visitors were Bros. Geo. W. Dixon P.M. 209 865 P.P.G.D. of Cer. Berks and Bucks, T. Brown P.M. 780, E. Arrowsmith J.D. 733, C. J. Biorn 733, C. Veal 889 P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, John O. Carter 209 P.P.G.D. of Cer. Berks and Bucks, G. Bennett, H. Manchester 1201, P. Marson 1194, W. Gabb J.W. 813, W. C. Williams 1585, S. T. Williams 1261, J. J. Michael P.M. 1732, W. R. Lister S.W. 145, G. Davis S.W. 167, C. Davey W.M. 30, J. Driscoll P.M. 30, Lewis H. Isaacs P.M. 795, John Healey 1348, S. J. Humfress 733, W. Boutcher P.M. 558, W. Handover P.M., H. C. Levander P.M. 1415 Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex, W. Coombes 382 P. Prov. G.S.B. Middlesex, F. Binckes (Secretary R.M.I.B.), P.M. G. Stewards, T. Fisher 733, S. Dowling S.D. 167, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, L. Bryett W.M. 1828 P.P.G.S. Works Berks and Bucks, F. A. Kelly 1524, J. H. Pearson W.M. 1567, A. Kent 1425, J. S. Badkin P.M. 1365, H. Stevens 1732, John T. Bolding 173, M. Spiegel W.M. 188, &c.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—On Thursday, 13th November, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street. Present—Bros. Gimingham W.M., Valentine S.W., Higgins J.W., C. H. Webb Preceptor, Norden Sec., Maidwell S.D., Moss I.G. Business—The Lodge was opened, and preliminaries duly observed. Bro. Norden answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Norden as candidate. Bro. Moss worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Valentine was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed.

Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, No. 87.—On 13th November, at the White Hart, College-street, Lambeth. Present—Bros. W. Stuart W.M., De Solla S.W., Kobler J.W., Isaac Treas., J. G. Bond Sec., Browne S.D., R. Tayler J.D., F. Sambell Tyler; Bros. Rumbold, Oakley and others. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed, Bro. Isaac candidate. The W.M. then worked the ceremony of Installation, Bro. De Solla being placed in the chair of K.S. The Lodge was closed to the first degree, and Bro. De Solla was elected to preside at next meeting. This Lodge of Instruction will hold its first meeting at the new building on the first Thursday in December, at 8 o'clock p.m.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening, 11th November, at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill. Comps. Brown Z., H. Thompson H., W. H. Lee J., J. C. Goldsmith P.S., G. L. Walker N. The following Companions were also present—A. H. Lilley, G. P. Gillard, G. J. Row, H. J. Lardner and F. Brasted. The minutes of the last Chapter having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Brasted of Chapter 1524 being the candidate. Comp. F. Brown performed the ceremony with his usual ability. Comp. Brasted was afterwards elected a member. The Officers for the next Convocation were then appointed, and the Chapter adjourned until Tuesday evening, 18th November.

SACRED HARMONIC SOCIETY.—As Exeter Hall will not be available for musical purposes after October next, this Society has announced a final series of Concerts in Exeter Hall, and has issued a very interesting prospectus for the coming season, comprising an excellent selection of works from the Society's repertoire. The forty-eighth season will commence on Friday, 5th December, when Handel's "Judas Maccabeus" will be performed. Next in order will be the ante-Christmas performance of the "Messiah." The first Concert in the new year will be on 16th January, when Rossini's Grand work, "Moses in Egypt," will be given; following this comes Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" and Spohr's "Last Judgment," a combination which must give general satisfaction. "Elijah" and "St. Paul" are to be heard during the season, also Haydn's "Creation" and Costa's "Eli." The final performance will consist of Handel's Grand Choral work, "Israel in Egypt." The names of the following eminent artistes appear in the list of principal vocalists:—Mesdames Sherrington, Anna Williams, Osgood, and Emma Thursby (Sopranos), Patey, Julia Elton, and Enriquez (Contraltos), Messrs. Rigby, Cummings, Maas, and Lloyd (Tenors), Santley, Lewis Thomas, Bridson and Chaplin Henry (Basses). The orchestra will, as heretofore, consist of the leading members of the profession, under the distinguished guidance of Sir Michael Costa, the Society's able conductor. Mr. Willing again presides at the organ. Under the exceptional circumstances of these performances every possible effort will be made to render them specially memorable in the history of music, no less than in that of the Society itself by their uniform excellence in every department.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Peace and Harmony Lodge.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 16th September, at Du Toits Pan, Diamond Fields, South Africa. Present—Bros. Henry Hartog W.M., D. Van Ulsen S.W., J. van Lys Sombeek J.W., T. van Lys Sombeek Acting-Treas., B. Klisser Sec., J. B. King Preceptor, D. Avis Alm., W. Kimper Arch., E. Garsch Assist.-Sec., A. Harris Ambassador. Past Masters—Bros. B. Susman, P. J. Richter. Visitors—Bros. P. M. Peggs "Cosmopolitan," E. R. Wells, Jas. Laurence, J. Vogt "Athole," J. C. Wylie, C. Arburrow, C. A. Blackbeard "Chas. Warren Lodge," Geo. Brown "Globe," J. W. Sweet "British," and E. Harris "Sir Hugh Myddelton." The following brethren were also present, B. Hartog, P. J. Steyn, J. W. Nutzhorn, H. C. Geyer, A. Hornes, J. Wilson, L. Gers, A. Yockmonitz, E. B. Hoffmann, H. J. Krauss. Lodge opened in the first degree. The W.M. informed the Brethren that the evening of meeting had been changed, at the desire of several members, owing to the following day being the Jewish New Year. A ballot took place for Messrs. Johann D. Andreas and Daniel J. Roussouw, who were duly elected candidates for initiation. An application was read from Mr. F. J. De Vos to become a Mason. Application also read from Bro. Chas. Arburrow to become a joining member. Messrs. Albert F. Ortlepp, Henry W. Hull, and Emanuel Isaacs were then introduced and duly initiated. Bro. P.M. Richter informed the Brethren present that he had attended several meetings of the District Grand Lodge having for their object the establishment of a Masonic Institute for Children, but that a more important meeting was to take place next week, when he would report further. The W.M. then thanked the visiting members for their kind attendance, and also Bro. Wylie for his services during the evening at the harmonium, to which the brethren suitably responded. The labours being ended, the Lodge closed, and the brethren departed in peace and harmony.

REV. DR. ACE'S APPEAL.

Brother W. H. Saunders, of 27 Walbrook, writes to say he has had many handsome contributions towards the above Fund: including £5 5s from the Supreme Grand Council, £2 2s from St. George's Chapter (Rose Croix), £2 2s from the Francis Burdett Lodge, £1 1s from the Ryde Lodge, &c. Full particulars will be given in our next. About £100 more is required to free Dr. Ace from his financial difficulties.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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STRAND.—At 7.15, RUTH'S ROMANCE. At 8.0, MADAME FAVART.

GAIETY.—On Monday, at 7.30, THE GRASSHOPPER.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, HOME FOR HOME. At 8, TWO ROSES, &c.

ADELPHI.—At 7.30, JESSAMY'S COURTSHIP. At 7.45, NICHOLAS NICKLEBY.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7, LOCKED OUT. At 7.45, DRINK.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.45, CUPS AND SAUCERS. At 8.30 H.M.S PINAFORE, &c.

ROYALTY.—At 7.30, MEM. 7. At 8.0, CRUTCH AND TOOTHPICK. At 10, VENUS.

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CONNAUGHT.—At 8, ALCANTARA. On Monday, LE FILLE DE MADAME ANGOT.

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Brethren intending to be present at either the Ceremony or the Banquet are earnestly requested to communicate with the undersigned on or before the 22nd inst., so that the comfort of all may be insured.

THOS. J. PULLEY, P.M. 54, 75, 237, 247,
Acting Prov. Grand Secretary.

Jesse Terrace, Reading,
12th November 1879.

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IN compliance with a requisition delivered to me, and signed by Lieut.-Col. JOHN CREATON, J.P., Treasurer and Trustee, a Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Saturday, the 22nd instant, at Twelve o'clock noon, precisely, on the following business:

Upon the recommendation of the Building Committee, Bro. Colonel Creaton Chairman, will move,

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ROYAL ARCH IN WEST YORKSHIRE.

THE regular half-yearly meeting of this Grand Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, on Wednesday, 5th inst., under the united banners of the three Leeds Chapters. The attendance was very considerable, representing twenty-five out of the twenty-seven Chapters in the province. The meeting was presided over by Lieut.-Col. Sir H. Edwards, Bart., Prov. G. Superintendent, Comp. C. L. Mason, Leeds, Comps. H. and J. D. Kay. The routine business having been got through, showing somewhat of the advancement of Royal Arch Freemasonry in the province, Sir Henry Edwards said:—Excellent Companions—I cannot but feel proud and satisfied to meet the Companions of West Yorshire Chapters this afternoon under the banners of the three Chapters in Leeds. The receptions these Chapters have accorded to me and the Companions in this province merits our most cordial acknowledgments. The gathering to-day is highly creditable to the Leeds Chapters, and I cannot but feel that the operations of Royal Arch Masonry, under these three Chapters, is most conducive to maintain the exalted opinions entertained by the brethren in the Craft Lodges of the principles upheld by the teachings

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and symbolisms of this degree, which is the perfection of Masonry, as practised in the different Lodges. It is my earnest desire that every brother on the completion of his third degree should, if possible, enter a Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry, and work out for himself those meanings of our ritual which time and circumstances can only now develop to him. I am most anxious to see an increase of the numbers of Companions in the Lodges in my province forming the different Chapters, and I hope the Companions will do their best to use all proper Masonic influences to enable eligible brethren to join our ranks. I expect very shortly to be called upon to open a new Chapter in Barnsley, having signed a recommendation to Grand Chapter in support of a petition; and I sincerely hope before our next annual Meeting to be able to report that many of our valued and experienced friends in the Craft will have joined our ranks as Royal Arch Masons. Royal Arch Masonry is an order which every Master Mason ought to support in the best way his means and time can permit. Many of the Companions present at this meeting were present at the last Charity meeting, as well as that of the Provincial Grand Lodge; and it was extremely gratifying to notice the success which had attended the labours of our Charity Committee. All our candidates have either been presented or elected on the faith that the money would be subscribed, as it is now guaranteed by myself and Companion Tew. One girl has been presented. We are now pledged to the £1050 to the Bentley Shaw Memorial Fund. The last statement furnished by our Prov. G.S.E. states that about £93 remains to be collected. I hope the fifteen Chapters which have not yet subscribed will now come forward and help before the close of this year, as well as the twenty-three Lodges which have not yet done anything. I hope our Treasurer will be able to tell us that our funds will permit of the resolution that stands in Companion Tew's name receiving a favourable response. We have 939 Companions on the register. We have now uniformity of bye-laws, and we shall be glad to receive suggestions by which a uniformity of ritual in the Chapters could be brought about. In conclusion, I wish all the Chapters continued success, and sincere thanks to the three Chapters in Leeds for their reception of us to-day, the excellence of their arrangements, and hospitable entertainment. The resolution of Companion Tew was afterwards carried. The resolution of Companion Booth was adjourned to next meeting. The companions were afterwards entertained at an excellent meat tea, served by Companion Oates, of the Masonic Hall. —*Yorkshire Post.*

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ST. GWYNEDD CHAPTER, No. 384, BANGOR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the last Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter it appears that the Chapter attached to the St. David's Lodge, Bangor, No. 384, was removed from the Register. Comp. Thomas Fenn, to my mind very properly, asked by whose authority it had been done, and I am certain that if any one had been present to explain matters, the question would have been adjourned. I will not go into the reason why this Chapter was removed, but will explain how it got reported. About this time last year the Chapters in this Province were (and still are) wishful to start a Prov. Grand Chapter, and the Prov. Grand Secretary wrote to some of them respecting it, and amongst others he writes to some member of the Bangor Lodge about giving up the Charter. This communication is not to the Worshipful Master or the Secretary, and the Prov. Grand Secretary styles himself Prov. Grand Scribe E. This correspondence goes on until Grand Chapter, acting upon the information received from the self-appointed Grand Scribe E., acts as it has done. Now, I think that Grand Committee are wrong in allowing assumption of titles, to start with, as it stands to reason that if there is no Prov. Grand Chapter there can be no Prov. Grand Officers. Some time back, December 1872, we were wishful to consecrate the Welchpool Chapter, and I was referred to Prov. Grand Superintendent; but on my pointing out the facts to the Grand Scribe of England, he acknowledged that there was no such official, and his letter I am referring to at this time of writing. The Province has had no communication as to the appointment of a Grand Superintendent, so that we must therefore even be without a Prov. Grand Scribe E.; and as it does not necessarily follow that the Prov. Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Secretary respectively have to fill the Chapter Offices, at present no one has any right to sign himself as Prov. Grand Scribe E. for North Wales and Shropshire. Even this morning I receive a summons to attend the consecration of a Chapter, at Portmadoc, which is issued "by command of the M.E. Provincial Grand Superintendent." Considering that we have an Official Pocket-Book, I really think that the Calendar Committee ought not year after year to perpetuate the error of publishing a Prov. Grand Supt. and Scribe E. for N. Wales and Shropshire.

As regards the seeming contumacy of the Bangor Lodge in not returning the Charter, it should have been explained that the Lodge was in recess, but immediately on its reassembling the W.M. forwarded the Charter, when requested by the *proper* authorities; and it has now been in possession of Grand Chapter upwards of a month. It is a great pity that there has been so much interfering, for at the installation meeting, last January, there seemed every desire to set the Chapter working again, but this will be such a damper that it will tend materially to stay the spread of R.A. Masonry in that district.

Some time back there was an attempt made to recognise the "Mark:" could not an effort be made to amalgamate the Craft, Arch, and Mark under one supervision and one set of Constitutions, as they are so intimately blended the one with the other? I am sure that there would be more fervour amongst many now lukewarm Masons, if they had not quite so much trouble in taking the Arch, which is one of the most beautiful parts of the whole of our Masonic structure.

Yours fraternally,

D. P. OWEN P.Z. 998.

10th November 1879.

PAST MASTERS' PRIVILEGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have just received the *Freemason's Chronicle* for 30th Aug., and notice the reply of "QUIDNUNC" to my query in the previous week's Chronicle. My inquiry was whether the conditions limiting the right of a Past Master to a seat in Grand Lodge equally apply to his right to a seat in Provincial Grand Lodge. From apparently not noticing the words "election and" in the last paragraph of my letter "QUIDNUNC" seems slightly to have misapprehended the object of my inquiry, and so failed to fully answer it. It will be observed that the question hinged not on the date of installation, but on the executing the office of Master, or ruling the Lodge for a full year, and therefore the instance given clearly applied to the previous question. But that there may be no misunderstanding I will attempt to state a case more clearly:—The ordinary date of election in a Lodge is, say, in November, at which regular meeting A is elected. At the regular meeting in December the minutes are not confirmed, and a second election therefore takes place in January, when B is elected. The minutes are confirmed in February, and B is W.M. till the following December, when he retires in due course in favour of his successor. When B retires, though nevertheless he is a Past Master of his Lodge, yet, not having executed the office of Master for one year, he undoubtedly, according to Constitution "Grand Lodges," sec. i. page 18, loses his right to a seat in Grand Lodge. Does he also lose his right to a seat in his Provincial Grand Lodge, no such condition affecting his right to a seat in the latter being specially laid down in the Book of Constitutions? ("Prov. Grand Lodges," sec. ii. page 52).

Again another instance:—C, a Past Master, ceases to subscribe to a Lodge for the space of twelve months. On his rejoining a Lodge he has lost his right (or rather *privil-ge*) to a seat in Grand Lodge, but does he suffer any further deprivation? How is his seat in Provincial Grand Lodge affected, no such condition as continued membership of a Lodge being specially laid down with respect to Prov. Grand Lodge? I think several reasons might be adduced to show that a limitation which was very desirable to be established as to the seats of Past Masters in Grand Lodge is not only not equally necessary, but perhaps inadvisable, when applied to a Provincial Grand Lodge. What however we want to arrive at is, not what might or should be, but what is the law affecting Past Masters' seats in Provincial Grand Lodge, and as it appears to be a matter of some little importance I would again beg to draw attention to it.

Yours fraternally,

W. S. L.

Cradock, South Africa, 6th Oct. 1879.

APPOINTMENTS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you kindly allow me, through the columns of your valuable paper, to ask a query or two as to appointment and investment of Chaplain and Organist in our Lodges. I am a member of a Lodge founded some twelve months ago, and at the investment of Officers I was rather surprised that the W.M., then a Provincial Officer, should have appointed to the position of Chaplain and Organist two brethren who were not subscribing members to the Lodge; further, the Chaplain was invested with collar and jewel pertaining to the office. The Brother who was appointed Organist refused to be invested. I am of opinion these appointments were illegal, and shall esteem it a favour if any Brother can inform me "Which is Correct?"

At a future time, with your permission, I may supply your readers with a brief history of this Lodge, the method of conducting its business, and treatment of its members.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

10th Nov. 1879. ALBERT EDWARD.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked as under:

At the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, W.C., on Tuesday, 25th November 1879. Bros. Abell W.M. 1599 W.M., Gush I.G. 1541 S.W., Brown 862 J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Lee, Liddall, Sanders, H. C. Soper, Hallam, Brown, Tate. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Linscott, Dickins, Bingemann, Marston, Pate. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Dodson, John Soper, Gates. At six o'clock precisely.

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COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall. There were present:—Bros. Colonel Creaton (in the chair), Dr. Jabez Hogg, Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney, Capt. N. G. Philips, R. H. Giraud, John Newton, F. Adlard, A. H. Tattershall, W. Clarke, Edgar Bowyer, S. Rawson, Griffiths Smith, J. A. Farnfield, J. M. Case, James Brett, William Stephens, C. G. Dilley, J. G. Stevens, J. H. Leggott, T. J. Barnes, C. F. Hogard, Charles Atkins, and James Terry (Secretary). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Terry announced that the day which the Prince of Wales had appointed for the next Festival of the Institution happened to be Ash Wednesday, and that, on communicating with the Earl of Zetland—who was to preside—he found that he would prefer the 9th of February. He (Bro. Terry) thereupon wrote to Lord Carnarvon, requesting him to lay the Earl of Zetland's suggestion before the Grand Master, and he had no doubt that assent would be given to it. Bro. Terry informed the Committee of the death of one male and one female annuitant during the last month, and that an accepted candidate had also died. Bro. Recknell's letter, thanking the Committee for increasing his salary, and assuring the brethren of his constant desire to discharge his duties efficiently, as Chief Clerk in the Secretary's office, was read. The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for annuities, salaries and accounts. Half her late husband's annuity was granted to the widow of a deceased annuitant, and nine new candidates were placed on the list. The petition of one candidate, which stood over from the last meeting for enquiry, was refused for ineligibility. Bro. Leggott brought before the Committee a proposition for enlarging the asylum of the Institution, by adding wings, in which an infirmary, chapel and committee-room could be built, as he did not consider the present building was adequate to the wants of the Craft. He thought there would be no difficulty in raising funds for this purpose, if an appeal was made to the Craft, and he promised to send in a notice of motion for next meeting, when the subject could be considered. The Chairman informed Bro. Leggott that even the present buildings were very rarely fully occupied, and Bro. Terry added that they had been full only five times since they had been erected. The Committee then adjourned.

MARK MASONRY.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 199.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Bell Tavern, High-street, Shoreditch, on Thusday, the 6th inst. Bro. J. B. Shackleton, the W.M., opened his Lodge at the appointed hour, assisted by Bros. H. S. Meyer S.W., W. Fieldwick J.W., W. J. Meek M.O., W. Beasley J.O., B. Meyer P.M. and Treas., James Hill Sec., A. P. Little S.D., J. J. Gould J.D., F. Bonner R.M., J. Marsh Tyler, and the following members, viz., V.W. Bros. D. M. Dewar P.G.M.O. and Assist. Grand Sec., James Stevens P.G.J.O. and John Constable Hon. Members, and Bros. E. M. Adams, W. A. Neede, &c., &c. The Lodge having been duly opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting read, Bros. George Andrews, of Craft Lodge No. 1420, W. H. Edwards of the Beadon Lodge, and R. Marshall of Lodge No. 81[illegible], were advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. by Bro. James Stevens, at the request of the W.M. Refreshment followed labour, and a very enjoyable evening was spent in social harmony, the toasts being very ably proposed by the W.M., and as happily responded to by Bros. Dewar, Constable, and others. Some capital songs and recitations by Bros. Stevens ("Masons' Vows"), H. S. Meyer, Constable, and other members, enlivened the proceedings, which terminated at a reasonable hour, and the brethren separated highly satisfied therewith. This Lodge promises to become, under the present able management, one of the best of the many excellent Lodges connected with this flourishing degree.

OLD KENT MARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A MEETING of brethren, convened by Bro. Tanner, was held at the Trocadero, 6 Broad-street-buildings, on Monday, the 27th ultimo, for the purpose of establishing a Lodge of Instruction in this degree. Bro. Tanner was voted to the chair, and the following brethren were also in attendance, viz.:—Bros. Dewar, Turquand, Mather, Silvestre, Gimingham, Nicholson and Venn. After a resolution had been passed, affirming the desirability of forming a Lodge, Bro. Turquand was unanimously elected its first Preceptor. Bro. Tanner was appointed Treasurer, and Bro. Gimingham Secretary. It was further resolved that the evenings of meeting should be the first and third Mondays in every winter month, from September to March inclusive; the time to be 6.30 p.m. Accordingly, on the 3rd inst., the following brethren attended and formed the first regular meeting, viz.:—Bros. Venn, Moon, Ramsay, Silvestre, Mather and Tanner, with Bro. Turquand (Preceptor) and Bro. Gimingham (Secretary). The minutes of the preliminary meeting having been duly read and confirmed, the ceremonies of opening and closing the Lodge were worked three times, Bros. Turquand, Venn and Moon occupying the chair in succession. At a subsequent discussion, the Bye-laws of the Lodge were agreed to, and, all Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and adjourned until Monday, the 17th inst., at 6.30, when the attendance of all brethren interested in this degree is requested.

IMPOSTORS IN MASONRY.

FROM "THE LIBERAL FREEMASON."

AN impostor is said to be one who imposes on others, or a person who assumes a character for the purpose of deception. He is said also to be a deceiver under a false character. To the average mind, such a person is abhorrent; and yet, on reflection, we have to admit that imposture is practised, in some form or other, by far too many people who would bitterly resent the charge. The man who travels from place to place, and from Lodge to Lodge, under the guise of Masonry, and solicits aid from Lodge or member, without any definite plan or intent of repaying, is, in point of fact, no more of an impostor than he who smirches the good name of a brother Mason, from no higher motive than envy, suspicion or distrust. Beyond a doubt, many a brother speaks disparagingly of another without any intent to injure him in business or reputation; but such a course gives encouragement to the malicious and ungenerous, and to those who would prey upon the good name of the really worthy—imposture, therefore, is not practised solely by design, but sometimes by neglect. It is an imposition, too, and one which should not be tolerated, for Masons to mislead their families as to any of the duties or obligations of the Craft, proper for the profane to know, and surely no worse delusion or trick can be played upon a wife than for a husband to assert that, in case of death to him, the Masons will look after his widow, and secure her from want. This sort of imposition should never be practised even by innendo; show the wife the nature of the bond, that she may see to what extent, no further, she can claim. Let her see how absurd must be the preliminary declaration, by her husband, that he has sought the privileges of Masonry through "a sincere wish to be serviceable to his fellow-creatures" if he teaches her forthwith to hold out her hands in demand. Such, however, is the nature of the contract that, if poverty and decay comes—especially if they come in spite of the prudent and careful efforts of a brother—his widow and children have a right to expect sympathy and relief, as far as lies in a brother's power, without injury to himself or family. Not to afford this is a form of imposition that "fills the heart with pain,"

> "And maketh even the little child
> In bitterness complain."

Masons know full well how frequent—and how pressing, too—are the calls for charity, from within the limits of their own Lodge circle; and they know, quite as well, how constant and persistent are the many which come from without. These latter demands are pressed so skilfully, that their success frequently confounds the former, pushes the honest claimant aside, and leaves her to the pain of a bitter disappointment. It is not unfrequently that notices, in print or by letter, are sent to Masonic centres, warning the brotherhood against A.B., who has been imposing upon the Craft, in a certain section, by fraudulent representations of his dire necessity and his unimpaired Masonic standing. To delay, under such circumstances, seems unjust—even cruel; the coveted aid is given, the fraud progresses, until checked by the discovery of his true character, and then he is posted as an impostor. Women have occasionally played the *rôle* of a Mason's widow so skilfully—adding, at times, one or more orphan children to their presentments—that Charity Committees have come to regard such applicants, if personally unknown, with immediate distrust. Thus it comes to pass that successful knavery may sometimes cause the doors of charity to be closed against the really worthy. But even the worthy may become impostors in Masonay, without intending for a moment to fill such a character. If it be granted that Masonry is founded upon the principles of universal philanthropy and benevolence, it must also be granted that every step taken in it is to be sustained by industry. The maimed cannot be admitted, for the general reason that Masons should be self-supporting, and not a charge upon the fraternity. The benevolence of the institution, however, recognises the fact of poverty, in consequence of age or decay, and also because of widowhood and orphanage: but, in justice to all, it also expects that all who come within its circle in any degree should make some effort to be as light a burden as possible upon its generosity. Evidently, therefore, it is an imposition to appeal to the Craft without making an effort for self-support, when will only is wanting. We have in mind a case where a brother was discharged for non-payment of dues; at the time, he owed for several years, persistently neglected to pay his dues, declined to plead poverty, and apparently found time and money for personal indulgence. About six years later, he died; when, behold! his widow straightway beset the organisation for a large amount of money, claiming that her husband was a Mason, though he had paid nothing in aid of the character for eleven years. This is a double form of imposture—first, by exacting money where none is due; and second, by the notoriety which an honest refusal—or even a limited aid—receives by gratuitous circulation on the part of the family acquaintances, to the prejudice of Masons. It ought to be apparent to the profane, as it is to the brotherhood, that the regulations of Masons should be observed by its members, to entitle them or their dependants to the benefit of any charitable consideration preferable to those of a common humanity. And it ought also to be the chief care of every Mason to maintain the character which he professes with strict integrity, and never to deviate from the minutest principle thereof, so that, if imposition shall be put upon Masonry, it shall always come from elements outside of the Society.

The annual meeting of the Whittington Chapter, No. 862, was held on Monday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when Comp. W. J. Murlis was installed M.E.Z. for the coming year.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 14th NOVEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, at 8 (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1732—Kings Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

MONDAY, 17th NOVEMBER.

45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
196—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
M. M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
382—Royal Union, Belmont Hall, Uxbridge.
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New street, Birmingham.
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1308—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 1061—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 18th NOVEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
R. A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Mapleton-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.

WEDNESDAY, 19th NOVEMBER.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction
1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C.
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
131—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
424—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Canterbury (Instruction)
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
R. A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R. A. 290—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R. A. 1000—Priory Chapter, Middleton Hotel, Southend
R. A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
M. M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

THURSDAY, 20th NOVEMBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (In.)
1728—Temple Bar, The London, Fleet-street
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)
42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire
683—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R. A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

FRIDAY, 21st NOVEMBER.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
814—Kanelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8 (Inst.)
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
347—Noah's Ark, Waxon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)

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1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 631—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
M. M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
R. C.—Talbot, Freemason's Hall, Sheffield
K. T.—Jacques de Molay, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

SATURDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at Bro. Butt's, the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, on Monday, the 10th instant. Present—Bros. Pelikan W.M., Fox S.W., Halle J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Gibbs S.D., McCulloch J.D., Gush I.G.; also Bros. Swales, Lamplough, Main, Gladwell, &c. After preliminaries, Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Fenner worked the first, and Bro. Gush the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge being resumed to the first, Bro. McCulloch gave proofs of proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. McCulloch acting as candidate. Bro. Gush worked the third, Bro. Tolmie the fourth section, assisted by the brethren. On the resumption of the Lodge, Bros. McCulloch of the Alexandra Palace Lodge 1541, Lamplough, and John Main of the New Concord Lodge 813, were elected members. Bro. Fox was duly appointed W.M. for the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 11th November, at Bro. Bond's, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, W.C. Present—Bros. Lister W.M., Hallam S.W., Tate J.W., Abell S.D., Gilruth J.D., T. B. Dodson I.G.; Past Masters Bro. John Bingemann Preceptor. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Bingemann was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Abell. Bro. Hallam was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed and adjourned to Tuesday, the 18th, at 7 p.m.

London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, No. 58.—A meeting was held on Friday, 7th November, at the London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present—Bros. C. E. Barnett W.M., C. J. Hogg (Treas.) S.W., J. D. Langton (Sec.) J.W., Brittain Deacon, J. S. Fraser Preceptor, W. W. Williams I.G., Bro. Fillan, &c. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fillan acting as candidate. The J.W. here vacated his chair in favour of Bro. Fillan. Bro. J. D. Langton, a candidate for the second degree, answered the usual questions. The Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Langton was passed to the degree of F.C. The Lodge was then resumed. The Secretary stated that he had received information to the effect that the Committee of the Club had made arrangements by which the members of this Lodge of Instruction could enjoy the benefits of membership of Club on advantageous terms. Bro. J. D. Langton proposed, and Bro. J. S. Fraser seconded, a proposition, which was carried unanimously, that this offer be accepted, and that the thanks of the Lodge of Instruction be presented to the Committee of the Club for their kindness in the matter. Bro. Hogg was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on 11th November. Present—Bros. Solomons W.M., Lay S.W., Moss J.W., Shadler, Maidwell, Hollands, Ellis, West, Daniel, King, Chicken, Poole, Caton, Pilson, &c. The W.M. worked the three ceremonies in a very able manner, and a vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes, it being the first time that he had occupied the chair at this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Ellis, of No. 1017, was elected a member. Bro. Lay was appointed W.M. for Tuesday, the 25th inst. The Annual Supper will take place on Tuesday, 18th November, when Bro. Daniel, W.M. of the mother Lodge, will preside. A large gathering of the members is expected.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—On Wednesday last, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. H. J. Lardner W.M., Walter James S.W., John E. Fells J.W., J. K. Pitt Secretary, Thomas B. Biddle S.D., George L. Walker Preceptor, A. Valentine I.G., W. J. Ramsay and Alfred Ellis. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Ramsay was a candidate for passing, and the W.M. went through the ceremony in a very effective manner. The five sections were worked perfectly and fully by the W.M. and Bro. Ellis, assisted by the brethren, producing a feeling of satisfaction to all present. The next time the second degree is to be rehearsed we hope to find the Lodge better attended. Bro. S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 8th inst. Present—Bros. Carr W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., Valentine J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, H. Hall S.D., W. Williams J.D., Yates I.G.; also Bros. Defries, Hallam sen., Spencer, W. Burtle, Kidder, Willison, Giller, J. Lorkin, Slaiter, D. Moss, E. H. Williams, Lardner, Halford Treasurer, &c. All necessary formalities were duly observed, and then Bro. Defries answered the questions leading to the second degree. That Brother being but an E.A., was called upon to retire. The Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Giller acting as candidate. Bro. Pearcy worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed and the ceremony of iniation rehearsed, Bro. Defries acting as candidate. Bro. Moss worked the fourth section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. C. Lorkin was elected to preside at next meeting. A vote of thanks was awarded the W.M. for the efficient manner he had conducted the business of the evening, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Bros. Alfred Withers W.M., W. Radcliffe S.W., Dr. Waters J.W., W. W. Morgan Sec., Usher Back Deacon, F. J. Hentsch I.G., T. C. Speight P.M. Tyler; P.M.'s Alfred Green, Charles Greenwood Treasurer. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was in favour of Mr. Edwin Thring, who was proposed and seconded by Bros. Peirce and W. Radcliffe. Bro. C. Skipp answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the second degree, and the W.M. performed the ceremony in a very careful and impressive manner. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the candidate was introduced and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. After the transaction of routine business, and the proposal of a candidate for initiation, to be balloted for at next meeting, Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards partook of refreshments, and discussed several matters of general interest. During the evening it was suggested that in January the members give an entertainment wherein the ladies might participate.

East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Thursday, 6th November. The Lodge was opened by Bro. C. H. Woodward P.M. and Hon. Sec., who read a cablegram from the W.M. Bro. George Yaxley, dated from Boston, America, with hearty good wishes. The acting W.M. was supported by Bros. W. Sharp P.M. acting as S.W., J. S. Streeter J.W., John Hooke S.D., Byron Ridge J.D., Herbert Saxelby I.G., J. K. Pitt Assist. I.G., Past Masters G. Price Treasurer, J. Close I.P.M., Dosell, Podmore, Dickin, and about thirty brethren of the Lodge. Visitors—The Deputy Prov. G.M. of Surrey Rev. C. H. Arnold, Lieut. Clay of the Macdonald Lodge, and Henry of the Jernsalem. The acting W.M. invited the Deputy Prov. G.M. to assume the chair of K.S. and perform the ceremonies of the evening, thinking it would be a very agreeable change to the brethren present, and magnificently did the Rev. Brother acquit himself in initating Mr. John Hartley, merchant, of Yokohama and London, into the mysteries of the Order. This Brother is now on his way to the East, where we hope he may get further light. Bro. Arnold also passed a Brother to the second degree, and, as a climax, raised Brother Albert Kahn to the sublime degree of Master Mason. On resuming the Lodge to the first degreee the Deputy Prov. Grand Master said he had a most pleasing duty to perform; he had been commissioned by the Prov. Grand Master (General Brownrigg) to offer to the W.M. of this Lodge the purple collar of Grand Superintendent of Works for Surrey, which had become vacant since the Prov. Grand Lodge was held at Redhill, in July last; and as Bro. Woodward had informed him that the W.M. would most gladly accept that honour, he (the Deputy Prov. G. Master) should then and there invest Bro. Woodward, as representing the W.M., with the collar of that office; and that the W.M. (Bro. Yaxley) might consider himself as fully invested in the person of Bro. Woodward as if he had received it himself. A very cordial and unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who was saluted with the honours due to his rank, and the Lodge was closed in due form; but not until the Deputy Grand Master had expressed a wish that it might be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge his high appreciation of the manner in which every Officer, down to and including the I.G., had done their work that evening. The brethren then adjourned to a *récherché* banquet, provided by Bro. Margetts, and presided over by Bro. Woodward P.M. and Hon. Secretary, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master having to leave, to attend an installation meeting of an old and valued friend in London. A most enjoyable evening was spent, the speeches being short and appropriate, and interspersed with excellent vocal efforts on the part of some of the brethren, accompanied by Bro. Rhodes, with his usual proficiency, on the pianoforte. The thanks of the members of the Lodge are due to Bro. Woodward for the entertainment he provided them. The meeting will long be remembered by all who were present.

Yarborough Lodge, No. 554.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Bro. Walter's, Green Dragon, Stepney, on the 6th instant. Bro. J. Hansen Thorn opened the Lodge shortly after six o'clock, and was supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. Hugh Cotter I.P.M., T. S. Taylor S.W., E. W. Walter J.W., J. G. Stevens P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Verry P.M. Sec., T. J. Barnes P.M., J. J. Berry P.M., J. Hood P.M., T. W. Tait S.D., W. Cross J.D., J. Lincoln I.G., J. Taylor D.C., G. T. H. Seddon Organist, C. Allen, G. Clark, P. Heitman, S. Allen, C. G. Fardell, R. Lines, T. Russell, A. Symes, E. Rochester, A. Wood,

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H. Horner, A. Walter, W. N. Sparks, H. Forss, W. Hawes, W. Thomas, W. H. Mackenrot, C. Braithwaite, &c.; Bro. C. T. Speight P.M. P.G. Tyler Surrey Tyler. The minutes of the previous regular meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary read a statement of the Benevolent and Lodge Funds, which was most satisfactory. Lodge was advanced, and Bros. S. Allen and R. Lines having proved their proficiency, were entrusted, and afterwards raised to the rank of Master Masons. The ceremony was rendered very effectively, to the appropriate accompaniment of Bro. Seddon the Organist. At its conclusion, Bros. W. H. Mackenrot and C. Braithwaite were in attendance, and were duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The W.M. having received the usual greetings, Lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of refreshment provided by the host, Bro. A. Walter, in his usual perfect manner. The regular toasts were honoured, and the brethren spent an agreeable hour together, interspersed with songs, &c. We are glad to find the Lodge of Instruction meets every Tuesday evening at eight; the working is very good, and Lodge room comfortable.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On 7th November, at the Star and Garter, Kew. Present—Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., Gomm S.W., Frankel J.W., Blasby S.D., Youens J.D., Beckst I.G., Tucker Treas., Gunner H.S., Goss P.M., Acworth, Dorey, Maton, Wyville, &c. Lodge was opened in due form. Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wyville candidate, and the W.M. delivered the charge of that degree. Bros. Wyville and Maton answered questions leading to second degree, and retired. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Gomm worked the ceremony of passing, with Bro. Acworth as candidate. Lodge was opened in third degree and closed to first, when Bro. Botley again took the chair, and a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded him for his working. A sum of money was voted to a distressed Brother. Bro. Gomm was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed and the meeting adjourned.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 11th November. Present—Bros. Polak W.M., Wardell S.W., Williams J.W., Hand S.D., Christian J.D., Smyth I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Baker, Johnson, Clarke, Woodding, Collins, Weige, C. Lorkin, Dallas, Carr, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Clarke, a candidate for the second degree, was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Clarke was passed. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Weige. Bro. Clarke was entrusted, Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Clarke was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. J. Lorkin gave the traditional history. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the third section of the lecture. The Lodge was regularly closed to first degree. Bro. Wardell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. Lodge was closed in due form.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, Tuesday, 11th November. Bros. Smith W.M., P.M. Myers S.W., Johnson J.W., Barker S.D., Rawe J.D., Norman I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor. The Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes read. Bro. Holloway having answered the necessary questions, the Lodge opened in the second degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Pavitt worked the 1st section of the lecture, Johnson 2nd, Pavitt 3rd, and Myers 4th and 5th, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge closed to the first. Bro. P.M. Myers was unanimously elected to fill the chair next week, when the ceremony of raising will be rehearsed; this will be an incentive for those who can attend, Bro. Myers being a disciple of our esteemed Bro. T. J. Barnes, whose working is much appreciated at the East End. There will doubtless be a very full attendance. The following brethren were also present—Bros. Pavitt, Brownson, Holloway, Watkins, Legg, White, Sadler, Keable, and Andrews.

Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360.—It has been decided to celebrate, on Tuesday next, the re-opening of the Lodge Room, after recent repairs and improvements, and thus pay a well-deserved compliment to the worthy host, Bro. Joseph Wright P.M. Bro. Graham, well known to all connected with this Lodge, will exercise his musical talents in the course of the evening. The chair will be taken by Bro. G. King P.M. Preceptor, and tickets (4s 6d) may be had of the Hon. Secretary, Bro. Alfred Withers, 430 King's-road, Chelsea.

The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.—The first meeting after the installation of the W.M. was held on Saturday evening, 8th November, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. Blackie W.M. presided; Bros. Catchpole S.W., J. W. Hamer J.W., N. B. Headon Treasurer, E. Moody P.M. Sec., Taylor S.D., Kibble J.D., Keeble I.G., Baber D.C., and Fenwick and Potter Stewards. The following Visitors were present—Bros. J. Self P.M. 214 and P.G.S.W. Essex, W. H. Postans P.M. 34, J. Eldridge P.M. 167, D. R. Still P.M. 1671, T. Edmonston W.M. 1669, G. L. Saul W.M. 1201, C. J. Perceval W.M. 1607, C. Forbes S.W. 634, Scott New York, J. B. Lamb 1695, W. Earl St. John's, T. Youens 1287, C. Taylor 1765, T. Eastgate 1563, A. Baker 1708, P. Stevens 1326, D. O'Connor 636, Medcalfe 1671. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last Lodge read and confirmed, Bro. Mogridge and Bro. Stevens of Lodge No. 1326 were examined as to their proficiency in the science. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, when the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Mogridge to the sublime degree of a M.M. The ceremony having been completed, Bro. J. Stevens took the chair, and raised his son, of Lodge 1326, to the third degree; this degree as well as the former being conferred by permission of the W.M. of No. 1326. The W.M. then assumed the chair, and Mr. Edward William Postans, who had been previously ballotted for, was in due form initiated into the privileges of ancient Freemasonry. An alteration in one of the bye-laws was next considered, and the proposition of Bro. N. B. Headon, seconded by Bro. Freeman, and supported by Bro. Henry Thompson, was put and agreed to, with but two dissentients. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a well-furnished banquet. The usual toasts followed, interspersed with songs, recitations, &c., and the evening was spent in complete harmony, which was brought to a close at eleven o'clock.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.—A meeting was held on 3rd November, at the Masonic Hall, Canterbury. Present:—Bros. H. Miskin (Treasurer) W.M., T. Blamiers S.W., J. Coates J.W., W. Carter Sec., T. Vautier S.D., J. Wilson J.D., H. T. Naylor P.M. D.C., J. T. Howarth Steward, W. Price I.G.; Past Master E. Beer, and Bros. Everson and Kimber. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of last Lodge of Instruction were read and confirmed. The questions leading from second to third degree were put by the W.M. to Bro. Vautier, and then the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the same brother acting as candidate. Lodge was lowered to second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was lowered to first degree, and the questions leading from first to second were put by the W.M. The Lodge was then closed.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.—At the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday. Present—Bros. Aspinall W.M., Garrod S.W., McMillan J.W., Cox S.D., Goddard J.D., Martin I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., C. Lorkin Preceptor; also Bros. McDowell, Dallas, Trewinnard, Dufresne, Slaiter, Blunt, Hildreth, Jones, Westfield, Jacob, Cox, and others. After preliminaries, Bro. Jones was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and called from labour to refreshment. After resuming its Masonic duties, Bro. Dallas 860 and Bro. Dufresne of 1698 were elected members. Bro. Garrod was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. McMillan then resumed the chair, and presented Bro. Slaiter with a Chapter jewel, in recognition of valuable services rendered during his Secretaryship. Bro. Slaiter responded in graceful terms, thanking the brethren for their kindness in making him the presentation. Lodge was closed in due form.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At a meeting held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 6th inst., there were present:—Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., C. E. Porter S.W., J. Green J.W., J. Wells S.D., A. Jones J.D., Le Grys I.G., Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor; also Bros. H. Kasner, Wheeler Lodge No. 1310, and H. Stephens. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, and delivered the charge, Bro. H. E. Tucker candidate. Bro. H. E. Tucker took the chair, and the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. C. E. Botley candidate. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Tucker alluded to the death of Bro. H. Day, of West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612, and the Secretary was unanimously requested to write and convey to Mrs. H. Day an expression of the deep sympathy of the brethren with her in her bereavement. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had conducted the duties during the evening, this being the first occasion on which he had filled the chair. Bro. Porter was elected W.M. for next meeting, and the Lodge was closed in ancient form.

Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, on Tuesday, 4th inst. Bros. T. Franklin W.M., F. Hallows S.W., T. Upward J.W., J. Pinder P.M. Sec., J. H. Cambridge P.M. S.D., C. B. Carter J.D., G. Clarke I.G., J. H. Wildash Steward. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. H. Cambridge P.M. 15 and 1662 was elected to act as Treasurer until the next regular period of election, and Bro. Thomas appointed Tyler. The election of a joining brother was postponed until a future occasion, in consequence of his non-arrival. The W.M. then, at the request of the W.M. of the Star Lodge, 1275, proceeded to pass Bro. J. E. Somerville to the second degree. A notice of motion by Bro. Pinder P.M. to alter two of the bye-laws was unanimously agreed to. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a light repast, to which ample justice was done. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been disposed of, the proceedings closed shortly before eleven o'clock. Visitors—Bros. F. Paterson Gladsmuir Lodge 1385 P.P.G.O. Herts, Edward Braine P.M. Islington Lodge 1471, J. H. Hiscox J.D. Hemming Lodge 1512, L. W. Williams Star Lodge 1275, and J. E. Somerville Star Lodge 1275.

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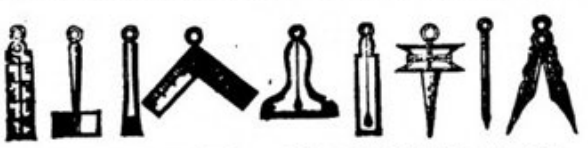

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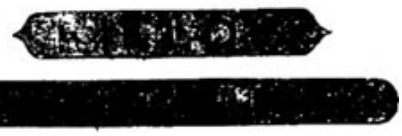

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> Their's not to reason why,
> Their's but to do, and die.

Although these words were written with reference to a military command, they are equally applicable in every other sphere of life, and no less in Freemasonry than elsewhere; for here immediate and full obedience to the dictum of the ruler is both necessary for the comfort of the Lodge in particular and the welfare of the Craft at large. In a recent article we endeavoured to impress on our readers the need for the governor of a Lodge to assume a bold front in any case of emergency that might arise in his midst; and on several occasions of late we have extracted articles from our contemporaries bearing on the same subject; but it is also necessary that the members should stand by their elected head and do all in their power to support him and prevent the display of opposition from any source. Happily it is not often that anything really serious does occur to disturb the harmony, but as it is impossible to know when or where we may be opposed, it is as well to be ever on guard. One of the most prolific sources of discontent is perhaps the distribution of the collars of office, and however a Master may act in this respect he may rest assured he will offend some individual, even if not a body of members of his Lodge. If we refer to the "Antient Charges," and as Freemasons we cannot possibly have a better source from whence to gain advice, we find it there specially set down that "ALL preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; that so the lords may be well served, the brethren not put to shame, nor the royal craft despised; therefore no master or warden is chosen by seniority, but for his merit." These sentiments are reproduced in the Book of Constitutions, and really form one of the most essential parts of the groundwork of the Order, and yet we find brethren who consider they are justified in questioning the action of the Master in carrying out this special part of his duty—whether from ignorance of the law, or want of respect for the chair, we cannot say. As this question, if broached at all, is one which is naturally brought forward on an installation night, and often in the presence of numerous Visitors, the newly installed Master may feel somewhat at a loss to know how to proceed, finding, as he does, his first act questioned by those who placed him in the chair. To such we would say—be firm, and at once stamp out the discontent. As given in the lines we have quoted above, it is the duty of subordinates "to do, and die," if need be, to support their rulers. Once hesitate and the whole Lodge is upset, it may be because an undeserving brother has justly been passed over in the appointment of officers, in favour of some one more suited for the position.

It may be the fear of causing open rupture on the occasion of occupying the chair for the first time that prevents a Master following the course he conscienciously considers best for the Lodge, but were he to take into account the stake at issue such considerations would not be allowed to influence him for a moment. He should remember that he is placed in a position where an error at the outset may cause ruin to the Lodge he is appointed to sustain. If, in his opinion, it be necessary to upset all the appointments of his predecessors, and select an entirely new set of officers, he is justified in so doing if he, at all times, pays due regard to justice and consistency. Should he deem such a course the best for the interests of the Lodge he should come fully prepared to have his action questioned by some of the aggrieved brethren, or their friends, and therefore he should not be at a loss to know how to proceed when such opposition manifests itself. In governing a Lodge it is not only necessary for a Brother to be an adept in remedying abuses, but also needful that he should be able to bring all the members into a fit state of mind to bow to the dictum of the chair. If reference is made at the outset of a discussion to one or other of the rules of the Order which govern the question, and still without securing respect for the chair, immediate silence should be obtained by the use of the gavel. At the same time the Master may remind the brethren that remedy for any abuse of power, if proved, can be obtained without causing a disturbance. In any case it displays bad taste to question the prerogative of the Master, who, for all such purposes, is wisely looked upon as unable to err, and whenever occasions do occur on which a brother for the time refuses to obey the order of his ruler, the brethren should one and all combine to support the chair, though they might feel

"Some one had blunder'd."

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MARK MASONRY.

FORMATION OF A PROVINCIAL G. LODGE FOR BERKS AND BUCKS.

IT is at all times a pleasure for us to record the formation of a new Lodge or chronicle the establishment of a new district or province, and this we have an opportunity of doing to-day. As many of our readers are doubtless aware, the Mark Degree has of late made great advances in the counties of Berkshire and Oxfordshire, and, as a consequence the brethren now desire to form themselves into a Provincial Grand Lodge, whose Officers shall be appointed from the various Lodges of the district. The Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey has been selected for the important duties of first Provincial Grand Master, and he will be regularly installed into that position on Thursday next, the 27th inst., at the Foresters' Hall, Reading. The brethren of the Province fraternally invite the attendance of Mark Master Masons to the ceremony, for which Prov. G. Lodge will be opened at two o'clock, the preliminary Lodge being close tiled at 1.45. The customary advantages as to reduced fares for brethren attending this meeting are offered by the Great Western Railway Company, who deserve the thanks of the Craft for their universal desire to add to the popularity of the Masonic gatherings held in the district served by their line. The banquet will be provided in the Town Hall, at four o'clock, tickets for the same, including wine, being fixed at 15s each: these may be obtained from Bro. Thomas J. Pulley (the acting Prov. Grand Secretary), Jesse Terrace, Reading.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Northumberland and Durham will be held at Alnwick on the 4th of December.

The installation meeting of the Northumberland and Berwick Time Immemorial Lodge of Mark Master Masons is fixed to take place on Wednesday, the 26th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Bro. Dr. Luke Armstrong is the W.M. elect.

York Mark Lodge (T.I.)—A meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Tuesday evening, at the Masonic Hall. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. occupied the chair, supported by the following Officers and brethren:—Bros. G. Balmford P.M., Rev. W. Valentine S.W., J. Hollins J.W., Rev. W. C. Lukis Chaplain, T. J. Wilkinson as Secretary, J. S. Cumberland M.O., W. P. Husband as S.O., G. Garbutt J.O., M. Millington S.D., A. T. B. Turner J.D., T. Humphries as I.G., T. G. Hodson Organist, P. Pearson Tyler; also Bros. W. M. Briggs, G. Ayre, J. Redfare, C. Blackstone, R. Ware, E. J. De Salis, G. Irving, W. Lackenbury, J. R. Jackson, &c. On the proposal of Bro. T. B. Whytehead, seconded by Bro. Balmford, Bro. A. M. Broadley Prov. G. Mark Master Mason of Tunis and Malta was elected an honorary member of the Lodge. Bro. T. D. Smith, of the Eboracum Lodge, was then advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. Bro. T. B. Whytehead informed the brethren that there was every probability of a new Mark Lodge being consecrated in Darlington in December, Bro. J. M. Meek, of the York Mark Lodge, being its principal founder, and that it was hoped that as many brethren as possible would be present on the occasion. The scroll for W.M. then took place, and the S.W. Bro. the Rev. W. Valentine was elected, who returned thanks to the Lodge, in a few words. Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. was elected Treasurer, and Bro. P. Pearson Tyler. Two Auditors were then appointed. Three candidates for advancement, and a joining member were then proposed, and the Lodge was closed, the brethren afterwards supping together at the Queen's Hotel, where the principal toasts were duly honoured.

Old Kent Mark Lodge of Instruction.—Held at the "Trocadero," 6 Broad-street-buildings, on Monday, the 17th inst., at 6.30 p.m. The following brethren were in attendance, viz., Bros. Wallington, Venn, Moon, J. L. Mather, Date, Pitt, Silvestre, Nicholls, Turquand Preceptor, and Gimingham Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed; the Bye-laws regulating the Lodge were agreed, to and ordered to be printed. A portion of the ceremony of advancement was then worked by the W.M., Bro. Turquand acting as candidate, and Bro. Gimingham as Deacon. The same portion of the ceremony was repeated, Bro. Venn temporarily occupying the chair, with Bro. Pitt as candidate and Bro. Turquand as Deacon. The Officers then resumed their original positions, when Bros. Wallington, Date, Pitt and Nicholls were duly elected members. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

ROYAL ARCH.

FIDELITY CHAPTER, No. 289.

A large muster of Royal Arch Masons took place on **Tuesday**, 11th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds, under the banner of this Chapter: all the Chapters in Leeds being represented, as well as visitors from York, Bradford, &c. Amongst the Officers present were Comps. A. Smith M.E.Z., G. Cooper H., R. W. Moore J., T. Gibson P.Z. S.E., W. J. Beck P.Z., S. Stead P.Z., J. Walker P.Z., W. F. Smithson P.Z., D. R. Glover, R. Wilson, G. B. Scott, J. W. Fowmess, J. W. Ramsden, James Dixon, S. Hurd, R. Kingston, P. Frich, W. Ainslie, and G. H. Heald; whilst amongst the visitors we observed Comps. A. M. Broadley Z. D.D.G.M. Malta, C. L. Mason P.Z. 304 and Prov. G.H. West York, J. L. Oates P.Z. 304, J. Monkman P.Z. S.E. 600, Seanor Z. 306, T. B. Whytehead 236 and Z. Designate 1611, G. Althorpe J. 600, A. Hines 163, C. H. Corbett 304, J. Church 317, J. M. Hollingworth, No. 1, Dublin, J. Richardson 204, C. Eastwood 1212, J. B. Townsend 304. The business consisted of the exaltation of Brothers W. L. Jackson, J.P., J. S. Loe, M.D., and J. Dobson, M.D.; and one of the features of the evening consisted in the fact that the First Principals of all the Leeds Chapters took part in the ceremony, in order to give the Companions present an opportunity of comparing the different workings. The differences were very slight, and the ability with which the exaltations were worked was most remarkable. At the close of the Chapter the Companions met at refreshment, and in the course of the evening E. Companion Broadley gave a most interesting account of the Masons' marks and emblems of the Royal Arch discovered amongst the ruins of Ancient Carthage, which greatly impressed those present. He also exhibited an ancient Gnostic gem found amongst the ruins, bearing the figure of a Gnostic Deity, and *the* word of the Royal Arch in a multitude of combinations, which excited great interest.

Chapter of Elias Ashmole, No. 148, Warrington.—An emergency Convocation of this Chapter was held at the Chapter Rooms, Sankey-street, on Monday, 17th November. The M.E.Z. Ex-Comp. John Bowes P.Z. P.P.G.S.N. Cumberland and Westmoreland was supported by Ex-Comps. D. W. Finney P.Z. as H., James Jackson J., P. J. Edelsten P.Z. P.S., and Comps. Charlton, Starkie, Galloway, C. Skinner, Hannah, Hindley, Domville, &c. The Chapter having been opened by the Principals, the rest of the Companions were admitted, Bro. Charlton, who was ballotted for and approved at the last Convocation, was now present, and having been introduced was exalted in due form according to antient custom, by the M.E.Z. who also delivered the mystic lecture. Much interest was manifested in the ceremony. There being no further business, the Chapter was closed with the usual solemnities.

Priory Chapter, No. 1000.—A regular convocation of this Chapter was held on Wednesday, at the Middleton Hotel, Southend, when the following Companions were present:—James Willing jun. M.E.Z., Rev. J. Hatch H., Pissey J., Johnson P.Z. Scribe E., Albert Lucking P.Z. Treasurer, Judd S.N., Jones 1st Assistant, Heaton 2nd Assistant; P.Z.'s Rev. S. R. Wigram P.G.C., Phillips, and Wardell; Comps. Briggs, Beechey, &c. Visitor — Comp. W. W. Morgan. The Chapter was formally opened by the Principals, and in due course the minutes of last convocation were read and confirmed. Several letters expressing regret at inability to attend were read, amongst these being one from the candidate for exaltation, who expressed his appreciation of the honour the Companions had conferred upon him in electing him, and anticipating the pleasure he should receive in joining them at their next meeting. Routine business having been transacted, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions partook of supper. On removal of the cloth, the customary toasts were given with full honours. Comp. Willing presided in right genial fashion, and the time passed most pleasantly. Some capital songs were sung, by Comp. Phillips and others, and, aided by pleasant chit chat, the time seemed to pass rapidly.

North London Chapter of Improvement.—The weekly meeting was held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Thursday evening, 13th November. Comps. Brown Z., Isaac H., Griggs J., Hunter P.S., Halford Treas., Osborn S.E., Pearcy S.N.; also Comps. Cusworth, Edmonds, Greenfield and Somers. The minutes of the last Convocation having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Greenfield 1602 acting as candidate. Comp. Mather, the Preceptor, and Comp. Brown were elected honorary members, and a vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Comp. Brown for the excellent, able, and efficient manner he had conducted the duties of First Principal that evening, for the first time in this Chapter of Improvement. The Officers for the next meeting were then appointed, and the Chapter adjourned until Thursday evening, 20th November, at 8 o'clock.

The Freemasons of Exeter entertained Major Chard at a banquet on Friday, and presented him with an address, a copy of which was forwarded him when he was in Zululand. Previous to his departure for the Cape Major Chard, whilst stationed at Exeter, was initiated a member of the St. George's Lodge, the members of which, on the receipt of the Rorke's Drift news, sent him a fraternal greeting, and expressed pleasure at seeing the acknowledgment his services has met with by his promotion and his decoration with the Victoria Cross. The terms of the greeting were embodied in an illuminated address now handed to him. Major Chard expressed the pleasure he experienced when he at the Cape received the kind expressions of his brethren of the Craft, and acknowledged his indebtedness to them for their great kindness.—*Standard.*

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REV. DR. ACE'S APPEAL.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have to thank you for the kind interest you have taken in this matter. I am happy to state the result of my appeal has been most satisfactory. The "Lady of the Manor" has sent a cheque for £181 17s (amount of builders' account) and numerous friends have come forward.

The following sums have been paid to Messrs. Smith, Payne and Smiths, Lombard-street, viz.:—

	£	s	d
Corban	5	0	0
C. S.	5	0	0
Thomas King	1	1	0
Per J. R. Kelsey (Collection)	8	0	0
Hale and Son	2	2	0
Rowleston	5	0	0
F. Canning	2	2	0
E. Cavell	3	3	0
Misses Wilson	2	0	0

I have received the following sums:—

Brother George Kenning, *Freemason*	5	5	0
FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE	5	5	0
Brother James Austin	0	10	0
„ George Clarke	0	5	0
„ Rendon Saunders	0	5	0
„ William Saunders	0	5	0
„ Aaron Stone	0	5	0
„ Thomas Fenn	1	0	0
„ H. M., per *Freemason*	0	10	0
„ Latimer Saunders (Ryde Lodge)	0	6	0
„ Rev. J. J. Palmer	0	5	0
„ W. F. T. Turner, M.D.	0	2	6
„ George Hancock	0	2	6
„ Alfred Woodward	0	2	6
„ Francis Robinson	2	2	0
„ Captain Clayton	0	2	6
Supreme Grand Council	5	5	0
Francis Burdett Lodge	2	2	0
St. George's Chapter, Rose Croix	2	2	0
"Four Members of Grand Mark Board," per Bro. T. C. Walls	1	0	0
J. T. Saunders	2	2	0
H. Thompson	2	0	0
Rev. C. Mackenzie	1	0	0
G. W.	5	0	0
M. B.	5	0	0
S. E. L., per "Rock"	7	0	0
L. D. (Bath)	5	0	0
An Evangelical Protestant	5	0	0

Brother Rev. Dr. Ace has also received sundry sums, including the following, viz.:—

Mount Calvary Chapter (Rose Croix)	2	2	0
Brother J. Sutcliffe	2	2	0
„ T. Oldham	1	0	0
„ Johnson	0	10	6
„ Green	0	10	6

Dr. Ace proposes to send a List of Subscribers and Statement of Account to each supporter on completion of the List.

About £350 has been contributed in all, and a further sum of £100 will entirely clear the Doctor from his most unpleasant position.

I shall be happy to receive any further sums. Again thanking you and the many kind friends who have so promptly come forward.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

27 Walbrook, E.C. W. H. SAUNDERS.

WHICH IS CORRECT?

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Visitors to Lodges sometimes come across "improvements" (*sic*) in our ritual that I think would occasion considerable surprise to many regular attendants at London Lodges of Instruction. As it is very desirable that "the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the Craft," and as we are further told that "every deviation from the established mode of working is highly improper, and cannot be justified or countenanced," we all of course wish to be as accurate as possible, and therefore it may not be amiss to mention one or two diversities of working that exist in some Lodges under the English Constitution. The first consists in the following alteration in the furniture of the Lodge during the third degree when a brother is to be raised. The pedestal on which the volume of the S.L. ordinarily rests is removed, and a —— is introduced in its stead; on this the Bible is placed, on which the candidate is obligated. Further, "to make an impression on the mind of the candidate," as I am told, his name and age are written with chalk or white paint on the lid of a coffin, so that "wi' ghastly e'e—upon his hunkers bended," he may read the record of his own demi-se. Is this correct or an innovation? and if the latter, is it a matter of any moment?

Another "improvement" is a test that is applied to a candidate on initiation. About the close of the ceremony the W.M. with great formality and gravity offers the new initiate pen and paper, and tells him that he must give the brethren some evidence that he has paid attention to the ceremony by writing down what he can recollect of it. According to the taste or discretion of the Master, the initiate is either directly told to write down what has been with extreme caution communicated to him, or else is entrapped into doing so. He has hardly put pen to paper however, when he is stopped by the Master bringing down the gavel, and with dramatic gesture and indignant voice informing him that he has violated his O.B., and charging him to let this be a warning to him that he may never offend in like manner again. Sometimes this may be done more gently, but in any case the result is pretty much the same, the newly initiated brother is put to confusion, and a very decided impression is made on his mind, though whether always a beneficial impression is sometimes open to doubt. On reflection, the impression most likely to be produced in his mind, I should think, must be that he has been made to appear ridiculous in the eyes of his brethren. This test may be correct under other Constitutions, but is it correct in English Lodges, or an innovation? and again, if an innovation, is it a matter of any moment?

Yours fraternally,

W. S. L.

In Memoriam.

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BROS. E. PAGE AND T. S. MORTLOCK.

Amongst the many duties we are called upon to perform as chroniclers of the events occurring in the Masonic world, there are few that we do not enter upon with feelings of pleasure; true, there are occasional items of news which give us a certain amount of pain to record or comment upon, but nothing very serious. There is one task, however, we can never approach except with the greatest regret. We need hardly say we allude to the work of that grand leveller of all—Death. He seems to never tire of performing his mission, often selecting the best and most esteemed of men for his victims. One by one we miss those who for years past have identified themselves with Freemasonry—those who have helped to raise the Order to its present position, and in each case all we can do is to pause for a moment, shed a tear of sympathy, and proceed in the busy whirl of life until another receives a similar summons, which again leads us to contemplate the reality of the lessons of the Third Degree. Towards the end of last week intelligence reached us of the death of Bro. E. J. Page, whose Masonic career was portrayed in our pages a few years since, under the heading "A Pillar of Masonry." The title selected and the remarks of the writer clearly set forth the character of the brother who has so lately been called from our midst, and we think we cannot pay a higher compliment to departed merit than to quote the concluding words of the "Portrait." "Whatever sphere he may fill in the future, or however high he may yet be destined to rise in Masonry, we are fully assured that he will always be a warm and steady friend, a kind hearted dispenser of charity, a worthy member of the community, and a devoted husband." Those who knew Brother Page in the last days of his earthly career will be able to bear testimony to the truth of these words and the general character of our departed friend. But our mournful task to-day is not yet at an end. The funeral of Bro. Page took place on Wednesday, at Norwood Cemetery, and among those who attended for the purpose of paying the last mark of respect one Mason can pay to the memory of another was Bro. T. S. Mortlock. Finding himself unable to keep up with the funeral cortège, our Brother walked alone to the church, where the burial obsequies were being performed. In the midst of the service Bro. Mortlock fell forward, and, to the consternation of all assembled, in a few moments expired; all that friends and medical aid could do being of no avail. The grief of the brethren assembled, as well as of his relatives, was most profound. We can but offer our tribute of sympathy to those members of his family who will more particularly feel his loss.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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WHITTINGTON LODGE, No. 862.

THE annual Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. The Lodge was regularly opened, and after the transactions of the business announced on the summons, Bro. Godden, the M.M. elect, was formally introduced, obligated, and regularly installed into the chair by P.M. Bro. Moore. In due course he was saluted and proceeded to invest the following brethren as his Officers for the year:—Bros. Tate S.W., Brown J.W., Kingston P.M. Treasurer, Weaver (named as) Secretary, Bro. Collinson being invested with the collar on his behalf, Bolton S.D., Becker J.D., Richardson I.G., Collinson D.C., Ross Steward, Weaver Organist, Gilbert Tyler. It was proposed and carried that a Committee be appointed to revise the Bye laws, after which a vote of thanks to the Installing Master was proposed by Bro. Kingston, seconded by Bro. Walker, and carried unanimously. After the closing of the Lodge, the brethren proceeded to banquet in the Crown Room of the Freemasons' Tavern, where a sumptuous repast was provided under the personal supervision of the proprietor and his manager. After grace had been said, and the customary Loyal toasts had been honoured, Bro. P.M. Moore rose to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. He thought that the next few minutes could not be better occupied than in drinking the good health of the Worshipful Master Bro. Godden. It had fallen to his (Bro. Moore's) lot do many things in Freemasonry in duplicate, but that he had to perform that night gave him greater pleasure than was usual. However, he assumed the office he was then undertaking with some sorrow, as he could but regret the absence of their immediate Past Master. It was not usual for him, nor did he think it well to eulogise a man until he had proved his ability; so far, Bro. Godden had carried out the work of the respective offices he had filled creditably, but he thought it was impossible to say how he would discharge the duties of W.M., although he had very little doubt but that they would be done in the same admirable manner as had those of the past. In fact, he had every confidence that he would so discharge his duties as to merit, not only the approbation of the brethren, but what he considered of far more importance, the approbation of a good conscience. Bro. Godden said he had to thank the brethren most heartily for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. Ever since he had joined Freemasonry he had desired to secure the position he then occupied. It had always been his wish to attain the highest position in any society. He trusted that during his term of office he might perform the duties to the satisfaction of all concerned. He felt he could materially depend on the Officers he had appointed that night, and relied on the assistance of the brethren to look over any slip he might make during the coming twelve months. He now proposed a toast which it was always a pleasure to introduce, as it was a source of gratification to them to see visitors at their various meetings. Bro. Lake was called upon to respond. He thanked the W.M. and brethren for the compliment they had just paid their guests. He considered it a great pleasure to respond to the toast on behalf of the visiting brethren. He had thoroughly enjoyed both the working of the Lodge and the hospitality of the festive board. Whatever Masons might lack, he thought they could never be accused of forgetting hospitality. Whoever might pay a visit to the Whittington Lodge could but go away favourably impressed. He considered a great compliment was due to the Officers of the Lodge; he felt that the Whittington Lodge would be long remembered by him for its excellent working and hospitality. He concluded by wishing the W.M. a prosperous year of office. Bro. Stanton Jones followed, and then Bro. Rudderforth was called upon. He felt certain that the brethren had selected the right man as Master. He was one well qualified to discharge the duties of the high office, as he would bring to bear those abilities which had won for him so prominent a position in private life. Bro. Marston was the next called upon. From what he knew of the abilities of the W.M., and what he had witnessed that night, he felt assured that Bro. Godden would prove himself a good ruler of the Lodge. He trusted there would be ample opportunity afforded the W.M. for displaying his knowledge of the ceremonies. Bro. Alexander also replied, desiring to bear witness to the ability with which the ceremony of installation had been performed. The next toast, the W.M. said, was in honour of brethren whom it would be impossible to do without. It was at all times heartily responded to, and justly so, it being the health of the Past Masters. There was a time, the W.M. said, when he used to think that the P.M.'s were brethren who had only to rest on their laurels, but he had recently found that they had some work to do, and that of an important nature. He felt sure that the Past Masters would one and all render him any assistance he might need. Bro. Jones was the first to respond. He had on many occasions been called upon to speak to various toasts in the Whittington Lodge, having for the past twenty years been frequently called to acknowledge one or another. He looked around, and found good men in the various offices of the Lodge, and felt no doubt but that its prestige would be maintained by the W.M. and those who followed him. Brother Walker felt it a privilege to be allowed to say a few words in reply to the toast. He was thankful that the brethren had so kindly received the remarks of the W.M., and thankful that the Lodge appeared so prosperous—its having so many visiting brethren was one sign of this. He sincerely trusted that the Master would complete his year of office in peace and harmony. The health of the Treasurer of the Lodge, the Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund, and the Secretary was next given, the W.M. referring to each in suitable terms. Bro Kingston thanked the W.M. for the genial manner in which he had proposed the toast. So long as the offices of Treasurer and Secretary were entrusted to such brethren as held them at the present time he felt assured the duties would be properly discharged. Bro. Pike, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund, followed. He announced that the current year showed a larger balance than any previous year had exhibited. So long as the brethren showed confidence in him he should endeavour to show he was worthy. The Wardens and other Officers were now toasted by the W.M. He had great pleasure in proposing the toast, knowing as he did that the Lodge possessed two good Wardens and other efficient Officers. The S.W. first replied. The evening had been a most pleasing one to him in many respects. Bro. Tate was glad to see the W. Master in the chair, a position he well merited. Bro. Brown the J.W. thanked the brethren. They could well imagine his feelings on the present occasion. As he considered that no brother should be placed in office unless he was capable of performing the duties appertaining thereto, he hoped he might prove himself efficient in what would be required of him. Though he had very great respect for seniority, he should never study it unless it were accompanied by competency. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Auditors, regretting that he had left the toast till so late a period of the proceedings. Bro. Irvine replied. He felt very much obliged to the W.M. As an auditor he felt that he could not do much, but as a lay member he would do his best to support the chair during the coming year. One thing he thought all should bear in mind was, it deserved never to be filled with less lustre than it had been that night. He was not an old Mason, but he felt that if one and all worked together, no happier Lodge could be found. He urged each brother to appoint an inner guard on his mind, and secure a W.M. to rule his actions, and then nothing but happiness could result. The W.M. now said he felt a very grave charge could be laid against him, inasmuch as he had omitted to propose the health of the Installing Master. He felt he could hardly take the whole of the blame, as he had asked one of his P.M.'s to give a list of the toasts, for his guidance. However, he hoped now to do something towards the rectification of his error. He could but compliment Bro. Moore on the ability he had displayed. Bro. Moore, in reply, said that two surprises had come upon him that night. The first, when a vote of thanks was awarded him in the Lodge, and now that a special toast was proposed in his honour. No man could have his health proposed and received in such a way as he had just had without feeling greatly the compliment that was paid him. He thought that if a man only put his heart into his work he could not fail to perform his duty creditably. He considered that really, as regarded the work he had performed that night, he had but little to be proud of, all the credit being due to those who had instructed him. The W.M. proposed the health of the Lay Members in a most hearty manner, several of the brethren replying. This completed the list the W.M. had set out for himself, and the Tyler was accordingly called to propose the tribute to our less fortunate brethren. Among the visitors present to do honour to the new W.M. were:—S. R. Lamble 27, W. Smith 1319, Joseph Carnaby P.M. 1382, *T. W. C.* Jones 259, John Reid 145, W. Lake 131, John Bingemann P.M. 55 and 1599, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, T. W. S. Tomkins (Royal Leopold), J. C. Hayes 619, J. Kennard P.M., T. B. Dodson 860, M. J. Withers Sec. 414, E. H. Hill 700, A. E. Gladwell 172, H. J. Alexander W.M. 1425, W, Pierpoint 813, E. Stanton Jones 1319, W. M. Stiles W.M. 1732, W. A. Tinney P.M. 1319, W. H. G. Rudderforth W.M. 1668, W. H. Marston P.M. 1599 S.W. 55, T. Gates Treas. 1599, J. W. Bellamy 1567, R. C. Smith 1567, W. Ferguson S.W. 1101, S. Crawford 192, T. Ormiston 1507, W. Long P.M. 435, A. H. Wilson 733, W. Ledington 1875, W. G. Dickins J.W. 860, H. J. Newton 1704, E. Coombe 1185, &c.

LODGE OF ISRAEL, No. 1502, LIVERPOOL.

THE annual installation of this flourishing and excellent Lodge, which ranks as one of the foremost Lodges in Liverpool, was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Monday, 17th November, the W.M. Bro. S. Schönstadt occupying the chair. Bros. A. Jones I.P.M., A. Hart P.M. as S.W., H. A. Tobias J.W. W.M. Elect, Rev. Professor Prag Chaplain, M. Hart P.M. D.C., A. J. Henochsberg P.M. Treasurer, S. J. Henochsberg Secretary, M. Aronsberg S.D., M. P. Tueski J.D., J. Saber I.G., W. G. Veale Organist, D. Gabrielson and H. F. Wright Stewards, W. H. Ball Tyler, R. Robinson P.M. P.P.G.R., J. Frank P.M., B. Worlf, M. Feldman, S. Mamelock, A. Zolki, N. Levy, J. Phillips, H. Henochsberg, H. Sagar, M. Ansell, H. Defreece, E. Ehreman, E. Myers, T. Braun, J. S. McCabe, M. Baum, A. Saqui, R. Abrahams, S. Jacobs, S. Simmons, A. Levy, J. Miller, E. J. Hart, A. Raibow, J. Lazarus, &c. Amongst the Visitors we noticed—Bros. J. Newell P.G.S.W. Ex-Mayor of Bootle, W. B. Ackerley P.G.J.W., J. T. Callow P.G.Tr., Rev. J. F Goggins P.G. Chaplain, H. S. Allpass P.G. Sec., J. W. Ballan P.G.P., G. Broadbridge P.P.G.D.C., J. B. Mackenzie W.M. 1609, H. J. Cobham P.M. 1380, W. Corbett W.M. 249, David A. Davis W.M. 625, J.W. 1798, S. Walford P.M. 798, J. Winsin P.M. 203 241, D. Ramsey S.W. 680, H. James P.M. 203, O. Alston W.M. 203, R. Crisp W.M. 724, J. R. Bottomley W.M. 1675, F. Barnett I.P.M. 219, C. F. Hatherley S.W. 1310, L. Tonquino, J. Jacobs 724, 1576, S. B. Goodman 529, M. Breslau 402, A. Abrahams Israel 205, Jos. Bryant 1035, 203, J. Lipsom, J. R. Grant, C. W. Makin, &c. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer at four o'clock p.m., and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Jos. Tate, which proved unanimous in his favour. The balance sheet was then read and adopted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. H. A. Tobias W.M. Elect was presented to the W.M. Having given the customary responses, he was duly installed as W.M. of the Lodge of Israel for the ensuing year. We must congratulate Bro. Schönstadt for the excellent manner in which he performed the installation ceremony, it showed a perfect study and intelligent ability, and was fully appreciated by the numerous brethren present. On the readmission of the M.M.'s Bro. Schönstadt

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announced to them the fact of Bro. Tobias's installation, and the usual salutations were given. The Installing Master invested the newly-appointed Officers, as follow :—Bros. Rev. Prof. J. Prag Chap., M. Hart P.M. D.C., S. J. Henochsberg S.W., M. Arensberg J.W., A. J. Henochsberg P.M. Treas., M. P. Tueski Sec., J. Saber S.D., H. F. Wright J.D., D. Gabrielson I.G., W. G. Veale Org., H. M. Silver S.S., M. Baum J.S., W. H. Ball Tyler. After some routine business had been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the Banquet-hall, where an excellent *menu* had been provided, and the viands were heartily enjoyed. At the conclusion of the repast, grace was chanted by Bro. J. Frank P.M. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were then proposed and duly honoured. Bro. Ackerley P.G.J.W. and Bro. Broadbridge P.P.G.D.C. responded on behalf of the P.G. Officers. Bro. Schönstadt I.P.M. now proposed what he considered the toast of the evening, viz., the health of the W.M. The doing so afforded him great pleasure, he having had the privilege of proposing Bro. Tobias as a joining member of the Lodge. His now being placed in the proud position of W.M. proved the brethren endorsed the introduction. It was also very gratifying to him to have had the pleasure of installing their W.M., who, he felt sure, would prove himself worthy of the proud position. Bro. H. J. Henochsberg P.M. next favoured the brethren with a humorous sketch from *Pickwick*, which was heartily enjoyed. The W.M. responded to the toast with much feeling and ability, and at the same time presented the I.P.M. with a beautiful Past Master's jewel, on behalf of the brethren of the Lodge, for the satisfactory and excellent manner in which he had performed his duties as W.M. during the past year. He had much pleasure in proposing his health. Song—Bro. M. Hart P.M., "Carmen." The I.P.M. (Bro. Schönstadt) briefly responded. The W.M. next proposed the Visiting Brethren—coupling with the toast the names of Bros. J. Cobham P.M. 1380, A. Alston W.M. 203, and D. A. Davis W.M. 625 and J.W. 1798. Song—Bro. S. Jacobs. Bros. Cobham, Alston and Davis responded; expressing, on behalf of the visiting brethren, their thanks for the kind hospitality so cordially tendered. The toasts of the Fund of Benevolence, the Past Masters, and Officers, were given and responded to, and a most successful and enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge took place on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Queen's Hotel, York, and the occasion drew together a number of the more prominent of the brethren of the Mystic Tie, the working of the Lodge being widely known as exceedingly perfect, and the outgoing W.M. (Bro. J. S. Cumberland) having attained a considerable reputation as a master of ritual. The hour of assembling was 3 p.m., and at that time there was a good gathering of members and visitors. The chair was assumed by the W.M., and the following Officers were in their places when the first stroke of the gavel was heard :—Bros. T. B. Whytehead I.P.M., C. G. Padel S.W., J. T. Seller J.W., G. Balmford P.M. Treas., J. Kay Sec., M. Millington S.D., T. D. Smith J.D., G. Simpson M.C., A. T. B. Turner Assist. M.C., O. Marshall as Organist, J. Blenkin I.G., P. Pearson Tyler. The following members were also present :—Bros. William Lawton P.M. 236 and 1611, W. P. Husband, W. M. Briggs, W. York, B. Brown, C. Blackstone, J. E. Wilkinson, Rev. J. Metcalf, &c., whilst amongst the Visitors were Bros. A. M. Broadley P.M. 1717 D.D.G.M. Malta, W. J. Beck P.M. 289 P.P.G.D.C. West York, C. L. Mason P.M. 304 Prov. G. Treas. (West York), C. B. Scott W.M. 289, J. Todd P.M. 236 P.P.G.R., A. Buckle W.M. 236, T. S. Camidge 236 P.P.G.O., T. Thompson P.M. 57 Prov. G.S.D., E. Kipps 57, H. Rymer P.M. 1337, J. Redfare 236, Rev. C. E. Storrs 910, E. T. Clark P.M. 910, T. Blair 1239, J. Church 317, whilst from the St. Patrick's Military Lodge (4th Dragoon Guards) came Bros. J. Hanley W.M., Major T. B. Shaw-Hellier I.P.M., W. Harris Sec., J. B. Somerset S.D., J. Taylor, &c. The Lodge having been opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. proposed, and the I.P.M. seconded, the election of Bro. J. Hervey, Grand Sec., as an honorary member of the Lodge, which was carried with acclamation. A successful ballot was then taken for Bro. G. Ayre P.M. 1416 Prov. J.G.D., and the Lodge was raised to the second degree. The W.M. Elect (Bro. C. G. Padel S.W.) was then presented by the senior member of the Lodge (Bro. T. B. Whytehead) to the W.M., for installation, and the first portions of the ceremonies were performed. The Lodge was then raised to the third degree, and the Installing Master called upon all below the rank of Installed Master to retire. The W.M. Elect was then entrusted and retired, and a Board of Installed Masters was opened in due form, by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, Bros. T. B. Whytehead as S.W., G. Balmford as J.W., and W. Lawton as I.G. The W.M. Elect was then re-admitted, and was solemnly installed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, and was thereupon greeted by the Board of Installed Masters. The Board having then been closed in full form, the brethren were re-admitted in the usual manner, and the W.M. was duly greeted and saluted in the three degrees. He then appointed his Officers for the year, as follows :—Bros. J. S. Cumberland I.P.M. and Preceptor, J. T. Seller S.W., G. Simpson J.W., Rev. J. Metcalfe Chaplain, G. Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O. Treas., T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Lecture Master, J. Kay Secretary, W. P. Husband Assistant Secretary, M. Millington S.D., T. D. Smith J.D., A. T. B. Turner M.C., G. H. Simpson Assist. M.C., W. Lackenby Standard Bearer, O. Marshall Organist, J. Blenkin I.G., J. E. Wilkinson and W. J. Girling Stewards, P. Pearson Tyler. In each case the W.M. gave the full address to his Officers with explanation of their jewels, columns, &c., and the beautiful ceremonies were brought to a conclusion by the Installing Master giving the final exhortations to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren, in a most finished style of oratory. Before the Lodge was closed Bro. A. M. Broadley, D.D.G.M. of Malta, thanked the Lodge for the compliment paid him at the last regular meeting by his election as an honorary member. At 6.30 the brethren met at an excellent banquet, served in good style by Bro. H. Churchill, at the conclusion of which the waiters retired and the speech-making began. "The Queen and Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master of England and the rest of the Royal Family" were given from the chair and received as Masons invariably do receive them. "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces" was responded to by Bro. J. Hanley W.M. of the Military Lodge, who humourously remarked that he did not know why he should be called upon to answer for the Navy, unless it was that he was a Royal Ark Mariner. He observed that the Military Brethren had ever received the utmost kindness and courtesy at the hands of the Masons of the City of York, and they would ever cherish the pleasantest memories of their stay in that old centre of Masonry. "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge" was the next toast, and then came "the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy, and the Prov. Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire," which was responded to by Bro. G. Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O. The health of "the W.M. of the Eboracum Lodge 1611, Bro. C. G. Padel," proposed by the I.P.M. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, was enthusiastically received, and the proposer took the opportunity of speaking of the worth of their W.M., and the high estimation in which he was held in York, not only in Masonic, but in social circles. In replying, the W.M. assured the brethren that he reciprocated all their kind sentiments, and should regard no labour too great to expend upon the welfare of the Lodge they all loved so well, and in conclusion proposed the health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. J. S. Cumberland, than whom it would be difficult to find a more enthusiastic brother, or one more thoroughly worthy of the name of a bright Mason. This toast was received with cheers, and in the course of his reply Bro. Cumberland alluded to his endeavours in the cause of Charity in the Province, and the splendid efforts of the Lodge to the same end, and ended by sincerely thanking his late Officers and Brethren for their hearty support during his year, a year that had been to him one of the happiest of his life. "Prosperity to the Eboracum Lodge and the Sister Lodges" was proposed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., who dwelt upon the work done by the Lodge since its formation three years ago. In his opinion Masonry in York had been universally benefitted by the existence of that Lodge, and the impetus it had given to perfection in working and the higher aims of Masonry. The fact of the flourishing condition of the Eboracum Lodge was sufficient to prove that Masonry in general was in a flourishing condition; for where one member of the great Masonic body was healthy the chances were all in favour of the rest. The W.M. replied in a few graceful remarks, and the toast of the "Visiting Brethren" was given in appropriate terms by the S.W. Bro. J. T. Seller. Bro. A. M. Broadley P.M. Ancient Carthage Lodge 1717 and D.D.G.M. of Malta, in responding, said he scarcely felt himself a visitor, since the brethren had done him the honour to elect him an honorary member—a compliment he very highly esteemed, for to belong to the Eboracum Lodge he regarded as a great privilege, and to be an honorary member was doubly so. He could assure them that wherever the English language was spoken amongst Masons, there the reputation of the Eboracum Lodge had travelled, and when he looked round the walls and saw the grand collection of pictures of Masonic interest which the Lodge had gathered together during its brief career, and noticed the good tone of the members assembled around him—when he regarded the Masonic archæological knowledge of his friend Bro. Whytehead, and the working strength and ritualistic perfection of Bro. Cumberland—he could easily see what a future of usefulness lay before that band of brethren. As for the ceremonies he had seen worked that day, he could only say that he had visited great numbers of Lodges, but had seen nothing at all to compare with them for perfection of detail, either in London, the Provinces, or abroad. Bro. Broadley then gave an interesting account of the traces of the work of the ancient Phœnician builders on the shores of the Mediterranean, and presented to the Lodge a series of beautiful photographs of the ruins of Ancient Carthage, as well as some curious objects disinterred from the ruins, including a statue in a well-known Masonic attitude, and a large plan of the ruins. Bro. A. Buckle W.M. of the York Lodge 236 also responded, expressing the sincere pleasure which he had experienced that day in witnessing the beautiful ceremonies so well worked. The W.M. proposed "The Wardens and Officers," and Bro. James Kay Secretary responded, saying that he felt sure Bro. Padel would command their united and most hearty support. Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. proposed "The Masonic Charities," and in doing so mentioned that he should represent the Lodge at the next Benevolent Festival. He would, however, take the opportunity of stating that in view of the many calls the brethren had had on them lately,—to which they had so liberally responded,—he did not intend to make a personal canvass amongst the members, but should merely send out his circulars, and leave it entirely in their hands as to any response. Bro. J. S. Cumberland I.P.M. responded to the toast, and gave some illustrations of the disastrous effects that had already resulted in the Province from the conduct of the Provincial Grand Lodge in shelving the proposed Charity Organisation Scheme. Until some such scheme were in force, it was patent to every brother with ordinary common sense that the Province could have no strength in an election. "The Ladies" was given by Bro. W. P. Husband, who said that the Lodge had already shown its appreciation of the sex by introducing the presence of ladies on the occasion of the Provincial meeting. The beautiful toast list before them was also a testimony of the interest taken in the Lodge by the fair sex, since the appropriate illustration on its front had been designed and etched for the W.M. by a talented lady friend. Bro. J. B. Dyson responded, and, soon afterwards, the Tyler's toast brought a right merry evening to a happy conclusion. During the progress of the feast the colossal Loving Cup of the Lodge was placed upon the table, and its interior was passed round the table to the health of the Lodge, the flagon itself being too ponderous for ordinary use. The proceedings were enlivened by abundance of vocal and instrumental music for which

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this Lodge is famous. Bro. O. Marshall (Organist) ably presided at the pianoforte, whilst appropriate solos, glees and part songs were delivered, in splendid style, by Bros. J. S. Cumberland, J. E. Wilkinson, Marshall and Davies. The toast lists of the Eboracum Lodge have always been works of art, but on this occasion all previous attempts have been eclipsed by the noble style in which the card was prepared. In view of the special musical character of the Lodge meetings, and the fact that the W.M. is one of the leading pianists in the North of England, and a professor of music, the toast list was bordered with musical staves, containing stanzas of Masonic songs, whilst after each toast came a few of the initial bars of some appropriate piece of music. On the first page was a humorous sketch, suggestive of hearty good wishes to the W.M., whose name was produced in musical notation. We understand that the design, which was carried out by Messrs. Adamson and Sons, lithographers, York, has been registered, and that any profits arising from the same will be devoted to the Masonic Charities. No doubt many Lodges will adopt a toast list which is at once so elegant and appropriate, and thereby benefit, to some extent, the great cause of the Order.

POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

A REGULAR meeting was held on Thursday, 13th instant, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn-fields, Present—J. Aspinall W.M., Dr. Jagielsky S.W., Corry Jackson J.W., William Paas P.M. Sec., Lancaster S.D., Smith J.D., Bieling D.C., Rüntz I.G., Beckett P.M. Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Ebner, Diosy, and J. H. Cummings. Visitors—Bros. Saegert P.M. Wellington 548, D. McGill 349, Thane 657, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Herbert Tibbitts, M.D. (formerly of this Lodge), proposed by Bro. W. Paas P.M. and Secretary, seconded by Bro. Nowakowski P.M. and Treasurer; and for Bro. Alexander Jamieson, West Kent Lodge No. 1297, proposed by Bro. Dulan, seconded by Bro. Smith J.D. The result was unanimous in each case, and later in the evening Bro. Jamieson took his seat as a member of the Lodge. The next business on the paper was to ballot for Mr. Edward Forbes Day, who was proposed by Bro. Runtz I.G., and seconded by the S.D. Bro. Lancaster. In this case also the result was satisfactory. Lodge was advanced a degree, and Bro. Aspey was examined as to the proficiency he had made in the science; he reflected credit on those brethren who had undertaken to impart the necessary instruction, and was entrusted by the W.M. He then retired temporarily, and the Lodge was prepared for, and opened in the third degree, when the candidate was introduced, and raised to the sublime degree. It has been the custom for the Officers of the Polish National Lodge to meet together at short intervals for the purposes of instruction; as a consequence, the work here is always well done—in fact, no member of the Lodge can hope to get forward in office if he does not show an interest in the duties he has to fulfil. Bro. Aspinall has always paid due regard to this exemplary rule, and his working on this occasion was everything that could be desired. Routine business followed, and an appeal from an old and distressed member was brought under the consideration of the brethren by Bro. Secretary Paas. After a brief discussion, £5 was voted from the Charity Fund of the Lodge. This completed the business of the day, and Lodge was closed. The brethren partook of a well-served banquet, and, on the removal of the cloth Bro. Aspinall proceeded with the toasts. As the time was fast fleeting, the W.M. advocated and followed out a course of brevity in the speeches. The loyal toasts were fully honoured, and then Bro. Ebner proposed the health of the W.M. It was his proud pleasure to do so. He had to congratulate Bro. Aspinall on two events—the one on seeing him in his present exalted position; the other on his having to preside over a body of brethren who had so nobly exemplified the spirit of charity with which they were imbued. At this stage of the proceedings, Bros. Gordon, Gardner, Rüntz, and Forster favoured the company with a glee, which they rendered in admirable fashion, and the W.M. rose to reply. This he did most gracefully, and then gave the health of the I.P.M., who, during his year, had conducted the business of the Lodge manfully and without fear or favour. After a dramatic reading by Bro. W. W. Morgan, Bro. Ebner replied, and then the W.M. gave the toast of the Past Masters. He regretted the absence of the Treasurer; the worthy Secretary, Bro. Paas, who had been somewhat out of health lately, had likewise left them at an early period of the evening. However, on this occasion they were favoured with the company of one of their Past Masters, whose absence—caused by ill-health—the members had ever regretted. He referred to Bro. P.M. Diosy, with whose name he would associate the toast. Bro. P.M. Diosy tendered his sincere thanks for the very distinguished honour they had paid him. As the W.M. had said, he had been in ill health, and had been compelled to absent himself for a time. Freemasonry works wonders, but it is not in the power of Freemasonry to withstand the ravages time makes as age creeps on. However, though absent his sympathies were always with the Lodge, and it afforded him infinite gratification at meeting them, and he trusted his health would permit his being with them more frequently than during the last two years. Bro. Denham favoured the brethren with a song, and then the joining members were complimented. Other toasts followed in quick succession, the Visitors received a cordial greeting, and the candidate of the evening for the third degree was invested with the distinguishing jewel of the Lodge—the Polish White Eagle, a decoration that carries with it special privileges. The proceedings, which throughout were characterised with every spirit of geniality, were brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—The annual banquet was given at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday. The formal opening and closing of the Lodge was carried out, with the following brethren present:—Bros. Daniel W.M., Chicken S.W., King J.W., Hollands Sec., Caton I.G., Roberts, Moss, Leins, Morgan, Watkins, Maidwell, Brown, Pilson, Henson, Speight, Quay, Ratcliffe, Butler, Sewell, Barber, Coe, Valentine, Kearney, Jones, Clavers. Bro. Maidwell, who it is acknowledged always caters well, on this occasion surpassed himself, and it must have been intensely gratifying to him to know that his efforts were so well appreciated. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Daniel proposed the Loyal toasts, which he briefly but pertinently commended to the brethren. Bro. Brown, the Worshipful Master of the Mother Lodge, proposed the health of the President of the evening. Of all the toasts proposed in a Lodge of Freemasons not one was more easy than the health of the W.M. On this occasion he had to offer for their acceptance a toast in honour of one who was always ready to impart the knowledge he had acquired. Bro. Daniels was a competent instructor, and he had much pleasure in proposing the toast. Bro. Daniels thanked the brethren: he had the welfare of the Prosperity Lodge at heart. He was the oldest member present, and he trusted he might be with them on many future occasions. He took a deep interest in the Lodge of Instruction, and would always exert himself for its welfare. Before he sat down he would call upon them to drink "Prosperity to the Lodge of Instruction," and with the toast he would couple the names of the Secretary and Treasurer. Bro. Daniels referred in high terms of praise to the exertions of Bro. Hollands, and in speaking of Bro. Maidwell, complimented him on the success that attended his efforts to minister to their comforts. After a reading by one of the guests, Bro. Hollands rose. He was proud of being Secretary of such a Lodge of Instruction. He scarcely knew how long, but he thought it was between eleven or twelve years. It was their custom only to work ceremonies, and this arrangement was of great advantage to those young Officers who desired to make themselves perfect in their duties. The members might congratulate themselves that the gatherings were attended by so many Past Masters; this in itself was a guarantee that the instruction imparted was sound. He thanked all for the way his name had been received. Bro. Maidwell, after acknowledging the compliment paid him, spoke in high terms of the charitable proclivities of the Lodge, and assured the members any service he could render them they might command him for. The pleasures of the evening were sustained by some capital songs—Bros. Butler, Moss, Speight, Valentine and others rendering good service.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., on Thursday, 20th inst. Bros. Powell W.M., Hine S.W., Legg J.W., Andrews S.D., Fenner Preceptor, W. Allbrecht Sec., Gieseke I.G.; also Bros. Trewinnard, Bromet, Bronkhurst, and Richard de Friez. Usual formalities were duly observed. Bro. Fenner answered the questions leading from second to third degree, and then the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Fenner worked the first and second sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Bronkhurst Excelsior Lodge 1155, and R. de Friez Kingsland Lodge 1693, were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Hine was appointed to preside at the next meeting, after which the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, E., on Tuesday, 18th inst. Bros. Myers P.M. W.M., Johnson S.W., Barker J.W., Smith S.D., Holloway J.D., Watkins I.G., Worsley Secretary; also Bros. Andrews, Bailey, Pavitt, Keable, Norman, Witherstone, Carter, White, Sadler, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge opened in the second degree, when Bro. Bailey answered the necessary questions leading to the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The W.M. worked the first section of the lecture, Bro. Andrews the second and third, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge closed down to the first, when Bro. Witherstone J.W. 1278 was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Johnson was appointed W.M. for Tuesday, 2nd December. An unanimous vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the excellent and beautiful manner in which he had worked the ceremony, all the brethren being highly gratified. The W.M., in thanking the brethren, said he was pleased to be received so well amongst them; he should endeavour to attend every Tuesday. The Lodge then closed in due form. On Tuesday next, being the fourth Tuesday, sections only will be worked; Bro. Musto will be the W.M., Myers S.W., Andrews J.W., and Cundick I.P.M.

Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360.—The re-opening of the Lodge Room at Bro. Wright's, the Prince's Head, Battersea Park, was celebrated on Tuesday last, when between fifty and sixty brethren sat down, under the presidency of Bro. George King, the Preceptor. Bro. Bruncker, the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, and P.M. Pulsford respectively filled the chairs of Senior and Junior Warden. Ample justice was done the good things provided, and energetic measures were successfully taken for the enjoyment of those assembled. One feature of the proceedings we record with pleasure. Bro. Alfred Withers, W.M. of No. 211, referred to the case of Bro. Dr. Daniel Acc, D.D., with whose misfortunes he deeply sympathised. The brethren responded, and a sum of 32s was the outcome of Bro. Withers's appeal.

The Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777.—This Lodge held an emergency meeting at their new quarters, the Albany Hotel,

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Twickenham, on the 10th inst. The W.M. Bro. H. Lovegrove was supported by Bros. Dubois I.P.M., G. Clark S.W., J. Clark J.W., W. H. Barber Secretary; Bros. Graham Organist, Cruikshanks S.D., F. J. Perks J.D., Dunkley I.G., Wood W.S., Axford, E. W. Dubois, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form. Bro. Boyle, a native of Africa, Bros. Holliday and Thorn were duly passed to degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge having resumed to the first degree, Messrs. William and Samuel Lewis (brothers), natives of Sierra Leone, were introduced and initiated. After the Lodge had been closed, the brethren retired for refreshments. The newly initiated brethren expressed, during the evening, in strong terms, the pleasure it had given them in being admitted into Masonry. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. G. S. Graham, who as usual was most efficient; the vocal efforts of Bros. Holliday, S. Lewis (African initiate), Dunkley, White, and G. S. Graham were much appreciated. We hope to have the gratification of visiting the Lodge on a future occasion.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

FIDELITY PRECEPTORY, No. 114.

ON Wednesday, the 12th inst., there was an important gathering of Knights of the Order under the banner of the Fidelity Preceptory at the Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, Leeds. Circulars of invitation had been sent to all the neighbouring Preceptories, and it was announced that a Priory of Malta would be opened and worked by E. Sir Knt. A. M. Broadley P.E.P. Melita Grand Preceptory, Malta, and Provincial Grand Prelate of the Mediterranean. At five o'clock the Fidelity Preceptory was accordingly opened by E. Sir Knt. C. L. Mason the Preceptor, who was supported by the following Knights:—Walter Rowley Const., W. Paley Marshal, C. Eastwood Chaplain, R. Wilson Registrar, Thos. Gibson P.E.P., S. E. Seanor P.E.P., W. J. Beck P.E.P., J. D. Kay P.E.P., Rev. W. C. Lukis, J. B. Wormald, J. C. Malcolm, Jas. Walker, E. Hefferman, J. Barker, &c., and the following Visiting Knights:—A. M. Broadley P.E.P. Melita, Malta, W. Holmes P.E.P. Faith 29, J. Marshall 29, Henry Smith 29, G. Althorp P.E.P. 29, M. Monckman 29, M. Newsome Fearnley 39, Thos. Blair De Furnival 66, J. S. Cumberland E.P. Ancient Ebor 101, T. B. Whytehead P.E.P. 101, P.G. Capt. of Guards England, A. T. B. Turner 101, J. Ward 101, &c. The members of Ancient Ebor entered in procession, preceded by the Banner and Sword presented to them last year by the American Knights of Mary Commandery, Philadelphia. There were four candidates for the Order—Companions J. McKee Hollingsworth, W. L. Jackson, J. W. Fourness and R. W. Moore, and several of the eminent Preceptors present assisted E. Preceptor Mason in the working of the ceremonies, which were conducted very perfectly. After the closing of the Preceptory the Knights adjourned to the Banquet Hall, where a cordial welcome was given to the visitors by the Leeds Knights, whose hospitality has been long proverbial. One or two of the principal toasts were given after dinner. E. Sir Knts. T. B. Whytehead and A. M. Broadley responding for the Visitors, the latter giving a most interesting account of the remains of the Ancient Order of Malta to be seen in that Island, and exhibiting a collection of photographs of the same. Subsequently the Knights again adjourned to the Lodge Room, and a Priory of Malta was opened by E. Sir Knt. A. M. Broadley, and the following Knights were duly installed:—J. McKee Hollingsworth, W. L. Jackson, J. W. Fourness, R. W. Moore, W. C. Lukis and T. Blair. The working of Sir Knt. Broadley excited much interest, and in the lecture of the degree his explanations threw great light upon the history of the degree. After the closing of the Priory the Knights once more assembled in social converse, and the Equerry's toast brought to a close one of the most successful and pleasant gatherings ever held under Fidelity Banner.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked as under:

At the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, on Monday, 24th November. Bros. Cundick P.M. 1421 W.M., Hogg Preceptor 1625 and 1278 P.M. 1349 S.W., C. Kendall J.W. 1625 J.W., T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 I.P.M. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. C. Kendall, Harvey, Wooding, H. R. Hallam, Forss, W. H. Myers, Andrews. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Veal, Pringle, Berry, Barnes, G. H. Stephens. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. W. Musto, Da Silva, Taylor. Lodge will be opened at seven precisely.

At the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, W.C., on Tuesday, 25th November 1879. Bros. Abell W.M. 1599 W.M., Gush I.G. 1541 S.W., Brown 862 J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Lee, Liddall, Sanders, H. C. Soper, Hallam, Brown, Tate. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Linscott, Dickins, Bingemann, Marston, Pate. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Dodson, John Soper, Gates. At six o'clock precisely.

At the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, Moorgate Station Restaurant, on Tuesday, 2nd December. Bro. T. A. Adams P.G.P. in the chair. Those of our brethren who have not visited the comfortable quarters the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction have secured, should avail themeselves of this opportunity.

On Wednesday, a complimentary dinner was given at the Metropolitan Hotel, South-place, Finsbury, which has recently been placed under the management of Bro. J. Pilson. We hope to give a report in our next, want of space precluding our supplying further particulars in the present issue.

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn Senior Vice-President, Bro. James Brett Junior Vice-President, and Bro. James Kench Assistant Grand Pursuivant, occupied the chairs of President, Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents. The Lodge was very numerously attended. At the Board of Masters, which was first held, Bro. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, read the draft paper of business for the December Quarterly Communication. Among the items on the paper were the nominations of Most Worshipful Grand Master, and of members of the Lodge of Benevolence. The Report of the Board of General Purposes announced with regret that the Board had received the resignation, by Bro. John Hervey, of his office of Grand Secretary, through continued ill-health. The Board in consequence made a recommendation to Grand Lodge. Notices of motion were also given by Bro. James Stevens as to Uniformity of Ritual, and by Bro. J. M. Clabon for setting apart two-thirds of the annual surplus of the Fund of Benevolence for apprenticing or otherwise advancing in life the boys and girls when they leave the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The brethren then opened the Lodge of Benevolence, and first confirmed the recommendations to the Grand Master made at the last meeting, amounting to £250. On the new list there were thirty-seven cases, and these were relieved with a total sum of £1035.

THE EBRINGTON MASONIC HALL, DEVONPORT.

THERE was a large gathering of Freemasons, on the 6th inst., to inaugurate the opening of the new hall, which has just been completed for Lodge Fidelity. The warrant of this Lodge was granted in 1799, and it was then numbered 320. At the union of the two Grand Lodges it became 405, and is now, in consequence of many old Lodges having become extinct, numbered 230. In 1828 it was removed from Plymouth to Tiverton in exchange for the older Lodge of St. John, No. 83, now No. 70. In 1860, however, several influential brethren, foremost amongst whom was the late Bro. J. J. Clase P.M. P.P.G.D.C. were instrumental in getting the Lodge removed to Devonport. Their first place of meeting was in a private room adjoining the Mechanics' Institute. This was inconvenient, and they removed to Fore-street. This temporary accommodation was insufficient, and the members at considerable expense altered some premises in Chapel-street, where they remained from 1862 to the present time. Finding it necessary to lengthen their cords and strengthen their stakes, the present W.M. Bro. Richard Cawsey, assisted by Bros. J. Lynn, F. Codd, H. Boyling, J. R. Harris, and R. Ellis, as a committee, found and purchased premises in Granby-street, formerly a chapel, and from plans prepared by Mr. Norman they have altered the building, and made it one of the best adapted halls in the province. The Lodge room is about 40 ft. long by 18 ft. wide, the refreshment-room being about the same size. There are three anterooms, with other necessary offices. The alterations have been executed by Bros. Berry and A. Lethbridge, at a total cost of about £600, and Bro. Cawsey is to be congratulated on the success which his energy merited. During the proceedings he received an ovation from the members and visitors. The hall is named after the Provincial Grand Master of Devon, with his consent, and the Lodge has the honour of numbering among its members the R.W. Bro. Rev. J. Huyshe P.G.C. and P.P.G. Master of Devon. There is still one Brother living who was a member of this Lodge before its removal to Tiverton in 1828. This is the respected clerk of St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, whose father was also a member of this Lodge, and was well known and highly esteemed by the Freemasons in old time. The ceremonies were ably conducted by Bro. Cawsey, assisted by the Officers of the Lodge, and during the evening a pleasing episode took place. Bro. A. E. Lean, the W.M. of the Lodge "St. John" 70, took the opportunity of presenting an old relic of the "Fidelity" Lodge, which had been for half a century in the possession of his Lodge. It was an old silver trowel, which had been presented to Lodge 405 soon after its consecration. The gift was suitably acknowledged, and the business over, the brethren retired to a collation provided in the building by Bro. Gorey, of the Temperance Hotel. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The Lodge of St. Aubyn 954 will meet in this new hall, and also several Mark Lodges, Chapters, &c., which are connected with the two Lodges. Amongst those present were:—Richard Cawsey W.M., J. R. Harris S.W., R. Ellis J.W., A. Rowe I.P.M., Robert H. Burt P.M., John Lynn P.M. P.P.G.P., John Whitford J.D., John Babb D.C., W. M. Ridland O., James S. Bowden I.G., H. Bridgeman S.S., R. Gorey, W. H. Ellis, T. Williams, J. W. Thompson, R. Jones, W. S. Rattenbury, H. Boyling—all of 230; and Visitors—J. E. Curteis P.M. 189 P.P.G.S.W., J. B. Gover P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C., H. Miller P.M. 159 P.P.G.D.C., A. E. Lean W.M. 70, T. Searle I.P.M. 1091, J. R. Lord P.M. and Tr. 1247, O. Ordish 1212, Jas. Letton 1136, C. Haggerty 1136, C. White 1136, J. S. Smith 954, J. D. Sandy 202, D. R. Waight 954, F. Littleton W.M. 159, H. Welch P.M. 202, H. Pile 1212, W. MacIlroy 1136, W. Worth 1099, J. R. Dugdale W.M. 954, C. Marshall 159, A. Lethbridge P.M. 159, George Harper 730, George Mitchell 70, O. Knowles 159, A. Stephens P.M. 954, John Baxter P.M. 954, J. Dawe 1255, C. Watson P.M. 954.

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THE Provincial Grand Lodge of W at Hills Hall, Trowbridge, whi tastefully adapted for the occasion by of Concord, No. 632, Trowbridge. T unfortunately prevented by indisposit absence the V.W. the D.P.G.M. Bro. over the meeting, and was supported P.G.W. England and P.G. Supt. (R. and a large number of Officers and bre whom were Bros. John Toomer P.S.G. Rev. H. F. Crockett P.G.A., F. H. P.G.D. Eng. P.G. Sec., William Nott P. Robert Stokes P.P.S.G.W., John Chan T. P. Fatcher, Colonel Raudle Ford, E. P.P.G.W., J. L. Whatley P.P.J.G.D A. R. Browne W.M. 632, R. de M. La W.M. 586, T. H. Chandler P.P.S.G.W were—Captain Homfray P.A.G.D.C W. Pickford P.G.T. Mon., — Gratte P. P.P.G.C. Oxon, R. N. Howard P.G. Se Dorset, R. M. Worlock P.G. Sec. Brist

Provincial Grand Lodge having bee after having expressed his regret at th requested the P.G. Sec. Bro. Henry C.

Lodge meeting, from which it appeared that two grants were recommended—one to the widow of a rev. Brother of Lodge 626, and the other to a very old member of Lodge 632, who, by reason of the commercial depression, had failed in his business as a manufacturer, and been reduced to great distress. These grants and the minutes generally were confirmed. The Prov. Grand Registrar, Bro. W. Nott P.P.J.G.W. read his annual report. From this it appeared that the number of members of Lodges in the Province was steadily increasing, standing now at 455, which was an increase of 81, or nearly 22 per cent. in three years. The Report called attention to the pleasing fact that the general working expenses, including rent, Tyler's refreshments, &c., were reduced from 17s 9d to 15s per member. The average amount contributed to Charity was at the rate of 6s per member, ranging from nothing in one Lodge to 13s 8d in another, though it was to be remembered that some of the young Lodges had not cleared off their original expenses, and had not therefore the ability to devote so large a portion of their funds to charitable purposes as the older Lodges. The Registrar's Report also called attention to the large amount of arrears outstanding in one or two of the Lodges—in one case as much as half a year's actual receipts, and to show that there was no necessity for this, he instanced two of the Lodges where there had not been for years past a single penny of arrear when their accounts were closed. The Report also brought before the P.G. Lodge a great laxity on the part of a few of the Lodge Secretaries in sending in the necessary returns. Bro. Tombs P.G. Sec., in proposing the adoption of the report, said he was very sorry to find that his mother Lodge was one of the greatest offenders as regards the Registrar's concluding remarks, and trusted that means would be taken to effect an improvement, as unless the returns were delivered in good time, it was impossible for the P.G. Officers properly to fulfil their duty. The Acting P.G.M., in putting the motion to the meeting, said that the Registrar had very delicately refrained from indicating the Lodges complained of, but that should the same fault exist next year, they must not expect a similar consideration, for Prov. Grand Lodge would have to follow the example of the House of Commons, and *name* the offenders. The Report was adopted. Bro. Nott, who is also Secretary to the Prov. Grand Charity Organisation Committee, then read the usual annual report of the proceedings of that Committee, showing that the Province had been successful in carrying two candidates for the Girls' School—one at the April, and another at the October election, although at the latter election the Province had also aided and secured the election of a boy candidate, whose last chance it was. This was a case supported by the Provinces of Monmouthshire and Bristol, with both of which Provinces Wiltshire is working in the most friendly union. To attain these results the votes of the Province had been considerably pledged in advance, but the Committee felt that the brethren of the Province would enable it to redeem its pledge by sending in every possible vote, more especially when it was considered that the children in question, through the engagement thus made, were enjoying the benefits of the School some time before they otherwise could have done so. The Report stated that the Committee had received from the Province, during the year, 1176 votes for the various institutions, showing a steady increase year by year, and he mentioned the gratifying fact that the average number of votes per Lodge possessed by the Wiltshire Lodges was only exceeded in eight of the forty-three Provinces of England and Wales. The Report was adopted. Bro. F. H. Goldney, P.G. Treasurer, brought before the Lodge a subject which had appeared on the agenda paper in relation to the establishment of a local Benevolent Fund for the Province. He referred to the large sums taken up for the various Charities from time to time by different brethren from this Province (as evidenced by the fact they had just heard in the Report read by Bro. Nott that the Wiltshire votes for the year numbered 1176), to the large buildings and great revenues of the Schools, and the large number of scholars educated there. He did not propose to take any decided steps at present, and without full consideration; but he thought the time had come when we ought to consider what funds might be likely to be available for local purposes, whether if a distinct fund were established there would be brethren who would like to subscribe to it, whether legacies might not be bequeathed to it, and whether that fund might not be applied in a somewhat different manner to that in which the funds of the existing great Masonic Charities are applied. He instanced—in addition to grants such as those that day made in aid of present distress—the payment of fees at local Schools, the granting of Scholarships, and other ways which would ensure good results at a much less cost than the present large expense of the great Masonic Schools—an expense by many considered to be somewhat excessive. He thought that after meeting such local claims they would still be able to aid the funds of the existing Charities. He proposed the appointment of a Committee, consisting of the P.G. Treasurer, Registrar and Secretary, and of one Brother from each Lodge, to be elected by the members thereof, such Committee to consider the whole subject and report thereon to the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. Nott P.G. Reg. seconded the proposition, remarking that as it was merely for the appointment of a Committee to consider the question, he did not purpose going fully into the subject. He might mention, however, that he had studied the working of local educational and benevolent institutions in other Provinces, and in every case that had come under his notice had found that these institutions were very successful, and he saw no reason to doubt that some such institution as that alluded to would succeed in Wiltshire. Bro. Tombs P.G.Sec. drew attention to the fact that no less a sum than £1050 was required to purchase a perpetual presentation to one of the Schools, now this ought, in interest alone, to produce between £40 and £50 without touching the capital, and it seemed to him that it was a matter for consideration whether if a province had any large sum to dispose of it might not be employed more advantageously. Bro. Lord Harry Thynne called attention to the danger of doing anything that would break up the strong associations they had with the existing Charities. They had no doubt power to devote their funds as they liked, and to educate children elsewhere if they liked; but he was afraid that if such a fund as that alluded to were established it might have the effect of alienating the sympathies of the Brethren from the existing Schools and Benevolent Institution, and of prejudicially affecting them. Wiltshire had been most successful in its support of and connection with these Charities, and also at the elections, and our position in that respect he did not want to see weakened. Bro. Walter Long supported the appointment of the Committee. It did not affect their position. The Committee was merely to consider and report to the next Prov. Grand Lodge, and it would be for that Prov. Grand Lodge then to act as it might think fit. The Acting P.G.M. Bro. Goldney, in putting the proposition to the meeting, said, that no doubt the administration of the existing Charities was a subject of great interest. Was the present mode of spending their funds the best one? Undoubtedly the expenses of the Masonic Schools were comparatively higher than those of others of which he had some knowledge, and named Christ's Hospital and the Sons of the Clergy Schools; but he thought that if unnecessarily high this fault could be remedied. He was strongly in favour of getting the feeling of the whole province on the subject of its charitable funds, and how they should be applied. The proposition (with a slight amendment proposed by Lord H. F. Thynne and assented to) was then put to the meeting, and carried unanimously. The Acting P.G.M. then stated that he had a most pleasing duty to perform, and that was to invest with the Charity Jewel, voted by the province, two brethren who had each served the office of Steward to two of the Masonic Charities, namely, Bro. William Nott P.P.J.G.W. and P.G.Reg. and Bro. Samuel Gauntlett P.P.G.S. of Works. In investing Bro. Nott he mentioned how much the province generally was indebted to him for his work on behalf of the Charities, both as Secretary to the Charity Organization Committee, and also in his two Stewardships, in discharge of which he had taken up a larger aggregate sum than any other Steward had ever done for the province. In investing Bro. Gauntlett, he congratulated him both on the way in which he had always stuck to Masonry, and the province on his services. Bro. F. H. Goldney was unanimously elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. The Acting P.G.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest the P.G. Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. F. H. Goldney 626 S.W., Walter H. Long 632 J.W., Rev. Alex. Headley 626 Chap., F. H. Goldney 626 (on election) Treas. (re-appointed), William Nott 663 Reg. (re-appointed), Henry C. Tombs 355 Sec. (re-appointed), Henry J. Birch 1295 S.D., Samuel Gauntlett 632 J.D., Alfred Browne 632 S. of Wks., John Chandler 355 D.C. (re-appointed, Charles Gauntlett 632 A.D.C., William Adye 1271 S.B., W. H. Brickworth 626 Org., H. E. Bishop 632 G.P., John Savory (on election) Tyler (re-appointed). Before closing the Lodge, the Acting P.G.M. again alluded to the absence of the P.G.M. (Lord Methuen), such absence being enforced by his medical attendant, and said that his lordship very much regretted it, more especially after the demonstration of their feeling towards him at Swindon last year. His lordship wished to say how much—had he been able—he should have liked to have come amongst the brethren to-day, and again thank them for their kind presentation on that occasion. In making the appointment of Officers, his lordship had thoroughly gone into the various qualifications. In appointing Bro. F. H. Goldney to the S.W.'s chair, he had desired, to some extent, to acknowledge the obligation the province was under to that brother for his laborious undertaking in writing that History of Freemasonry in Wiltshire, which he believed was now in the press, and he hoped would soon be in the hands of the brethren. His lordship thought that such services as this ought to be acknowledged, and he (the Acting P.G.M.), as Bro. F. H. Goldney's father, had great pleasure in carrying out his lordship's wishes. After a cordial vote of thanks to the W.M. and brethren of Lodge 632 for their reception that day, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards dined together in another part of the same building, under the presidency of the D.P.G.M. Bro. Goldney. After the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. To the toast of the Grand Master, &c., Bro. Lord H. Thynne responded, saying that although his engagements were so varied that he might almost say he was Jack of all trades and master of none, yet one of the things he was most proud of was, that of being a brother Mason, and there was one thing that he should never forget he owed to his connection with Wiltshire, and that was his position in Grand Lodge. Lord H. Thynne then went on to propose the health of the V.W.D.P.G.M. Bro. Goldney, whom he had had the pleasure of knowing in Lodge and in private life for very many years, and in either capacity he had always found that all those who knew him were proud of his acquaintance. Feeling that he was one of those to whom every honour that Masonic custom could give was due, he called upon them to drink his health. The toast was most enthusiastically received. Bro. Goldney, in returning thanks, said he felt that he had not performed the duties of his office as regards visiting the various Lodges in such a way as he could have wished, owing to his public engagements, but he hoped to see the private Lodges oftener in future. Masonry had many privileges, one very prominent one being its claim to universal brotherhood, in its setting down steps to enable us to ascend towards the perfection of high sentiment and good feeling, virtues which ought to enter more than they did into our social life. Lord H. F. Thynne in Prov. Grand Lodge that morning had alluded to the Masonic Institutions in a way as to which there might be a slight difference of opinion, but he believed we all met in Lodge in the fullness of that Charity which our great Saviour preached, that feeling in which Masonry existed, and which Masonry enabled them to express. Masonry was a source of much gratification in the interest it promoted between the members of various Provinces, but it had its origin in graver things. King Solomon was the greatest monarch in those days, and his principal greatness lay in the fact that he was able to break away from the bonds of priestly knowledge, and set up a secular knowledge under the name of Wisdom. That Wisdom was believed to have been the foundation of Masonry, and that knowledge ought to be found in our Lodges. But had Masonry done all it ought to have done in carrying out the higher wisdom in which it was founded? was a ques-

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tion worthy of consideration. Now education had been brought home to every one by the State, it became to his mind a subject of serious moment, and one deserving the best attention of Masons, whether from the large funds at their disposal they might not do more to foster a higher education, and advance the cause of science to a greater extent than they had done, and thus endeavour to walk in the ways of the great originator of our Order. Funds were often wasted by distribution in small sums without producing any great result, whereas added together they might perhaps enable us to give a helping hand to enable some one individual—perhaps in a very humble position, but one who only wanted help—to rise to a foremost place in the higher branches of knowledge. Some of our greatest men, some of those who had done most for England's greatness, had begun life in very lowly circumstances; they had struggled, they had persevered through difficulties, and had at last attained to prominence and eminence alike creditable to their nation and to themselves. Might we not have the power of helping such as these in their early struggles. Now, if a boy at school shows great talent, and we could give him an exhibition of £60 or £70 a-year for two or three years, what a chance it would give him not only for his own advantage, but for elevating Masonry in the view of the whole world, by showing that it is a body which by its noble acts fosters science, and thereby does good service to the country; for science he believed was at the bottom of our success as a nation. If the Committee that day appointed could, amongst other things, show them the way to devote some of their funds in the direction indicated, be believed it would be well received and be of great benefit. We should thus be building bridges which would unite one class of the community with the other, and should be doing our best to perpetuate the wisdom of the great founder of our Order. The D.P.G.M. then proposed the health of the R.W. the P.G.M. Lord Methuen. Bro. E. T. Payne P.G.D. England, P.S.G.W. Wilts, proposed the health of the Worshipful Bro. Lord H. F. Thynne P.G.W. Eng. and P.G.R.A. Superintendent Wilts, to which his Lordship briefly responded. Bro. Gen. Doherty P.S.G.W. Wilts gave the health of the other Provincial Grand Officers Past and Present, and this was responded to by Bro. F. H. Goldney P.S.G.W. and Bro. Walter Long P.J.G.W. Bro. W. Long then proposed the Visiting Brethren, many of whom, of distinguished eminence, he was pleased to see amongst them. He coupled with that toast the names of the V.W. Bro. Capt. Homfray D.P.G.M. Monmouth, Rev. J. A. Lloyd P.G.C. Oxon, R. N. Howard P.G. Sec. Dorset, and R. M. Worlock P.G. Sec. Bristol. Capt. Homfray, in replying, said it gave him great pleasure to come here to thank them and their Charity Committee on behalf of the Provinces of Monmouth and Bristol for the valuable aid given to their candidate at the last election, which secured her success. He was glad to testify, from personal experience in London at the elections for the Charities, to the excellent way in which those elections were worked on behalf of his Province by the Secretary to the Committee, his excellent Brother William Nott, who by his exact calculations managed to secure the success of their candidates without any waste of votes. He felt that so long as the Provinces in the neighbourhood united together in the way they were now doing they would be enabled to secure their fair share of the benefits of the Charities. At the last election they had been enabled to aid a London candidate, thereby showing that the Provinces had no ill feeling towards the metropolis, and establishing a claim for reciprocity at some future time. He hoped that nothing would be done to weaken our three noble Institutions, and he felt sure that if there were any well founded complaints against them it was only necessary that representation should be made to Grand Lodge to ensure a reform. Bro. Howard and Bro. Worlock likewise returned thanks, the latter also expressing the gratitude of the Province of Bristol to the Wiltshire Charity Organisation Committee. Bro. the Rev. A. Headley proposed the toast of the Masonic Charities, dilating warmly on the excellencies and advantages thereof, and stating that as Masons they were bound to respond to the constant cry of "Give! Give!" which must proceed from those institutions so long as the claims upon them were so much greater than they could meet, as at present. Bro. William Nott, in responding, did so with very great pleasure, and was glad of the opportunity of expressing his hope that nothing he had done with reference to a local Benevolent Fund would, in any way, interfere with these grand Charities. Did he think so he would never for a moment support such a scheme; but he believed that Charity, begun and developed at home, would expand and widen in such a way as to embrace within its scope aid to these greater institutions from quarters whence none was at present forthcoming. He thanked them on behalf of the Charities, and also for the support afforded him in his capacity as Steward for two of them, by which he was enabled to take up an aggregate sum of £500. Bro. S. Gauntlett also thanked the brethren on behalf of the Charities, and for the support accorded to him as Steward. The D.P.G.M. proposed the health of the P.G. Sec. Bro. Henry C. Tombs, which was most warmly received. Bro. Tombs, in responding, said that it was a satisfaction to him that he had occupied for the last eleven or twelve years the position of P.G. Sec., for it was an honourable one. He cheerfully performed the duties of the office, chiefly because he knew that Masonry was founded on high and religious principles. He knew of no other which recognises, as Masonry recognises, the Volume of the Sacred Law, the Book which should direct all our labours, and ever be borne in mind, and so tend to elevate our Order, and cause the outside world to acknowledge that there is something in our meetings and services which tends to make us better men and citizens. This idea should endear us to Freemasonry, and make us strive to maintain its character. The toast of the "Wiltshire Lodges" and "the Tyler's" brought a most successful meeting to a close.

Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188, well known to many of our readers, desires us to announce that he has removed from 24 Southampton-row to 7 Torrington-square, London, W.C.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER.

Special Gen. Court, Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe

MONDAY, 24th NOVEMBER.

4—Royal Somerset, House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1818—Clapham, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. Johns-place, Halifax
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1419—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
R. A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M. M. 146—Moore Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 25th NOVEMBER.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
92—Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Industry, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
1319—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7 30 (Inst.)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden (Installation)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In.
51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
290—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1599—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
R. A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R. A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 26th NOVEMBER.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masons Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at (Instruction) 8
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
1624—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1764—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire

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117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Canterbury (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby. (Instruction.)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7. (Instruction.)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
R. A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
R. A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
R. A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M. M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M. M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes.
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 27th NOVEMBER.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
PROV. GRAND LODGE MARK MASTER MASONS, BERKS AND OXON, Foresters' Hall, Reading, at 1.15 (Installation)
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.[illegible] (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, E.
1563—City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
1654—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
109—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Inst.)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
504—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
536—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
934—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
946—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1450—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
R. A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M. M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K. T.—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale
K.T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 28th NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7. Annual Festival
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
814—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1612—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8 (Inst.)

401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
409—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
K. T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 28th NOVEMBER.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, at 8 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at Bro. Butt's, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, on Monday, the 17th instant. Present—Bros. Symons W.M., Halle S.W., Gibbs J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Fox S.D., Wing J.D., Balls I.G. also Bros. Willison, R. Pearcy, Richard Defriez, Sharp, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and advanced a degree. Bro. Willison proved his efficiency and was entrusted. Lodge was further advanced, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed, including the Traditional History, Bro. Willison being the candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Tolmie worked the sixth and seventh sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. R. Defriez, of the Kingsland Lodge 1693, and Sharp, of the mother Lodge, were unanimously elected members. Bro. Halle was appointed to preside at the next meeting.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 18th November, at Bro. Bond's, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, W.C. Present:—Bros. Hallam W.M., Abell S.W., Lee J.W., Linscott S.D., Liddall J.D., Panter I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Pree, John Bingemann, John Soper Hon. Sec., and several other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John Soper, candidate for raising, was entrusted and raised to the degree of Master Mason. Bro. Abell worked the three sections of the third lecture. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Tuesday, 25th Nov., being the night for the working of the Fifteen Sections, when Bro. Abell will preside, Bro. Lee was elected to fill the W.M.'s chair on Tuesday, 2nd December. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed and adjourned to Tuesday, 25th Nov., at 6 p.m.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—On the 19th inst., at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Bros. Biddle W.M., Fell S.W., W. James J.W., Mc. Butt S.D., D. Moss J.D., H. Lardner I.G., G. L. Walker Preceptor, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Lardner candidate. Bro. Lardner worked the first, Bro. Mc. Butt the second, and Bro. Walker the third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Mc. Butt 1623 was elected a member.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmer's, Southgate-road, on Saturday, 15th instant. Present—Bros. A. W. Fenner W.M., Valentine S.W., W. Williams J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Brasted S.D., Greenfield J.D., Spencer I.G.; also Bros. Kidder, Wallington, Hallam sen., Hallam jun., Byng, Slaiter, Gibbs, Mackey, Phillips, D. Moss, Trewinnard, Giller, W. R. Smith, Yates, R. Williams, R. Defriez, &c. Formalities were duly complied with; the Lodge advanced a degree; Bro. Valentine answered the questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was further advanced, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, the Traditional History being included, Bro. Valentine candidate. The W.M. worked the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and called off and on. Bro. Valentine was elected W.M. for the next week.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754.—On Thursday, 6th November. Present—Bros. Peach W.M., Fidler S.W., Bryant J.W., Tegg S.D., Blenkinsop J.D., Everdell I.G., Thompson Preceptor, Garrod Sec., and a good attendance of the brethren. The usual formalities having been duly observed, the W.M. worked the second and third ceremonies, and also gave the Lecture on the Tracing Board in the second degree. The accounts of the past year having been duly audited, the Officers for the ensuing year were re-elected, as follows:—Bros. J. Maller Treasurer, J. H. Thompson Preceptor, and J. Garrod Secretary.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On 18th November, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. E. Williams W.M., Hands S.W., Christian J.W., Smyth S.D., Clarke J.D., Greenwood I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, Smyth Treasurer, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Baker, Brasted, Wooding, Polak, C. Lorkin, Allen, Carr, Dignam, Finch, Dallas, Webb and others. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed, and Bro. James Lorkin gave the traditional history. Bro. Webb worked the first and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was regularly closed to first degree, when Bro. Hand was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1306.—The members of this Lodge met at the Gun Hotel, Wapping, E., on the 12th inst. Bro. W. H. Hayward in the chair, assisted by Bros. C. Veal S.W., J. Magrath J.W., R. Hayward Treas., H. T. Hardy Secretary, T. Wooding S.D., J. Horsley J.D., J. Carrociero I.G., W. Bate W.S.; also I.P.M. A. W. Coleman and P.M.'s F. W. Dawson and W. Beck; T. J. Tyer, T. J. Tarling, J. Sommers, J. N. Stevens, T. B. Ryton, C. Kuruber, J. P. T. Couture, A. G. Clements, C. Rayner, &c. Visitors—Bros. Rev. A. C. Browne 93 I.C., T. J. Barnes jun. 536, G. H. Stephens I.G. and J. King 1623. Lodge was formally opened and the minutes of the last general, also an emergency meeting, were read and confirmed. Messrs. C. Rayner and J. P. T. Couture being candidates for admission into the Order, the ballot was taken and proved unanimous in their favour. Bro. Hayward then proceeded to initiate Messrs. A. G. Clements and C. Rayner into the mysteries of the Order, the ceremony being conducted as far as the obligation, when Mr. Couture was admitted, the ceremony performed again, and completed. The W.M. is to be congratulated upon the impressive manner in which the ceremony was rendered, more especially as this was the earliest opportunity the Lodge had afforded him of proving his capacity. Lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren partook of supper, served under Bro. Mortlock's experienced direction. This was amply discussed under circumstances of extreme merriment and pleasure; and after grace had been said by Bro. Rev. A. C. Browne, the Worshipful Master promised that as the evening had worn late he would be brief in his remarks; he proposed the health of Her Majesty the Queen, coupling with it the Craft. Bros. Hardy and Mortlock sang God save the Queen. In giving the health of H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Hayward claimed a hearty response to the toast. His Royal Highness had done much to promote the welfare of the Craft; Masons were blessed in having so eminent a brother as the Prince of Wales to preside over them, and when, in the fullness of time, we shall have him as our ruler, we shall discharge the duties of citizenship as loyally as we do those the Craft requires of us. The next toast introduced was the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of Grand Officers Past and Present, to whom the W.M. said he was sure we felt deeply indebted. It was a great thing for eminent brethren to devote their time and attention to furthering the interests of the Craft, and the members of the St. John of Wapping Lodge would give this toast a hearty reception. Bro. S.W. Veal was here requisitioned, and he gave a humorous song; after which Bro. Coleman I.P.M. said the brethren knew for what reason he took the gavel in his hand. It was for the purpose of proposing the health of the W.M. He did so with very great pleasure. He was informed this was the first work Bro. Hayward had had to do since his installation. The brethren might feel sure that in Bro. Hayward they had the right man in the right place. After a hearty "Wapping" fire, the W.M. said, that as a bashful man, especially when returning thanks for himself, the brethren must excuse him. If one thing could overcome him more than another, it was this burst of applause, greeting his humble efforts. He hoped they would afford him more opportunities of working, and, instead of three, have five candidates every meeting. Nothing should be found wanting in him to promote the welfare of the Lodge. If they would forgive any shortcomings on his part, he would thoroughly carry out the wishes of the Lodge. Before sitting down he had the pleasant duty to propose the health of the Initiates. It was all very well for old Masons to sit down year by year, but we require from time to time new blood. To-night he had had the honour, for the first time in his life, of initiating three gentlemen into the Order. He hoped the candidates would make use of those lessons taught them in Masonry; they were good lessons, and should be practised out of the Lodge, so that, by exemplary conduct, they might be recognised by men as well as by Masons. This was heartily received, and responded to by Bro. Clements, who said he felt greatly indebted to the brethren for their kindness in admitting him. He would always endeavour to fulfil the duties he might be called upon to perform. Bro. Couture said he had felt much pleasure at the manner in which his health had been proposed by the W.M. and responded to. He could assure them nothing should be wanting on his part. Bro. C. Rayner said he had been treated so well that he hardly knew how to thank them, for fear he should not say enough. In proposing "The Visitors," the W.M. said nothing could be more gratifying to a Master than to introduce that toast. On this occasion it was very gratifying indeed to extend the hand of welcome to them; to one we have done so often, to the others for the first time. But above all, on the present occasion we have a brother visiting us who represents that which is the first principle of Freemasonry, and whose ministrations remind us of that object most dear to us—the first object presented to a Mason's view. He offered to the Rev. Bro. Browne a hearty welcome, and expressed a hope that the Lodge might be called upon to admit him among them. It would not be the first time the Lodge had had a Chaplain. Then there was Bro. Stephens, whom every member of the Lodge liked to see present, and who gave them his advice or assistance whenever it was needed. He need not say how welcome he was. They all hoped to be favoured constantly by his presence among them. Bro. Barnes was paying the first, but the W.M. hoped not the last, visit to them, and to him and Bro. King he extended a cordial welcome. Bro. Stephens here, by special request, sang "When other lips." Bro. Rev. A. C. Browne assured the W.M., Officers and brethren that he was profoundly grateful for his reception that evening; not for one reason only, but for many. He hoped he did not take precedence of other brethren, but he could not leave the Lodge without expressing his thanks. Having been ten years a Mason, he had been the recipient of many favours and honours, but thought the W.M. had got possession of the great secret—that of making men happy. He had seldom witnessed—whilst visiting Lodges in England and Ireland—that spirit of concord—without which the mystic tie is a failure—so apparent as it was here. The rev. brother concluded by expressing a wish to become a member of the Lodge. Having seen many Lodges, he congratulated the W.M. on the ease and accuracy of his working, and Bro. Host for his kind attention. Bro. Stephens briefly thanked the brethren, and Bro. Barnes jun. said he did not expect to have had to speak; for his own part he should not have done so, except for the sake of an honoured name in Masonry—that of his father. He esteemed the hospitality of the St. John of Wapping Lodge, and perceived the bond of friendship to be so strong among them that he should like to become one of the band of brethren here. Bro. King said he was the youngest M.M. present; yet the meeting, like all he had seen in Freemasonry, had exceeded all impressions he had formed of the Order previous to his admission. Should the brethren visit his Lodge (West Smithfield), they would be sure of as hearty—he could not say a warmer—welcome than he had received. Bro. Mortlock obliged by singing "Welcome brothers, welcome friends," a favourite song here. The P.M.'s were next honoured, the W.M. eulogising each in turn. Bro. I.P.M. Coleman was a strong musical light, whom they were glad to have in their Lodge; P.M. Poore was unfortunately unwell, and of him and P.M.'s Beck and Davison he need say very little, their merits being before the brethren. As to P.M. Mortlock, though not a P.M. of this Lodge, he was always with them, not only to minister to their creature comforts, but to furnish food for their mind. If the initiates felt an ardent desire to acquire a knowledge of our ceremonies, let them attend on Bro. Mortlock, and he would so fill them up with Masonry that they would soon be walking rituals. Bro. Mortlock briefly replied for the Past Masters, the time being short. The toast of the Officers was given with much honour, and severally responded to, and the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close—one, indeed, fulfilling the anticipations we ventured on some months ago as to the success of this Lodge.

Since the above was in type, we have received intimation of the death of Bro. P.M. Mortlock; truly may we say, "In the midst of life we are in death." Reference to this sad event will be found in another column.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 14th November, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge. Present—Bros. Goss W.M., Franckel S.W., Blasby J.W., Gomm S.D., Acworth J.D., Maton I.G., Tucker Treas., Gunner Hon. Sec., Roe P.M. and Preceptor, Wyville, Costelow, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. Bro. Costelow offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was carefully rehearsed. The call to refreshment was given, and after a short interval the brethren resumed labour. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, when Bro. N. Wotton offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of raising was most impressively rehearsed. Bro. Franckel was elected to fill the chair at next meeting. Bro. N. Wotton (Dalhousie Lodge 860) was elected a member. Lodge was then closed.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 19th November, at the Salmon and Ball, Bethnal-green-road. Present—Bros. Clarke W.M., Wooding S.W., Sturtevant J.W., Smith Treas., Chitson Sec., Prestage S.D., Hubbert J.D., Toy I.G., W. Hogg P.M. Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. Peterken, Lazarus W.M. 1278, Quay, and several other brethren. Business—Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was very creditably rehearsed by the W.M. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Hogg, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was then closed to the first degree. Bro. A. Peterken S.D. Friars Lodge No. 1349 and J.D. of St. Leonard Lodge 1805 was elected a member. Bro. Wooding will occupy the chair on the 26th inst.

Henley Lodge of Instruction, No. 1472.—Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich. The Fifteen Sections were worked on Wednesday the 19th inst., Bros. J. Hurdell 1348 W.M., J. Hemming 1287 S.W., W. J. Burgess 1472 J.W., E. Ives P.M. Sec. pro tem, supported by a numerous attendance of brethren. The several sections were admirably delivered. Bros. Burgess, Hemming, Hurdell and Paul particularly distinguishing themselves. The Lodge was duly closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent supper, provided by the host, Bro. E. West P.M. P.P.G.S.D.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction.—At the Pemburg Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday, 17th November. Bros. McMillan W.M., Cox S.W., Jones J.W., Coubro S.D., Heldrith J.D., R. Olley I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Chas. Lorkin Preceptor; also Bros. Jacob, McDowall, Buchley and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Jacob was entrusted and in due course passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. J. Lorkin worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Jacob offered himself as a candidate for the third degree, and that ceremony was rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Annual Supper will take place on Monday, 24th November, at half-past seven. Bro. P.M. Stephens will preside.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At a meeting held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, the 13th inst. Present:—Bros. C. E. Porter W.M., W. Seward S.W., G. S. Wright J.W., J. Wells S.D., J. J. Clarke J.D., W. W. Woolmer I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor; also Bros. G. Wells, Millsom, Bellamy, W. M. Wyville, H. Stephens. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. W. M. Wyville candidate. The Lodge was called off for refreshment. The Lodge

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resumed, and Bros. Wyville and Millsom answered the questions leading to second degree and retired. The Lodge was opened to the third degree, and closed to the first. Thursday, 18th December, was set apart for the purpose of having the Fifteen Sections worked, of which due notice will be given. The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. H. Kyezor, thanking the brethren for their expression of sympathy and condolence with her on her bereavement, and the Secretary was requested to enter the letter on the minutes of the Lodge. Bros. Millsom and Bellamy were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. H. E. Tucker was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

The Crusaders' Lodge, No. 1677.—The first meeting of this Lodge after the Installation was held on Wednesday evening, the 12th of November, at the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield. Bro. G. Goode W.M. presided, and the other officers present were:—Bros. Hunter I.P.M., J. W. Simmonds S.W., Rothschild J.W., Maples Treas., Defriez Sec., Millward S.D., Calderwood J.D., Gay D.C., Rushton Org., Pigot I.G. The only visitors present were:—Bros. H. Thompson 1426 and P.M. 177 and 1158, A Thiemans P.M. Faith 144, and Lehmeyer W.M. Urban. The minutes of the Installation meeting of the Lodge were read and confirmed, after which the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Thomas Mount Keiler Gilbert was examined and entrusted. The Lodge being opened in the third degree, he was, in a most impressive manner, raised to the degree of M.M. The Lodge was then lowered to the second degree, and Bros. Budden and Lennard were passed to the degree of F.C. A ballot then took place for Mr. Augustus Thomas Buckingham, the well-known and social host of Clerkenwell-green, which proving to be unanimous, he was introduced and most impressively initiated by the W. Master into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Several of his friends, who came to witness the ceremony, congratulated him upon his admission to the noble Order. Some other business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large hall for refreshment, and a very excellent and substantial repast was served up, in first-rate style, the viands being good and the attendance excellent, leaving really nothing to be desired. Bro. Butt (the worthy Host) personally superintended all the arrangements. After the withdrawal of the cloth, grace having been said, the W.M. gave the first loyal toast, which was that of "The Queen and the Craft;" this was most heartily responded to, followed by the National Anthem, Bro. Lehmeyer presiding at the pianoforte. The next toast was that of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons," a toast which was most enthusiastically responded to. The other formal toasts having been given, Bro. Hunter (Immediate Past Master) proposed the health of the W.M., and descanted on the very able manner in which he had discharged the duties in the chair. The W.M. said he had been suffering from illness, which prevented him from going through the business in the way he could wish, but he trusted to be better able to discharge them in the future; he sincerely thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him. The next toast was that of their brother initiate (Bro. Buckingham). In giving his health, the W.M. said he believed that he would prove a good and worthy Mason. This toast was likewise enthusiastically responded to. Bro. Buckingham thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him by admitting him a member of their ancient Order; he could assure them that he would do all in his power to prove himself a good Mason. The health of the Visitors was then proposed by Bro. Senior Warden, who congratulated the Lodge on having amongst them, as visitors, some of the most well-known members of the Craft. Bro. H. Thompson, in acknowledging the toast, congratulated the Lodge on possessing so efficient a Master; having witnessed two of the ceremonies performed that evening he, as a somewhat old Mason, could say with confidence that the Lodge had good reason to be proud of their Master, and of his having that night added another link to the great fraternal chain of Freemasonry. He thanked them for the kind hospitality they had shown him, and although that was his first, he trusted it would not be his last visit to the Crusaders' Lodge; that evening had been to him one of unalloyed pleasure. Bros. Thiemans and Lehmeyer also returned thanks. In the course of the evening Bro. Lehmeyer delighted the members with some choice solos on the pianoforte, particularly so by Thalberg's "Home, sweet home," with variations. Some other toasts were given, songs sung, and thus a very happy meeting was brought to a close.

West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623.—At the weekly meeting, at Bro. Butt's, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, on Monday, Bros. Van Raalte W.M., Valentine S.W., Greenwood J.W., Mallett P.M. Secretary, D. Moss S.D., King J.D., Silvester I.G., Pennefather P.M. Preceptor. Lodge was opened and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Willis candidate. Bro. D. Moss worked the first and second sections of the lecture, and P.M. Stuart the third, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Willis of 1326 was elected a member. £5 5s was voted from the funds of the Lodge of Instruction, to be placed on the list of Bro. G. H. Stephens, who has undertaken a Stewardship at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Monday next will be "Preceptor's Night;" on Monday, 1st December, Bro. Valentine will preside.

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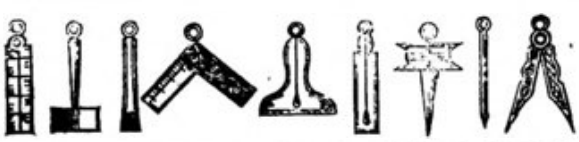

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THE APPROACHING MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

THE amount of business set down for the regular December meeting of Grand Lodge, which will take place on Wednesday next, is somewhat in excess of the usual quota, and comprises some matters of great interest to the Craft at large. On this occasion the brethren of Grand Lodge will be called upon—if the motions of which notice have been given are brought forward—to decide questions which are likely materially to affect the future of English Freemasonry. It is to be hoped that free discussion will be allowed, in order that a fair and just decision may be arrived at; and, further, that the brethren will not consider their time wasted if they are called upon to listen to numerous arguments for and against the proposed alterations. We are aware that, in discussing the questions which are brought before Grand Lodge, very much is said that is of little interest to the general hearer, but when it is remembered that the Quarterly Communications are the only occasions on which the whole of the English Craft can be addressed through its representatives, some allowance should be made by the members of one locality for the special requirements of the brethren of another. Laws and rules which meet every requirement with one section may, and do prove, utterly impracticable with another, and, therefore, it is desirable that the Central Court should be ready to listen to all, and adjudicate for the benefit of all. On questions which involve a change in existing customs, there is sure to be strong expressions of feeling on the part of the class who object to any alteration simply because it is an alteration, without any reference to the benefit or otherwise it is probable may result. The argument used by this section of the community is most unsound, and utterly opposed to the spirit of progress which should influence every man's ideas. The proposer of an amendment should have no trouble to upset the objections of this class if he can secure the attention of his audience; but this is not always an easy task, the main object of many persons appearing to be to stop any discussion which is likely to occupy more than a few minutes of their time.

As is customary at the December meeting of Grand Lodge, the first business which will require attention is the nomination of a Grand Master, the appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence, and the election of the other officers of that body, whose appointment rests with Grand Lodge. As regards the former, few words are needed to express the feelings of the brethren. No greater compliment could possibly be paid the Craft than for His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to again undertake the ruling of the English section of the Brotherhood, and so unanimous is this feeling that there is no fear of any other nomination being made, much less entertained, when the time of election arrives; while, with the latter—the appointments for the Lodge of Benevolence—no difficulty need be expected, the number of brethren qualified and deserving of appointment being far in excess of the number of offices to fill. The Charity grants recommended to Grand Lodge by the Lodge of Benevolence will next require consideration. It can but be matter of regret that it is found necessary to vote so many and such large amounts as are submitted this quarter for confirmation, but it is well known that the country has been, and is now, suffering from great depression in trade; and as Freemasonry has so greatly extended itself during the last few years, it is but natural that the claims on its bounty should be more numerous. One thing which must be gratifying to the members is, that Grand Lodge is in a position to give so handsomely, as we suppose they will do, in response to the propositions made by the Lodge of Benevolence. To dispense £1000 in one quarter, among seventeen of the less fortunate members of the Fraternity—in addition to the smaller grants made at each monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence—is an act that must be applauded, and which clearly demonstrates the grandest principle of the Craft—Charity.

The official notification to Grand Lodge of the resignation of Bro. John Hervey, who, as we stated in our last issue, has for the last eleven years faithfully filled the office of Grand Secretary, is the next item of business on the agenda paper. The Board of General Purposes express their regret that they are called upon to lay this resignation before Grand Lodge, and when we consider the cause which has made it necessary for Bro. Hervey to resign, and the way in which the duties of his office have been discharged, we can but again endorse the regrets expressed. Of course services such as those of the late Grand Secretary deserve to be suitably recognised, and as it is a part of the duty of the Board of General Purposes to point out whatever they deem necessary or advantageous to the Craft, they now unanimously recommend that Bro. Hervey be granted the full amount of his salary (£800 a year) as a retiring pension. This we feel is a very delicate point to touch upon; still we think we should be wanting in the proper discharge of our duty were we to pass over the item without comment. No one can more respect Bro. Hervey than ourselves, and therefore we feel the more diffident in pointing out what we deem the course most likely to conduce to the welfare of the Craft. We desire that our remarks should be considered as applying to the paid Offices of Grand Lodge in general, and not to any individual brother in particular. Having thus far explained ourselves, we desire to draw the attention of our readers to the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, so far as the amount of the pension to the late Grand Secretary is concerned. We think it very improper to annually spend so large an amount of the funds of Grand Lodge, as is now proposed, as an honarium to an officer, after, comparatively speaking, so short a service as little over eleven years. At the appointed time it will be in the power of each brother present at Grand Lodge to express his opinion on the subject, and we have no doubt but that the question will receive the attention it so justly merits. Unfortunately there is the natural feeling that any suggestion made in opposition to the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes is an implied slight on the brother who is more particularly concerned, but we hold that this is not the case; and even if it were, it would be unwise to establish a precedent which in years to come it would be next to impossible to disregard, without first taking into consideration every argument that might be raised against it. From a strictly commercial point of view, the action of the Board will not stand a moment's consideration. No public institution or mercantile firm could offer a full pension after so short a period of employment even if it were anxious to secure the services of the most learned professor, while, in the ordinary course, we think a service of something like forty years is necessary before a full pension can be secured. The Board would have acted far more wisely had they proposed the granting of a smaller sum, and then if they were of opinion that a full pension had been earned, they could, by their President or other prominent member, have

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suggested to Grand Lodge the propriety of considering the question of increasing their recommendation. As it now stands, any brother who thinks with us that the pension is too large, will have virtually to oppose the Board who, when attacked, will naturally stand in a body on the defensive. It is to be hoped that neither side will permit this matter to degenerate into a personal question, but that if once opened, the discussion will be allowed equal freedom by both sides, and that in the end the best course will be adopted. Whatever this may prove to be, we trust all will cheerfully conform to the opinion of the majority.

The Board of General Purposes next draws the attention of Grand Lodge to the infringement of that part of the Constitutions which relates to the procuring of Charity Jewels, Clasps, &c. We hope it is only necessary to direct attention to this irregularity to ensure its immediate discontinuance, but should Grand Lodge deem it necessary to adopt harsh measures in ordes to compel the observance of its edicts, it would be far better than to make laws and allow them to be broken, even under the very roof of Grand Lodge itself; we here more especially refer to the use of a lantern or other fancy light in the third degree, especially prohibited by Grand Lodge. We have already referred to this subject, and may at an early date point out other items which should be remedied.

The Notices of Motion comprise, one—by Bro. James Stevens—on the question of Uniformity of Working. Here Grand Lodge will be asked to appoint a committee, which was deemed necessary as far back as 1870. The other—by Bro. J. M. Clabon—has reference to the future distribution of the surplus of the Fund of Benevolence. Bro. Clabon proposes, as he has done on previous occasions in Grand Lodge, that a part *of the surplus* of each year shall be devoted to the advancement of the Pupils of the Masonic Educational Institutions after they leave the respective Schools. We have lately devoted so much of our space to these two questions that we hardly think it necessary to refer to them at any length here. As regards the latter, it is urged in some quarters that to adopt Bro. Clabon's suggestion would be to go in direct opposition to the intention of the founders of the Fund of Benevolence. The object of the Fund, according to the Book of Constitutions, is Charity. In what way Bro. Clabon's proposal is in direct opposition to Charity we should like to know. Perhaps by Wednesday next we may be enlightened.

THE LATE BRO. T. S. MORTLOCK.

IN our last issue we referred to the death of Bro. T. S. Mortlock, which occurred, under exceptionally painful circumstances, when he was attending the funeral of Bro. E. Page. The late Bro. Mortlock was an energetic and well-tried Mason; he was initiated in the Industry, No. 186, of which Lodge he was a Past Master. He was a P.Z. of the Faith Chapter, No. 141, and of the Industry Chapter, No. 186. He likewise was well known in the Mark Degree, and had served the Office of W.M., both of the Thistle, No. 8, and the Temple, No. . As a supporter of the Institutions, he was always to the fore, and many are there who will miss him as a sincere and ardent friend. The funeral of our deceased brother took place at Bow Cemetery, on Tuesday last, where a large assemblage of members of the Craft attended to pay the last sad token of regard to a worthy brother. The funeral was conducted by Bro. Thomas James; the first carriage contained the two sons of the deceased and his three brothers—John, Samuel, and William Mortlock; in the second carriage were Bros. Charles Lacey, George Wood, C. Veal, Carrociero, and Magrath; another carriage contained Bros. Hook, Marsh, Wooding, &c. The Industry Lodge was represented by its W.M. and the following members:—Bros. Chubb, Mole, Stutchbury, J. Thiers, Robinson, Seex. Amongst those assembled around the grave we may mention Bros. W. H. Clarke, A. Walter, J. G. Horsey, R. Hayward, J. Hayward, Hugh Cotter, W. Bate, J. M. Stevens, T. J. Tarling, W. O. Coleman, Scolefield, Longstaff, Deason, A. Yates, W. Wallington, B. Cundick, Watson, J. J. Berry, S. Rawley, Myers, S. Watkins, T. J. Barnes, T. J. Barnes jun., Collis, A. Walter jun., G. Jones, S. Moss, A. W. Coleman, R. Owen, A. Mole, T. Haywood, H. Harbert, Hallingford, Dawson, Goldstein, G. H. Stephens, Jas. Stevens, W. W. Morgan, &c. &c.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

SOUTH NORWOOD LODGE, No. 1139.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 20th instant, at the Public Hall, South Norwood. Bro. E. O. Day Worshipful Master, J. Churchward S.W., F. Harris J.W., R. Evans Treas., W. Duffitt Sec., J. Kern S.D., S. Skudder I.G., Stead Tyler. P.M.'s W. Corner, Sanders, Porter, C. R. Corner, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting were confirmed. The W.M. then vacated the chair for the Installing Master, Bro. W. C. Corner P.M., who formed a board of Installed Masters, and rendered the ancient ritual in a very impressive and able manner, placing Bro. J. Churchward, the new Master, in the chair of K.S. with due honours. The ballot was then successfully taken, and Messrs. F. S. Herbert and W. A. Vincent were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall, where an excellent *menu* had been provided, to which ample justice was done. After grace had been said, the W.M. proposed the Loyal toasts, which were received with that hearty enthusiasm for which the Lodge is noted. In replying for the Grand Officers, Bro. Hugh Sandeman, P.G.M. of Bengal, said he gladly responded to that toast; he was pleased to congratulate all the Officers of the Lodge upon the excellent working he had witnessed. It was the fourth time he had been present at the installation meeting, and it was a pleasure to hear the ritual rendered in such a correct manner. The W.M., in reply to his health, thanked the brethren for placing him in that proud and distinguished position, and hoped he should merit the esteem of the brethren by the attention he paid to every detail of the Lodge. The handsome Lodge jewel was then presented to the retiring Master, Bro. E. O. Day, who acknowledged the gift in suitable terms. The Tyler's toast concluded a very enjoyable evening. Visitors—Bros. Hugh Sandeman Friends in Council Lodge, J. R. Longrow Knob Lodge 1414, W. Sharp P.M. Concord Lodge 463, A. Churchward Hornsey 890, J. Nicolls Fitzroy Lodge, J. Pilling St. James's Union 180, Dr. Strong Frederick of Unity 452.

ST. AUGUSTINE LODGE, No. 972.

THE brethren held their annual meeting on 19th November, at the Masonic Rooms, 38 St. Peter's-street, Canterbury. The ceremony of Installation of the W.M. Elect (Bro. William H. Vile) was most impressively performed by Bro. J. Welsh P.M. The following brethren were invested by the W.M. as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Edwin Beer S.W., H. Miskin J.W., Rev. T. J. Syree Chaplain, G. Pilcher P.M. G.S. P.G.D.C. Treasurer, S. F. Pringuer S.D., T. B. Rosseter J.D., T. Crump I.G., W. Harnett Tyler, Henry Pringuer Secretary, A. J. Pelling Organist, J. Welsh P.M. Director of Ceremonies, C. Holttum P.M. Almoner, J. Secra Charity Delegate. A vote of thanks—proposed by Bro. H. Naylor P.M. 1449, seconded by Bro. C. Holttum P.M. 31—was subsequently inscribed upon the minutes of the Lodge for the able manner in which the ceremony was performed by Bro. J. Welsh, who was then decorated by the W.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, presented by the brethren below the chair, in recognition of the valuable services rendered, not only to the Craft but also in the Lodge of Instruction. After the ceremony, the brethren adjourned to the Guildhall Hotel, where a banquet was capitally served by the Bros. Shaxby, in the old Lodge-room. On the removal of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Amongst the visiting brethren were:—Bros. Thomas J. Usher 1096, Dr. W. Longhurst S.W. 31, George Cox P.M. 199, John Brothers W.M. 709, F. W. Prescott 199, G. Tribe 177, H. Naylor P.M. 1449, Edwin Fenn 1208, W. A. Smeeth 1208, J. Howarth 1449, T. Blamiers 1449, H. Hammond 1449, R. Butler 1658.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At Bro. Butt's, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, on Monday, 24th Nov. Present—Bros. Halle W.M., Gibbs S.W., Symons J.W., Pearcy Acting Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Sillis S.D., Giller J.D., Balls I.G.; also Bros. Jackson, Wing, Defries, Geyer, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jackson candidate. Bro. Wing proved himself efficient, and was entrusted. Lodge being advanced, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Wing as candidate; both ceremonies were performed in a very creditable manner. Lodge being resumed, Bro. Fenner worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Giller of Loyalty Lodge 1607, and Jackson of Great Northern Lodge 1287, were duly elected members. Bro. Gibbs will preside at the next meeting. Bro. Pearcy was unanimously elected an honorary member. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, No. 87.—A meeting was held on 21st November, at the White Hart, College-street, Lambeth. Present—Bros. Timothy W.M., Kohler S.W., Nott J.W., Isaac Treas., Bond Sec., Davis S.D., Sambell J.D., Watson Tyler; Bros. Stuart, Jolly, Ball, Chalkley, Cox, Bale, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Chalkley answered the questions leading to the third degree, was entrusted, and raised. The first section was worked, and the Lodge was closed to the first. Bro. Kohler will preside next Thursday, when the brethren will meet in the new building.

Royal Union Lodge, No. 246.—At the meeting on Wednesday 19th, Bro. J. Walker, M.A., the W.M., asked the acceptance by

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the Lodge of a sum of fifty guineas, which he proposed to give in the name of the Lodge to the Masonic Charities. He stated his anxiety that the Lodge, which held the premier position on the roll of Prov. Grand Lodge, should also occupy as honourable a position towards the Masonic Charities. Already the Lodge was Vice-President of two of the three Charities, and he should be glad to see it occupy a similar position towards the third. Bro. Brook-Smith Prov. Grand Tr., as the oldest P.M. of the Lodge, proposed a cordial expression of thanks to the W.M. for his generous and unexpected gift, and Bro. the Baron de Ferrieres, in seconding it, asked to be allowed to contribute the balance of seventeen guineas required for the acquisition of the third Vice-Presidentship. Bro. Brook-Smith then moved, and Bro. Bryant I.P.M. seconded, a similar vote of thanks to this second donor, and both votes were carried by hearty acclamation. The Royal Union Lodge thus becomes Vice-President of all three of the Masonic Charities—a position which will probably provoke friendly emulation among the other Lodges of the province.

Lodge of Union, No. 414.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, 18th Nov., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present — Bros. Chas. Oades W.M., Saml. Bradley S.W., Chas. Stephens J.W., M. J. Withers Sec., J. A. Strachan P.M. Treas., R. C. Mount S.D., F. J. Ferguson J.D., A. W. Parry D.C., D. H. Witherington Steward, Saml. Wheeler I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; Bros. C. G. Hawkes, C. G. Butler, W. C. Moffatt, Edw. Davis, H. Higgs, J. R. Hayward, F. W. Albury, Doran Webb. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John Robert Hayward, a candidate to be raised to the third degree, gave proof of his proficiency in the former degrees, was entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third, and Bro. J. R. Hayward was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The ceremony was performed in an admirable manner both by the Master and Officers. Lodge was closed from the third to the first degree. Two candidates for initiation were proposed and seconded. The W.M. gave notice of motion, that a gratuity to the R.M.B.I. be given. After the usual closing ceremonies, the Lodge was closed and adjourned to the third Tuesday in December.

West Kent Lodge, No. 1277.—The brethren of this Lodge assembled on Saturday last, for the second time at their new place of meeting, viz., the Crystal Palace. Bro. R. H. Crowden the W.M. was supported by all his Officers, who arrived in due time to be present at the opening of the Lodge. They included the Rev. Dr. Rosenthal, D.D., Chaplain, the Senior and Junior Wardens, &c., and Past Masters C. K. Crouch, G. Clements, John Allen and J. K. Stead. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. E. B. Grabham Royal Athelstane 19 P.S.G.W. Middlesex, H. H. Spede Andrews Egyptian 27, and J. Hammond Hermon 1572. Bro. B. Fullwood P.M. St. John's, Torquay, was unanimously elected a joining member, and Dr. William Lomas and Mr. P. S. Philps, surgeon, duly elected for initiation. The latter named candidate was then duly initiated, and the Rev. Arthur E. Druce, M.A., and James Orange were passed. Bro. Crowden W.M. was appointed Steward on behalf of the Lodge for the ensuing Festival of the Girls' School, and on the proposition of the Treasurer, Bro. Stead P.M., ten guineas was voted from the Lodge funds. Later on the subscription list was passed round, and though there were not more than twenty present, the total subscriptions amounted to £58, which is the more creditable, as—though the Lodge was consecrated in 1869—this will be the first time it has sent a Steward to any of the various Charities. It is to be hoped that the example thus set will be followed by each succeeding Master.

Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278.—The usual meeting of this very prosperous Lodge was held on Thursday, 20th inst., at the Approach Tavern, Victoria-park, Bro. Abraham Lazarus, the W.M., presiding, who was assisted by his Officers most efficiently. There was a fair attendance of P.M.'s. Bro. Berry officiated as Acting Secretary in the absence of Bro. G. W. Verry. Bro. W. J. Bonner received his M.M. degree, the ceremony being most impressively worked, and Mr. Basil Stewart was duly ballotted for and initiated. The brethren then adjourned to the banquetting-room, where the festivities were interrupted by a communication being made to the W.M. to the effect that a fire was raging next to his premises, which information naturally necessitated his leaving, but he desired the brethren not to break up or allow the untoward circumstance to mar the enjoyment of those present, and asked the I.P.M. Bro. Crouch to preside and carry out the usual programme, which was done.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction.—The annual banquet took place at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday, 24th November. Bros. C. Lorkin W.M., Grist S.W., McDowall J.W. The following brethren were present — W. Wallington P.M. 860, R. Dallas, J. Lorkin, Smyth, High, Long, Toombs, Bailey, Marsh, Thos. Jones, Heldrith, Gittels, Slaiter, McMillan, Coubro, Jacob, Pinder, R. Olley, Garrod, Tho. Cox, Grimbley, F. Cox, Harding. After the repast the usual toasts were given. The health of the W.M. was proposed and suitably acknowledged. Speaking of the Lodge of Instruction, the W.M. wished it every prosperity. The next toast was that of Bro. Slaiter, late Secretary, who is leaving for India. Bro. Slaiter, in feeling terms, thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they had drank his health. The banquet was served by Mr. Clifford, the worthy host, in excellent style. Bros. Coubro, McMillan, Pinder, P.M. Wallington, Grist, C. Lorkin, Smyth and R. Olley, added to the pleasures of the evening by some capital songs.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 20th inst. Present:—Bros. H. E. Tucker W.M., W. Seward S.W., E. C. Porter J.W., H. Youens S.D., C. E. Botley J.D., F. Botley I.G.; also Bros. H. Stephens, W. M. Wyville, G. Wills, E. J. Acworth, A. Jones, Gardner P.M. 780, Gunner. Bro. F. Botley volunteered as a candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The Lodge was called off for refreshment. On resuming labour, Bro. Seward took the chair. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Acworth candidate. Bro. Gardner P.M. 780 took the chair, and the Lodge was opened in the third degree. Bro. Tucker re-occupied the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Gunner candidate. Bro. Gunner referred to the case of a distressed brother, whose condition was fully explained some months previously. Bro. Tucker now asked the brethren to again assist, and on the motion of Bro. F. Botley, seconded by Bro. H. Youens, £1 was voted from the funds of the Lodge in aid of our distressed brother. Bro. Seward was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked as under:

At the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, Moorgate Station Restaurant, on Tuesday, 2nd December. Bro. T. A. Adams P.G.P. in the chair. Those of our brethren who have not visited the comfortable quarters the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction have secured, should avail themselves of this opportunity.

THE TWO-HEADED EAGLE.—The origin of the device of the Eagle on National and Royal Banners may be traced to very early times. It was an ensign of the Ancient Kings of Persia and Babylon. The Romans adopted many other figures on their Camp standards; but Masons (B.C. 102) made the Eagle alone the ensign of the legions and confined the other figures to the cohorts. From the Romans the French, under the empire, adopted the Eagle. The Emperors of the Roman western empire used a black eagle; those of the East a golden one. The sign of the golden eagle met with in taverns is an allusion to the emperors of the East. Since the time of the Romans almost every State that has assumed the designation of an empire has taken the Eagle for its ensign—Austria, Prussia, Russia, Poland and France, all took the Eagle. The two-headed Eagle signifies a double empire. The Emperors of Austria, who claim to be considered the successors of the Cæsars of Rome, use the double-headed Eagle, which is the Eagle of the Eastern Emperors, with that of the Western typifying the "Holy Roman Empire," of which the Emperors of Germany, now merged in the house of Austria, considered themselves as representatives. Charlemagne was the first to use it, for when he became master of the whole of the German empire he added the second head to the eagle, A.D. 802, to denote that the emperors of Rome and Germany were united in him. As it is among birds the king, and being the emblem of a noble nature, from its strength of wing, and eye and courage, and also of conscious strength and innate power, the eagle has been universally preferred as the continental emblem of sovereignty. Of the different eagles of heraldry, the black eagle is considered the most noble, especially when blazoned on a gold shield.

"The Antiquary" is the title of a new Monthly Magazine which is to be published by Mr. Elliot Stock early in December. It is to be devoted to such subjects as Folk Lore, Numismatics, Early Voyages, Bibliography, Genealogy, Heraldry, Parish Registers, Provincial Dialects, Church Restoration, Early Printing, the Transactions of Provincial Archæological Societies, Engravings and Paintings, Curiosa, &c., &c. "The Antiquary" is to be edited by Edward Walford, Editor of the "County Families."

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We must crave the indulgence of our friends, many of whom we shall disappoint through being obliged to hold over so many items of news. The demands on our space at this season of the year are so great that we have no option; at the same time we tender our regret to those brethren whose indulgence we seek, and promise we will do our best to rectify shortcomings in our next. An article on the recent Special Court of the Girls School, reports of the Installation Meetings of the Royal Savoy, William Preston, and City of Westminster Lodges, and of the complimentary dinner at the Metropolitan Hotel, on the 19th inst., are among the items we are compelled to hold over.

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CONSECRATION OF THE ST. LEONARD'S LODGE, No. 1842.

FOR some few years past the necessity for the establishment of a Lodge at St. Leonards has been felt and acknowledged by several prominent members of the Craft in the trim towns of Hastings and St. Leonards. After the usual amount of preliminary routine, a warrant was granted on 23rd August, and the Lodge—which is named the St. Leonards Lodge, and bears the number 1842—was consecrated on Friday, the 21st November, in one of the rooms in the new buildings, called the Warrior-square Concert Rooms, which have been recently completed in that town. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a large attendance of the brethren, amongst whom we noticed Bros. John Henderson Scott D. Prov. G.M. for Sussex, Major-General the Hon. Somerset Gough Calthorp J.G.W. of England, Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. of England and D. Prov. G.M. for Suffolk, Joseph Dixon P.M. 271 P. Prov. S.G.W. acting as Prov. S.G.W., H. Davey (Mayor of Brighton) P.M. 783 Prov. G.J.W., E. R. Adams S.W. 1466 Prov. G. Chaplain, R. Crosskey P.M. 1303 Prov. G. Treasurer, William Dawes P.M. 341 P. Prov. G. Registrar as Prov. G. Registrar, V. P. Freeman P.M. 271 Prov. G. Secretary, C. W. Duke P.M. 40 and 1184 P. Prov. J.G.D. as Prov. S.G.D., O. N. Wyatt P.M. 38 Prov. G. S. of W., J. M. Kidd P.M. 782 Prov. G.D. of C., A. R. Croucher (M.D. J.P.) P.M. 40 Prov. G. Assistant D. of C., A. J. Hawkes P.M. 315 Prov. G.S.B., A. King 271 Prov. G.O., F. J. Rubie P.M. 341 Prov. G.P., J. T. Whatford P.M. 851 Prov. G.S., T. Morris P.M. 1110 Prov. G.S., C. R. Chandler P.M. 1184 Prov. G.S., George Stone S.W. 311 P.M. 1303 Prov. G.S., C. J. Smith W.M. 1466 Prov. G.S., Thomas Hughes Prov. G. Tyler, W. Price W.M. 56, W. Hickman 50 I.C., J. H. Beckett No. 1 Kilwinning S.C., T. H. Cole (M.A.) P.M. and Sec. 40 P. Prov. G. Assistant D. of C., Thomas Trollope (M.D.) P.M. 40 P. Prov. S.G.W., W. Lamborn W.M. 1184 P. Prov. G.P., B. Roberts W.M. 916 P. Prov. G. Assistant D. of C., R. Pidcock P.M. 916 P. Prov. G. Assistant D. of C., James S. Terry P.J.G.W. Herts Secretary to Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Rev. George Richards, D.D., P.M. 40 and 134 P. Prov. G.J.W., F. Forss 1585 and 40, F. Millsom W.M. 341, T. S. Gould J.W. 341, W. Bacon P.M. 874, C. J. Fletcher Treasurer 341, J. P. Ranking 874, G. C. Chapman 311, J. B. Gill S.D. 558, R. E. Wilson 40, H. J. Emmerson 40, J. Fisher I.G. 1184, H. W. J. Wells Treasurer 1184, F. Rossiter S.W. 40, A. Holman J.W. 311, B. Sargent J.W. 1184, A. D. Womersley S.D. 1184, J. N. Masters P.M. 341, W. H. Russell 40, J. A. Middlemas 1184, E. H. Langley 1184, George Wellerd P.M. and Treasurer 40 P. Prov. D. of C., C. J. Lewns 40, H. J. Godbold 40, C. Mastin 1184, John Abram, Mus. Doc., 40, E. R. Clarke S.W. 1184, R. H. Keeley J.D. 1184, A. Wilkinson J.D. 1694, E. Broadbridge 73, B. Tree 1184, George Nash Secretary 315, F. J. Parsons 40, J. Large 771, A. J. Joseph 40, W. Hudson 40, J. Bray 40, J. P. Reeve 40, J. Pearce 40, J. Thompson 1693, Crossthwaite 40, Lieut.-Col. Tubbs St. Paul's Lodge, S.C., W. Savery 1184, G. Gaze 40, C. H. Norris P.M. 40, A. J. Scott, T. S. Watts P.M. 916, W. Kirkland W.M. 1110 P. Prov. G.P., A. Taylor P.M. 1110, John Howell P.M. 40 P. Prov. G.S. of Works, W. H. Fletcher, from the British Lodge, No. 334, held at the Cape of Good Hope, A. W. Elliott 40, J. Saunders 1139, T. G. Hulbard 1597, S. Tanner 310, A. R. Lye 1110, T. Markwick 40, F. Doyle 190, Fred Duke 40, F. H. Parsons, M.D., 40, A. L. Ward 40, W. L. Vernon 40, T. H. Wadd 40, F. De Brebant Cooper 40, A. Carey 1000, J. Cooke, M.B., 40, C. Ashenden 40. A little after the appointed time, the brethren assembled in the Lodge room, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was received in full form. The Lodge having been opened in the three degrees by the D. Prov. Grand Master Bro. John Henderson Scott, that Worshipful Brother delivered an address to the brethren, in which he specially referred to the Old Derwent Lodge at Hastings having, in conjunction with the Union Lodge at Chichester, and the Clarence at Brighton, kept alive the spark of Freemasonry in the Province of Surrey during many dark and troublesome years. Bro. Scott said that it was upwards of one hundred years since the Derwent Lodge was first established at Hastings, and although it was often said in our every-day life that it "would be all the same in a hundred years hence," here was an evidence that the actions of men had their effect upwards of a hundred years later. The founders of the new Lodge were then assembled, and the Warrant, dated 23rd August 1879, signed by Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M. was read, authorising Bros. Thomas Trollope, A. R. Croucher, T. H. Cole, W. T. Hickman, A. L. Ward, John Cooke, Francis H. Parsons, M.D., James A. Beckett, Thomas Hulburd, T. H. Wadd, E. W. J. Hennah, W. L. Vernon, T. Brassey, M.P., and others to hold the Lodge. The R.W. Deputy Prov. G. Master also commented at considerable length on the value of Freemasonry, and expressed his hope that there would not be any petty jealousy, no carping or cavelling amongst the brethren; he was much pleased that the W.M. designate of the new Lodge of St. Leonards was his worthy friend and Brother Dr. Trollope. The Prov. G. Chaplain the Rev. E. R. Adams delivered an eloquent and impressive oration, referring to three kinds of Freemasons whom he might respectively term Masons in name, Masons in ritual, and Masons in reality. The first class simply joined the Craft, and took no interest in its ceremonies, or in its lessons, or in its Charities, and were rarely to be seen except at the banquetting table. A much worthier class were the Masons in ritual, who took the greatest interest in the work of Masonry, and were seldom absent from the meetings. But the most worthy were the real Masons, who, while not letter perfect in the ritual, nor over stringent as to whether a chair was entered from the right side or the wrong, acted up to the real spirit of Masonry in act as well as in word, and who carried out the principles of the Order in their daily life, and were made better fathers, better husbands, and better sons. The Lodge Board was then uncovered, and the elements of Consecration were carried round and poured upon it, and it was declared by the Deputy Prov. G.M. to be regularly opened. Bro. Trollope P. Prov. S.G.W. was then installed W.M., and the following brethren were appointed Officers for the ensuing twelve months, viz.:—Bros. A. R. Croucher, M.D., Prov. G. Asst. D. of C. S.W., T. H. Cole, M.A., P. Prov. G. Asst. D. of C. J.W., F. H. Parsons Treas., F. de Brebant Cooper Secretary, W. L. Vernon S.D., A. L. Ward J.D., T. H. Wadd I.G., William Leslie Tyler. The usual addresses were most ably given to the newly-installed W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren of the Lodge, the two former by Bro. C. J. Smith, Prov. Grand Steward, and the latter by the Deputy Prov. G.M., who officiated as Installing Master. Cordial votes of thanks were proposed and unanimously carried to Bro. Scott for his kind attendance and able services in undertaking the Consecration and installation that afternoon; and to Bro. Rev. E. R. Adams for his most eloquent and impressive address. Several brethren were proposed as joining members and several gentlemen as candidates for initiation, and the Senior Warden (Bro. A. R. Croucher) was elected as the representative of the Lodge on the Provincial Charities Committee. Bro. Trollope, the W.M., and the Officers of the St. Leonards Lodge cannot but feel grateful at the number of visitors who honoured them with their presence at the ceremony, and from the gentlemen proposed as members, the Lodge has every promise of a successful career under the Mastership of so distinguished and so active a Mason as Bro. Trollope; we feel assured that he will be ably assisted by his Officers, and that the St. Leonard's Lodge will soon take a prominent position in the Province of Sussex. The musical arrangements in connection with the ceremony were under the direction of Bro. Alfred King Prov. G.O., who, with the assistance of the musical brethren, added considerably to the effect.

The Consecration Banquet was held in the same building immediately after the close of the Lodge. The W.M. was supported by all the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers who had been present at the consecration of the Lodge, and by Bro. Thomas Brassey, M.P. for the borough, and other distinguished brethren. Justice having been done to the good things provided, the services of the waiters were dispensed with for a time, and the W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," remarked that her Majesty was the mother of our three Masonic princes, and the patroness of our great Masonic Charities, and was an example of every domestic and social virtue. The W.M. next proposed "The health of the Masonic Sovereign, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," who, he could assure the brethren, took the greatest interest in everything pertaining to Freemasonry, and was most particular in not sanctioning the issue of a warrant for any new Lodge unless he was satisfied of the necessity for it. The W.M. next proposed "The health of the Earl of Carnarvon the Pro Grand Master, and alluded to the great tact which that brother at all times exercised when he acted as the representative of the Prince of Wales. He coupled with it the health of the Deputy Grand Master of England Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, referring to Lord Skelmersdale's great services to the Craft as Deputy Grand Master of England, and as a ruler of a province numbering over eighty Lodges. He also alluded to the presence that evening of General Calthorpe, who some years ago had resided amongst them, and had been a frequent visitor of the Derwent, and whom he was pleased to welcome again amongst them, and to congratulate him as Junior Grand Warden of England. Bro. Martyn and the other Officers he also welcomed in becoming terms. General Calthorpe, in responding, thanked the brethren for their reception, and in feeling terms referred to the days gone by when he resided in the borough, and visited the "Old Derwent." He had pleasure on his return to this town to meet all around, especially as they now met, on non-political grounds, and was equally pleased to meet both his friends and his old opponents (speaking politically). Bro. Martyn P.G. Chaplain also responded, and congratulated the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the W.M., the Lodge, and its members, on the very successful proceedings of the day; he felt sure that under the guidance of the W.M., Dr. Trollope, the career of the St. Leonard's Lodge would be a prosperous one. The W.M., in proposing "The health of the Provincial Grand Master Sir Walter Burrell, Bart., M.P., the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Brother John Henderson Scott, and the Provincial Grand Officers," said that Sir Walter Burrell would have been present that evening but for the inclement weather. That worshipful brother was a genuine old English gentleman, and took the deepest interest in everything pertaining to Freemasonry, and hoped to see the charity scheme at present in operation in the Derwent Lodge introduced into every Lodge in the province. With reference to Bro. John Henderson Scott, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, they all knew he was a good working Mason, and they had all had the opportunity of listening to the excellent way in which he had performed the ceremony of consecration and installation that afternoon; and of the other Provincial Grand Officers he might say, that although the inclemency of the weather had hindered many attending, they had still a large number of brethren wearing the purple amongst them. The D. Prov. G.M. returned thanks, and stated that Sir Walter Burrell would have been there that evening, but was prevented by illness. He would remind the brethren that he intended representing the Province at the annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be held in February next. He had already subscriptions promised amounting to over £300, and he would be glad to add further donations from Lodges or brethren to his list. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Richards, in a thoroughly Masonic speech, proposed "The health of the W.M. and Success to the St. Leonard's Lodge." Some few years ago he had the pleasure of installing Bro. Trollope as W.M. of the Derwent Lodge, and he was glad to be present that day and witness his installation as first W.M. of this new Lodge. In this beautiful spot in our own beautiful Island, a still further beauty had been introduced by the formation of a Lodge of Freemasons; and long might the new Lodge prosper and spread the genuine tenets of Masonry. The Rev. Brother was warmly applauded during his frequent and heart-stirring Masonic appeals. Brother Trollope W.M. thanked the brethren for the warm reception they had given to the toast proposed by his old friend Brother Richards,

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who had, to a considerable extent, taken the wind out of his sails. This—as the brethren had just been reminded—was not the first occasion on which he had succeeded Bro. Richards in the chair of K.S., neither was the opening of the St. Leonard's Lodge an idea of to-day only. Some seven or eight years ago a similar idea had been mooted, and their respected Brother Brassey had promised his assistance towards the formation of a Lodge at St. Leonard's. He was especially glad, therefore, to see Bro. Brassey present that evening. The affair, however, hung fire until the completion of the handsome block of buildings in which they had met that evening had been carried out, under the superintendence of Bro. W. L. Vernon. There was ample room for two Lodges in the Borough. It was some seventeen years since he joined the Derwent Lodge, which then numbered less than forty members, and now its numbers were nearer ninety than eighty, and in starting the new Lodge, they had no idea of entering into rivalry with the Old Derwent. He had been twice Master of that Lodge, and hoped to continue a member so long as he remained amongst them. This town was large enough, and he believed that many Masons who were deterred by distance from their residences from attending the Lodge at Hastings, would gladly avail themselves of the privileges of membership of the new St. Leonard's Lodge, and that many who had allowed the rust of years to dim their ardour in Freemasonry would awaken to new life, and to once more become bright Masons. The toast of the Visitors, the Officers of the Lodge, and the Masonic Charities, were severally proposed from the chair and duly honoured. Bro. Price W.M. of No. 56 (The Howard Lodge, Arundel) responded on behalf of the Visitors, and Bros. Croucher and Cole (S.W. and J.W.) on behalf of the Officers of the Lodge. Bro. James Terry, whose name was coupled with the toast of the Masonic Charities, made one of his most able and effective responses, in the course of which he expressed a hope that the brethren would by their subscriptions still further increase the splendid amount which already appeared on Bro. Scott's list as Steward for the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February next. The Tyler's toast wound up a day's proceedings which will not be forgotten by the brethren who were privileged to attend, and will be a red-letter day in the Masonic History of Hastings and St. Leonard's. To W. Bro. Trollope and his Officers we can but express our opinion, that in confiding a new warrant to their care, the M.W.G.M. of English Freemasons will never have any reason to regret the confidence he has bestowed upon them. Better Masons we seldom meet.

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PROTECT THE ORPHANS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the elections last month for the Masonic Schools, ninety-one poor children—sixty-one boys and thirty girls—who had passed the General Committees as fit and proper candidates for education and support by our much-vaunted Charities were placed on the list of unsuccessful applicants, and left to educate and feed themselves as they best may until the elections in April next, when a large majority of them must again be doomed to disappointment. Not one penny is offered out of the liberal funds provided by the subscribers to aid in the maintenance and instruction of these poor children, who may starve, or grow up in destitution and ignorance, while we complacently sip our wine, and boast of the many thousands of pounds annually collected for their benefit. Some one cries, "*Shame!*"

At each succeeding meeting of the Committees, fresh names are added to the already too long list of applicants soliciting that protection and assistance which Freemasonry professes to extend to those who may be unfortunately reduced to a position requiring the benefits of these Institutions. Some of them—lucky enough to secure the help of influential and energetic brethren—will be successful; but the greater number will bitterly experience the "hope deferred which maketh the heart sick," and learn too late that, consequent upon the extravagant outlay on the favoured few, and by the diversion of funds from their legitimate channel, sums which should have been devoted to their aid have been otherwise disposed of, leaving them to sadly realise the truth of Shakspeare's words, "The orphan pines while the oppressor feeds." Again a cry of "*Shame!*"

These poor orphans are pleading for a home, food, and the training to enable them to take useful positions in the world—benefits which are denied to them on the plea of *insufficient means*; yet it is thought proper to call a Special General Court of the Girls' School to consider a proposition by the Treasurer—"That the sum of six thousand five hundred pounds (£6,500) be expended in the purchase of Lyncombe-house and grounds (freehold), the property of William Evill, Esq., adjoining the grounds of the Institution at St. John's-hill, Battersea-rise, S.W." Has no one sufficient charity and moral courage to cry "*Shame?*"

The FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE having persistently advocated common sense and honesty in the management of our Charity funds, there is good reason for hope that you will use your powerful influence to prevent a further waste of the orphans' money in the purchase of useless houses and unnecessary lands. The two Schools have been more than sufficiently costly, and are now quite large enough for permanent purposes. A well-regulated expenditure in monetary allowances to aid in the support and education of candidates until their election would be far more in accordance with the intentions of the donors than the proposed outlay on the Evill house, and would, moreover, tend to better prepare the children for the superior training which our Institutions offer. It surely cannot yet be too late to advocate the cause of the orphans against that of the freebolder and the builder, nor to invite subscribers to greet the proposed useless expenditure of six thousand five hundred pounds with a loud cry of "*Shame!*"

Yours truly and fraternally, H.

26th November 1879.

COLEMAN'S MASONIC CALENDAR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have received from our friend and Bro. C. P. MacCalla, editor of the *Keystone*, a copy of a most useful work—"Coleman's Masonic Calendar"—a list of the whole of the regular Lodges at work in the United States and Canada, with their names, numbers and locations. There are 54 Grand Lodges, and some 10,000 Lodges holding under them. In every case where it is possible the addresses of the Grand Officers are given. Besides these the American and Canadian Grand Chapters, Councils, Commanderies, Consistories and governing bodies of all other Rites are to be found arranged in order within the 100 pages which compose the Calendar. A concise list is added of Masonic information relating to foreign jurisdictions, and a great quantity of information always useful and acceptable to Masonic readers, such as lists of Masonic journals, seals, libraries, institutions, &c. The author and editor, the Rev. Henry R. Coleman, tells us that one great object of the compilation and publication of this Calendar was to "measurably put a stop to" the "swindling" of false brethren who go about from Lodge to Lodge with false appeals of poverty and destitution; and our Brother gives some directions by means of which a large proportion of such rogues may easily be detected. Unquestionably the Masons of the United States are more cursed than those of Great Britain with these hordes of beggars; but even in this country we have far more of them than we ought, and perhaps if the suggestions of Bro. Coleman were known they might be acted upon (with modifications) in such a way as to materially suppress the Masonic mendicancy which is so troublesome, and forms so heavy a tax upon the brethren. Young Masons, who are more especially victimised, might be much benefitted by a perusal of Bro. Coleman's suggestions as to the treatment of what he calls "the excrements of Freemasonry." But bad as we may regard the evil in England, it is nothing to the state of things in America, nor is this to be wondered at if what Bro. Coleman states be correct, and there is no reason to doubt his figures. Here, then, is something to startle the Masonic reader:—"During the years 1876, 1877, and 1878, the appalling number of 2933 Masons were expelled from the Lodges of the United States and Canada! 2933 expelled Masons! 2933 men dead as to Masonry, yet alive as to the harm they do us by their evil lives, their exposures, their influence upon the rising generation! Besides this, 2609 more were suspended for periods more or less lengthy for gross un-Masonic conduct, and 44,299 for non-payment of dues! In the same period 63,000 Masons disunited, the larger part of them to avoid paying their share towards the support of the Order. Here is the sum total of 103,000 Masons who have gone back upon their fraternal pledges within the little period of three years." Truly, as Bro. Coleman says, this is appalling, and we have nothing like it, happily, in England, even in proportion to our number of Lodges. Still we have an uncomfortable supply of Masonic tramps, and if we were to exercise more care and discretion in our almsgiving we should perhaps assist in diminishing the evil.

It would be an excellent rule for each Lodge to appoint an old experienced brother as almoner, and to make a rule that no one should receive casual relief save through that Officer, and that those soliciting relief should invariably be referred to him. Young Masons are very apt to be soft-hearted, and tramping brethren usually come with very plausible tales. After some years experience of them, my own feeling is that not one in three who come is worthy of relief. The idea of a "Black List" has been suggested, and perhaps has its merits. By this method, the name, general appearance, and description of credentials of any begging Mason found to be unworthy would be forwarded to headquarters, and an annual list would be published, and sent to every Lodge.

However, I have wandered off from the subject of Bro. Coleman's Calendar, which is to be an annual publication, and which will be of vast use, not only as a reliable work of reference, but a valuable record of Masonry in North America.

I am, yours fraternally,

T. B. WHITEHEAD P.M.

York, 26th November 1879.

PAST MASTERS' PRIVILEGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent, "QUIDNUNC," in his letter that appeared in the CHRONICLE of 30th Aug. last, replying to my query as to the conditions of Past Masters' membership of Provincial Grand Lodge, raises a certain issue, to which, as my question did not hinge on the date of installation, I did not refer in my last, but to which it may be as well to draw attention. Referring to page 76 section 1 of the Book of Constitutions, he observes, very truly, that "there can be no doubt that although a Master's installation may be deferred for various reasons, as ill health, absence, or other unforeseen causes, and he cannot occupy the chair of K.S., he is nevertheless

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virtually the ruler, and can appoint his Wardens and Officers for the year in the ordinary manner. His installation at some period of his year of Office is doubtless absolutely necessary to secure him continuing privileges, but is not absolutely requisite to prevent his ruling during his appointed year." He then draws two deductions, the former of which (and this I have italicised) I venture, with all respect to "QUIDNUNC," to dispute. He continues "consequently *he will have executed his office for the prescribed period*, and his Wardens will also have been executive Officers for the term necessary to qualify them for the Master's chair at the next annual period of election within the Lodge." Now I apprehend that "ruling a Lodge" is not executing the office of Master in its entirety. A Master, the minutes of whose election have been confirmed, but who has not yet been installed, cannot, I believe, *suo vire* confer any degree. He can only perform a degree ceremony in the presence of an installed Master, and then merely as the mouthpiece of the latter, who is responsible for the proper conducting of the ceremony. That installation is absolutely necessary to enable a brother "to execute the office of Master," though not "to rule the Lodge," is I think decided by the opinion of the Grand Registrar, expressed at the Quarterly Communication of 5th December 1877, in the following words:—A Master, if he is to be a Member of Grand Lodge, as a Past Master, must have executed the office of Master for one year. So that, if a Master were duly elected at the proper time, and for some reason could not be installed on the proper day of installation, so as to serve for one whole year by the time the next regular day of installation came round, that is to say, by that time had only served eleven months, he would not be, as a Past Master, a member of Grand Lodge."

Yours fraternally,

W. S. L.

Cradock, South Africa, 9th Oct. 1879.

A REQUEST.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you kindly allow me, through your columns, to say that I shall feel greatly obliged to any Secretaries who will take the trouble to send me specimens of the forms of Lodge Summons and Clearance Certificate in use in their respective Lodges.

Yours truly and fraternally,

WILLIAM NOTT,

Devizes, 22nd Nov. 1879. P.P.J.G.W. and P.G.R. Wilts.

THE ROYAL ARCH AT YORK.

ONE of the most singular features in connection with the minutes of the Grand Chapter of All England at York is the entry regarding the meeting held in the Cathedral at York. As usual the minute is very brief, and I will give it just as it is written:—

York Cathedral, 27th May 1778.

The Royal Arch Brethren whose Names are undermentioned assembled in the Ancient Lodge, now a Sacred Recess within the Cathedral Church of York, and then and there opened a Chapter of Free and Accepted Masons in the Most Sublime Degree of Royal Arch. Present—

Jacob Bussey S.
George Kitson H.T.
Thos. Richardson H.A.
John Coupland Secy. and Treas.
Francis Consitt
Robert Bewlay
Thomas Williams
Thomas Beckwith
Francis Clubley

The Chapter was held and then closed in usual form, being adjourned to the first Sunday in June, except in case of Emergency.

From the allusion to "the ancient Lodge" we see that the tradition of ancient Lodges having been held in the Cathedral Crypt was then accepted, and as no business appears to have been done, I presume that these nine worthy Companions simply met as recorded for the purpose of keeping up the remembrance of the ancient guild meetings.

The Crypt of the Cathedral is now lighted and warmed with gas, but in 1778, and in the month of May, it must have been a terribly chilly and dismal place wherein to hold a meeting. One also cannot help wondering how these brethren obtained permission to hold a Chapter in the Cathedral itself. The present Dean of York is most amiably disposed towards the Fraternity, as he has shown by several times placing the Cathedral at our disposal for special services, but I should very strongly doubt the possibility of his permission being obtained for any species of secret meeting for Masonic ceremonial. Dean Fountayne, however, who reigned in 1778, was a very different class of churchman, and in those days ideas were not as strict as at present.

I have been at the pains to look up the names of the Cathedral dignitaries and officials of that date, in order to find out if any of them were in any way connected with the Fraternity, or if their names are to be found in the list of R.A. Companions. It seems not unlikely that Comp. Thomas Richardson, who was present at the meeting, was a member of a very prominent family at York at that period, two of whose members, the Rev. Wm. Richardson and the Rev. James Richardson were Vicars Choral in 1778, whilst the organist of York Cathedral at that time was Bro. John Camidge, who was a Mason, and whose portrait in oils was a short time since presented to the York Lodge 236, by his great grandson, Bro. T. S. Camidge, Organist of that Lodge, and a P.P.G.O. of the Province.

I regard this minute as one of the most curious things, in its way, contained in the old York records.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

ROYAL ARCH.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 70.

THE annual meeting was holden at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, when the Companions who had been elected at the former Convocation were in ancient form duly installed, in the presence of a large Board of Installed Principals, amongst whom were E. Companions J. B. Gover P.Z. P.P.G.P.S., L. D. Westcott P.Z. P.P.G.S.S., Charles Stribling P.Z. P.P.G.R., J. M. Hifley P.Z. P.P.G.S.B., W. K. Michell P.Z. P.P.G.D.C., V. Bird P.Z. P.P.G.T., W. B. Triplett P.Z. P.P.G.T., A. Woolf P.Z. P.P.G.P.S., E. A. Davies P.Z. P.P.G.Registrar, S. Hearle Z. 1255, Thomas Goodale P.Z. P.P.G.O., James Gidley P.Z., Richard Cawsey J. 230, J. Browning J. 105. The ceremony was ably and impressively performed by E. Companion Michell. The Officers for the ensuing year are E. Companions Richard Pengelly Z., J. H. Keats H., J. Russel Lord J., Robert G. Bird P.Z., J. B. Gover S.E., Samuel Roach S.N., L. D. Westcott Treasurer, E. A. Lean P.S., Jas. Griffin 1st A.S., Wm. Hy. Symons 2nd A.S., J. D. Barker Org., J. G. Kevern N., W. Odam D.C., E. Tout A.D.C., John Holmes Jan. Two brethren of Lodge 70 were afterwards exalted, the interesting ceremony being ably conducted by E. Companions Pengelly, Glover, Lord, Gidley and Hardy. A vote of five guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was confirmed, and the usual business of the Chapter having been satisfactorily concluded, the Companions retired to the refreshment rooms, in the same building, where a collation was provided by Bro. George Thorne, of Bedford-street.

JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

THE regular Convocation and Installation Meeting of this excellent working Chapter was held on Monday, the 24th, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, the M.E.Z. Comp. Littaur in the chair. Comps. P. Dickinson H., L. Lazarus J., W. H. Gulliford S.E., H. P. Isaac P.S., P.Z.'s E. P. Albert, H. M. Levy, S. Lazarus, M. Emanuel, J. Lazarus; and Comps. I. P. Cohen, M. Baum, J. Davis, W. J. Jennings, Dewsnap, &c. The Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Ballots were taken for Bro. C. Hutchinson 1695, and J. Pasta, who were duly exalted into R.A. Masonry by the M.E.Z., in his usual faultless manner; the same may be said of the H., J., and Officers, who were all equally perfect. Comp. Dickinson was then installed as M.E.Z., L. Lazarus H., W. H. Gulliford J. The ceremony of installing the Principals was perfectly performed by Comp. W. Littaur, the retiring P.Z. Comp. N. Baum was invested S.E., H. P. Isaac P.S., A. Botibol 1st Asst., J. Davis 2nd Asst., Smith Janitor. The report of the audit meeting was read. It showed that the Chapter was in a flourishing state. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Comp. W. G. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver. The newly-installed M.E.Z. ably proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. In speaking to the Exaltees the M.E.Z. said all the members were pleased to see them. He hoped the ceremony would never be effaced from their memories. He felt sure they were members who would eventually become an ornament to R.A. Masonry. Comps. Hutchinson and Pasta briefly responded to the toast. Comp. W. Littaur I.P.Z. said the newly-installed Z. was one who, in every office he had held, showed his proficiency. His urbanity had won him the regard and esteem of every Companion, and for two years during his (Comp. Littaur's) occupancy of the chair, he had to thank him for his good working. A good Officer would, he was sure, make a good M.E.Z. The M.E.Z. hoped he had done his duty while preparing for the chair; his aim would be for their benefit, and as a P.Z. he should only be too pleased to be identified with them. He hoped at the expiration of his year of office he should leave the chair with credit to himself and satisfaction to them all. The toast of the Visitors was next given; the members were all pleased to see them; some were very distinguished in the Order. He would call on Comps. Jas. Stevens and Rev. S. M. Harris to respond. Comp. Stevens said he had visited many Chapters, but he had never heard better working. Comp. Harris fully endorsed all the former Comp. had said; from what he had seen of the M.E.Z.'s working, it might truly be said the mantle of his predecessors had fallen on his shoulders. He would only be too pleased to become a joining member of the Chapter. The M.E.Z. then proposed the health of the P.Z.'s; they had all done their duty; he could not do justice to their merits. However, he would say that great credit was due to the one who had for two consecutive years served them so well. It was a great pleasure for him to be the means of presenting Comp. Littaur with a gold chain and insignia of the Order, with an appropriate inscription. In attaching it he was proud to say he was placing it on the breast of an honest man. Comp. Jas. Stevens here gave a recitation appropriate to Freemasonry, which elicited loud applause. Comp. Littaur, in an eloquent speech, responded. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the H. and J. To speak of their qualifications would occupy too much time. Comp. Lazarus had worked as P.S., and they had seen what he had done in every office he had filled. Comp. Gulliford was one who could do the duties well, and his well-known business qualities were sufficient to show that they had elected the right man in the right place. This compliment was

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acknowledged by Comps. Lazarus and Gulliford, and then the M.E.Z. said he had another important toast, that of the S.E. and P.S. He might say they had one of the best Scribes he had ever met. Companion Baum said he would work diligently to enable him to occupy the chair the M.E.Z. now so admirably filled. Companion H. P. Isaac said he was not a man of words, but of action; he would be pleased to follow in the footsteps of such distinguished Companions. The Janitor's toast was given, and the company separated. The Visitors were—Comps. J. Stevens P.Z. 720 and 771, J. Pigot 1260, S. H. Harris 24, S. M. Harris 406, S. Pollitzer P.Z. late 188, Stamwitz 528, Stanislaus 25, and Fisher.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, WIGTON, CUMBERLAND.

THE busy little town of Wigton was the scene of interesting Masonic proceedings on Thursday, the 20th inst. The occasion was the Royal Arch Installation Festival. Masonry has long had a home at Wigton. The late Sir James Graham, before and after he was Grand Master of this Northern Province, always manifested great interest in his Mother Lodge. Since his time brethren have always been found to come to the front and sustain and support the old Craft. The most active member at present is Bro. Henry Bewes, and all readily accord to him the honour. Associated with him are Bros. John Gate, Pearson, Hoodless, Lazonby, and others. But we have digressed. We wish to place on record the doings at the annual Convocation of the Chapter. The Companions met in full force, and punctually at three o'clock in the afternoon the Chapter was opened by the M.E.Z. Comp. James Gardiner, assisted by Ex. Companions Pearson H., Hoodless J., John Bowes P.Z. P.P.G.S.N., Henry Bewes P.Z. P.P.G.P.S., John Gate P.Z., Nicholson M.E.Z. Nicholson Chapter, Maryport, &c. The Chapter having been opened, and the rest of the Companions admitted, the minutes were read and confirmed. The M.E.Z. then, in the name of the Chapter, invited Ex. Comp. John Bowes to take his chair as Installing Principal. The newly elected Principals were then severally introduced, and presented in solemn conclave, and installed in their respective chairs, according to ancient custom. After the salutations, greetings, and proclamations usual on such occasions, the other Officers were invested and duly placed in their respective positions. The long ceremony being now concluded, the Installing Principal pronounced the Benediction. After the discharge of some routine business an unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Bowes for the able and impressive manner in which he had rendered the ceremony. The proposer said this was the third time Ex. Comp. Bowes had journed from Warrington to assist them in a matter in which they could not help themselves, and every member of the Chapter felt under deep obligations to him for his great kindness. Comp. Bowes, in response, said that it afforded him very great pleasure to come amongst them annually and set them going, as it were, for another year. On the occasion of his next visit he would arrange to stay longer in Wigton, and during his stay direct some Chapters of Instruction. The Chapter was then closed, and the Comps. adjourned to refreshment, which was excellently served, and presided over by the newly installed Principals, Ex. Companions Pearson, Hoodless, and Lazonby, supported by others before named and the various members of the Chapter. After the cloth was withdrawn, the usual Royal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, after which the following toasts were drunk:—"The Principals," "The P.Z.'s," "The Installing Principal," &c. The proceedings were much enlivened by some excellent songs from the newly installed S.E. Comp. Cradwick, who accompanied himself. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close at eight o'clock.

Chapter of Prosperity, No. 290, Huddersfield.—The first regular convocation of this Chapter for the present season was held at Freemasons' Hall, South Parade, on Wednesday, November 19th. The Chapter was opened punctually at seven o'clock, the business being the Installation of Principals and Investment of Officers. There were a great many members of the Chapter present, amongst whom we noticed Comps. J. W. Turner Z., Allen Haigh H. (Z. elect), William Smith P.Z, John Rhodes P.Z., William Harrop P.Z., Joshua Lee P.Z., W. G. Dyson P.Z., Farrer (J. elect), W. Schofield P.Z. The Visitors were—E. Comps. Henry Smith P.Z. P.G.S.E., and Dore P.Z. P.G.D.C., who were very warmly received by the companions. The ceremony of Installing the Principals was performed by Comp. Harrop in a masterly manner; at the same time very impressively Comp. Haigh the new Z. invested his Officers, as follows:—B. Hutchinson P.Z. Treasurer, Wheawill S.E., Brierley P.S., Dyson A.S. (We did not gather the names of the other A.S. or S.N.) Smith P.Z. Janitor. A certain amount, as per proposition, was then voted to the Bentley Shaw Presentation Fund; and this being all the business on the summons, the Chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet room, where refreshment awaited them in the shape of a good supper, excellently served. Afterwards the usual toasts were proposed and responded to. Unfortunately, Comp. Henry Smith P.Z. P.G.S.E. could not stay long, having to return to Wakefield. Before leaving, he expressed the great pleasure he had derived from visiting the Chapter, and the impressive and able manner in which the business had been conducted. The wish of the companions was that he would soon visit them again. Comp. Dore P.Z. is almost a constant visitor at this Chapter, and, we may add, always welcome, and we hope to meet him many times on similar occasions.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The usual weekly meeting of this Chapter of Improvement was held on Tuesday evening, 25th Nov., at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, and was, as usual, attended by some eminent Arch Masons. The business transacted was the rehearsal of the ceremony of exaltation, and the offices were filled by the following Companions:—W. H. Lee Z, F. Brown (the able Preceptor) H., J. Wyer J., J. C. Goldsmith P.S., and G. P. Gillard the candidate. The following Companions were also present:—H. Thompson, W. Grist, J. High, F. Brasted, A. H. Lilley, S. W. Webb, H. F. H. Burchell Herne, G. L. Walker, and J. B. King. The ceremony of exaltation was most perfectly rendered by Comp. Lee, who was supported by Comps. Brown and Wyer, and seldom in any regular Chapter are the duties of the important office of P.S. so efficiently performed as they were by Comp. Goldsmith, in this probationary school of the degree. Propositions were afterwards made, and Comps. J. B. King of 1489 and H. F. H. Burchell Herne of 404 were elected members of this Chapter of Improvement, and they severally returned thanks for their election. The Chapter was then closed, and adjourned until Tuesday evening, 2nd Dec., at half-past six o'clock.

BEACONSFIELD LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 205.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, on Saturday, 15th instant. Present—Bros. J. Pinder P.M. as W.M., W. C. Claridge S.W., D. Dewar P.G.M.O. as J.W., W. G. Hallows M.O., J. Franklin S.O., Frederick Hallows Secretary, J. H. Cambridge J.D., G. J. Westfield as I.G., T. Upward Organist, and the following brethren, viz.:—Bros. Fred. Binckes G.S., G. Graveley, R. T. Williams, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last Lodge and audit meetings were read and confirmed. Bro. F. Binckes then occupied the chair, and Bro. W. C. Claridge, the Master elect, was presented, and obligated. A Board of Installed Mark Masters was formed, and Bro. Claridge installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. On the brethren returning to the Lodge, the W.M. was presented to them by Bro. Binckes, and saluted according to ancient custom. The W.M. immediately proceeded to invest his Officers as follows, viz.:—Bros. W. Groome S.W., W. G. Hallows J.W., T. Franklin M.O., J. Bodkin J.O., Fred. Hallows Sec., J. H. Cambridge S.D., George Graveley J.D., G. J. Westfield I.G., T. Upward Organist, R. T. Williams D.C., the remaining offices being left vacant until next Lodge meeting. After the Officers had been invested and conducted to their positions in the Lodge, Bro. Binckes delivered a very able and impressive charge to them all, upon the important duties they had undertaken, and the manner in which it was expected they were to be carried out. Lodge was closed and adjourned until the 7th February 1880. The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet, presided over by the W.M. In response to the toast of the Grand Officers Bro. Binckes replied, and to that of the Visitors Bro. Broadley the P.G.M.M.M. of Tunis and Malta responded. Amongst the Visitors present were:—Bros. Broadley P.G.M. Tunis and Malta, D. W. Verry P.M. 104, and S. Wharman No. 173, &c.

IRELAND—PROVINCE OF ARMAGH.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

AT two o'clock on Thursday, 27th inst., pursuant to due notice, a quarterly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Armagh—which embraces the counties of Armagh, Louth and Monaghan—was held in the Tontine Rooms, Armagh, under the presidency of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Maxwell C. Close, D.L., M.P., &c., Dumbanagher Castle, representative in Ireland of the United Grand Lodge of England, assisted by his Officers and a fairly representative assembly from various Lodges of the Province. The Secretary read letters of apology, intimating pressing business as a reason for non-attendance of some members, and also the minutes of last meeting at Dundalk, which were confirmed. The chief business on the agenda paper being the installation of the Officers for 1880, the following brethren were then introduced, and installed by the Grand Master, who suitably addressed each on their respective duties:—Very Worshipful Thomas Falloon, Lurgan, Grand Senior Warden, V.W. John Galbreath, Dundalk, Grand Junior Warden; Bros. the Very Worshipful R. Harvey, Drogheda, and G. Hill Smith, Armagh, were re-installed respectively as Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary; Bros. the Very Worshipful Rev. Augustus R. Young, Rector of Ballybay, and Rev. Michael Angelo Holden, Rector of Milltown, were re-installed as Grand Chaplains; Worshipful Henry Gustavus Brook, J.P., Castleblaney, Grand Senior Deacon; Worshipful James Alexander Watson, Armagh, Grand Junior Deacon; Worshipful John C. Lyons, Dundalk, Grand Inner Guard; and Worshipful Brother Thomas O. Marks, Armagh, was elected Grand Organist. Very Worshipful Brother Richard Harvey and his colleague Bro. Leonard were re-elected as Representatives on the Board of General Purposes at the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The draft scheme for the establishment of a Provincial Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund was submitted to Bro. Handcock, the eminent actuary, for his report, and a sum of money voted to the Masonic Female Orphan School Building Fund, the Treasurer having announced the funds in a healthy condition, after which the Grand Lodge adjourned to February meeting, at Clones.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 3rd December 1879.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd September 1879 for confirmation.

2. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.

3. Appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

4. Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

5. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the year ensuing.

6. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz.:—

The Widow of a Brother of the Gresham Lodge, No. 869, Cheshunt Park	£50	0	0
A Brother of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975, Barnes	100	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Temperance in the East, No. 898, London	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Aberystwith Lodge, No. 1072, Aberystwith	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Harrogate and Claro Lodge, No. 1001, Harrogate	50	0	0
A Brother of the Stoneleigh Lodge, No. 725, Kenilworth	50	0	0
A Brother of the One and All Lodge, No. 330, Bodmin	100	0	0
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The Widow of a Brother of the Zetland Lodge, No. 525, Hong Kong	50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Afan Lodge, No. 133, Aberavon	75	0	0

7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes deeply regret to have to lay before Grand Lodge the resignation of Brother John Hervey, who since August 1868 has filled the very important office of Grand Secretary. At their meeting in October, leave of absence on account of severe ill health was given by the Board to the Grand Secretary until 3rd of December following, being the date of the ensuing Quarterly Communication, and the hope was entertained that this relief from active

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duty might be productive of satisfactory results. This hope has however proved fallacious, and under the advice of his medical attendants, Brother Hervey states that there is no alternative before him but to resign the office he has, in the unanimous opinion of the Board so honourably and usefully held, and in this view the Board in whose charge it is to recommend to Grand Lodge whatever it shall deem necessary or advantageous to the Craft, unanimously recommend that on his retirement from Office Brother John Hervey be granted a retiring pension of £800 a year, being the full amount of his Salary.

The Board further report that their attention has been called to a constantly occurring breach of the following clause in the "Alterations made by command of the MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, in the mode of wearing the Charity Jewel, communicated to Grand Lodge, 7th June 1876," viz.:—

> "No Charity Jewel, Clasp, Ribbon, or Rosette shall be obtained except through the Office of the Grand Secretary, to whom the Secretaries of the respective Institutions shall, after their respective Annual Festivals, hand lists of the names of the brethren entitled to the jewel or decorations herein before authorised,"

and they recommend that a copy of such clause be sent to the W.M. of every Lodge under the English Constitution; and further, that it be distinctly intimated that Charity Jewels obtained since the 7th June 1876, otherwise than through the office of the Grand Secretary, are improper, and not to be worn.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

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18th November 1879.

To the Report is subjoined a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of November instant, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £3802 1s 7d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £96 15s.

The President will then move:—

1st. That the Report be received and entered on the Minutes.

2nd. That the resignation by Brother John Hervey of the Office of Grand Secretary be accepted, with sincere regret.

3rd. That in consideration of the very distinguished services rendered to the Craft by Brother John Hervey, during his tenure of the Office of Grand Secretary, he be granted a retiring pension of £800 per annum, being the full amount of his present salary.

4th. That the other recommendations contained in the Report of the Board be adopted.

8. Appeal of Brother Joseph Pallot P.M. of the La Cesarée Lodge, No. 590, Jersey, against the decision of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Jersey, affirming his (Brother Pallot's) resignation as a member of the La Cesarée Lodge.

N.B.—The papers relating to this appeal will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the Brethren during office hours.

9. Proposed Motions.

1. By Bro. James Stevens, P.M. No. 720.

That, in pursuance of a resolution of the Grand Lodge, passed at the Quarterly Communication held on the 1st day of December 1869, and confirmed at the subsequent meeting held on the 2nd day of March 1870, as follows, viz.:—

> "That, with a view to securing greater uniformity of working, and observance of the same usages and customs, throughout the several Lodges held under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, a Committee of Past Masters be appointed to enquire into the merits of the respective systems of working now in practice, and to report to Grand Lodge thereon, with such recommendations as they may think necessary to prevent deviation from the established mode, such deviations being, according to the constitutions of Freemasonry, improper, and not to be justified or countenanced,"

such Committee be now appointed.

2. By Bro. John M. Clabon P.G.D., President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

That the following additions be made to the Book of Constitutions, Fund of Benevolence:—

17. Until Grand Lodge shall otherwise direct, one-third of the annual surplus of the Fund of Benevolence shall be appropriated for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and another third for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in forming funds for apprenticing the children of Freemasons who have been in those Schools, or in otherwise assisting them to commence life.

18. Such one-third parts respectively shall be invested in the names of four Trustees for each School, to be appointed by Grand Lodge, and the dividends paid to the Treasurer of each School.

19. The General Committee, on the recommendation of the House Committee of each School, may apply the dividend of the funds respectively appropriated to the School for the benefit of children who have been at the School during the preceding twelve months, in apprenticing them to any business or profession, or otherwise aiding them to obtain employment, or in applying any sum granted by annual instalments for a limited period for the benefit of those proceeding to any School, College or University.

20. No sum exceeding £25 shall be appropriated for the benefit of any child without the consent of the Quarterly Court of the School; and such Court shall render to Grand Lodge an annual account of the receipts and expenditure on account of the said fund.

That the Constitutions, No. 3 Fund of Benevolence, be amended by adding, after the word "shall" on the second line, the words "except as provided for by clause 17, 18, 19, and 20."

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

No. 1840.—Wellington Lodge, Bunbury, Western Australia.
1841.—Lodge Mysore, Mysore, Madras, East Indies.
1842.—St. Leonard's Lodge, St. Leonard's, Sussex.
1843.—Robilla Star Lodge, Bareilly, Oude, Bengal, East Indies.
1844.—Richmond River Lodge, Lismore, New South Wales.
1845.—Lodge St. George, Newcastle, New South Wales.
1846.—Phœnix Lodge, Bathurst, New South Wales
1847.—Ebrington Lodge, Stonehouse, Devon.
1848.—Ferrum Lodge, Middlesborough, Yorks.
1849.—Royal Leek Lodge, Bangor, Carnarvonshire.
1850.—Raphael Lodge, Roma, Queensland.
1851.—Ewell Lodge, Ewell, Surrey.
1852.—Forest Lodge, Mansfield, Notts.

SPECIAL GENERAL COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

A SPECIAL General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held last Saturday, at the Freemasons' Hall. There were present:—Bros. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton J.P. Treasurer and Trustee (Chairman), A. F. A. Woodford, James Peters, Herbert Dicketts, Henry Venn, Thomas Masser, H. A. Dubois, H. Massey, John A. Rucker, E. Letchworth, J. Sampson Peirce, S. Rawson, Griffiths Smith, Charles John Perceval, F. Binckes, John Wordsworth, George Kenning, Arthur E. Gladwell, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary). The Chairman said that the meeting was called for the purpose of considering a recommendation of the Building Committee, that the sum of £6,500 be expended in the purchase of Lyncombe House and grounds (freehold), the property of William Evill, Esq., adjoining the grounds of the Institution at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise. The Institution had not too much open space at Battersea Rise. The adjoining lands were not yet built upon, but if such a state of things should happen the School would be very much hemmed in. They had now the opportunity of purchasing a very large house and a piece of ground adjoining the School lands, and it would only require the removal of a wall to make the two grounds one. If the property was not bought by this Institution the present owner would build upon it. The ground attached to the house was over three-quarters of an acre. The motion having been seconded by Bro. H. A. Dubois, Bro. Venn enquired whether the price was not very high? He had taken the opportunity to ask an experienced man what the value of the property was, and he learned that the price asked was £1,000 too much. He asked these questions in the interest of country brethren who could not come to town to attend these meetings. The Chairman said the Committee believed that in taking the property they were taking what would be of very great value. The house was a large one, and could be made a probationary school, which would enable the Institution to take in an additional number of girls. It possessed also the advantage of giving the Institution an entrance in the main road near the railway station. He thought the property was worth to the Institution anything they could pay for it. Bro. Herbert Dicketts and Bro. J. S. Peirce having spoken in favour of the purchase, the motion was put and carried unanimously, and a vote of thanks to the chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Col. Creaton Grand Treasurer (in the chair), H. A. Dubois, A. J. Duff Filer, Griffiths Smith, H. Massey, R. B. Webster, E. Letchworth, Edward Cox, Joshua Nunn, F. Adlard, Andrew I. Suter, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary). After reading and confirmation of the minutes, the brethren conferred the title of Assistant Matron on Miss Shepherd. A notice of motion was given by Bro. Joshua Nunn for increasing the salaries of the Head and Assistant Governesses, in consequence of their largely-increased duties by the greater number of children now in the Institution. Bro. E. Cox requested the attention of the brethren to the fact that the fees of several of the Stewards of the last Festival of the Institution remained unpaid for some months after the Festival. Consequently he, as Treasurer of the Board of Stewards, would not be able to pay the Tavern and other bills off finally till five months from the Festival had elapsed. He suggested that some means should be taken to avoid such a state of things in future, which he looked upon as a scandal to the Craft. Some petitions were then taken, and the candidates placed on the list. The Committee then adjourned.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 28th NOVEMBER.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, at 8 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

MONDAY, 31st NOVEMBER.

45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1415—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Trafalgar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
M. M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
143—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
339—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
482—St. James, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Room, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester.
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1077—Witton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks.
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R. A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
R. C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 1st DECEMBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
66—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
860—Dalhousie, Sisters Tavern, Powis-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, Islington.
1319—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1555—D. Connaught, Pomeroy Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Mydelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1668—Samson, Freemasons Hall, W.C.
1693—Kingsland, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, Islington
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
168—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
209—Etonian, the Masonic Hall, Windsor
236—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Lattleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick.
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
463—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton, Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
R. A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
M. M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
M. M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 3rd DECEMBER.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at (Instruction) 8
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hound Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd., S.W.
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1706—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch (Installation)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7. (Instruction.)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool.
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.
R. A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M. M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
M. M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

THURSDAY, 5th DECEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Station, at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Naphtali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough

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446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes.
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1515—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R. A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
R. A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
R. A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man.
R. A. 758—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire.
R. A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
K. T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax Road, Dewsbury

FRIDAY, 5th DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. Johns, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
869—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
908—Welsh Pool, Railway Station, Welsh Pool.
1066—Lord Warden, Lord Warden Hotel, Lower Walmer, Kent
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1618—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1684—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High street, Gosforth.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30

SATURDAY, 6th DECEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

R. A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

HELD its installation meeting on the 12th of November, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Flanagan W.M., Danks S.W. W.M. elect, Ferguson J.W., Ivey P.M. Sec., Hickie Org., E. Blackwell S.D., R. Dowsett J.D., Newman D.C., Hawkes Steward, C. R. Honey I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Hurley, Margrett, Brown, Moxhay; Hon. Members—Bros. Pulley W.M. 1426, White, Prickett, Wheatley, Vowles, Bailey. Visitors—Bros. S. Bradley S.W. 414, C. Stephens J.W. 414, Turner W.M. 1566, Cox S.W. 1566, Long P.M. 414, Butler S. 414, C. G. Hawkes 414, Oades W.M. 414, Kirk P.M. 1687, Hackford P.M. 1328, Wilson P.M. 209, Wheeler I.G. 414, Donaldson 414, Andrews 209, S. J. Stolley 209, R. Bradley P.M. 414 P.G. Sec. Berks and Bucks, Weightman P.M. 414, F. Binckes G.S., P.M. &c., Sec. R.M.I.B., Mount P.M. 1328, Rumford P.M. 90, Wild 96, Higgins 414, Claridge J.D. 599, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. W. A. Wetherhead was ballotted for and elected. Bro. A. Wheatley, a candidate to be passed to the second degree, proved his efficiency in a very satisfactory manner, was entrusted, and retired. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Wheatley was passed. The Installing Master, Bro. Moxhay P.M. now entered the Lodge, and the W.M. resigned the chair in his favour, at the same time introducing Bro. John Early Danks as his successor. The ceremony of installation was performed in Bro. Moxhay's usual correct and impressive manner. The W.M. having received the salutations of the members and visitors in each degree, the appointment and investment of Officers took place, each Officer receiving an extempore address from the W.M., which heightened the impression, and gave a dignity to the investiture. Afterwards the W.M. placed a handsome P.M.'s jewel on the breast of the I.P.M. Bro. Flanagan, which jewel had been unanimously voted by the Lodge "for services rendered during his year of office, and as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren," accompanied with a few congratulatory remarks on his successful year of office, and expressing the hope that with his valuable assistance the current year would prove not less satisfactory to the members. The I.P.M. appropriately returned thanks for the handsome present, and for the uniform kindness he had received while presiding over the Lodge; he also stated that he would have pleasure at all times in assisting the new Master if required. The W.M. announced that it was his intention to represent the Lodge at the next Festival of the R.M.I.G. by acting as Steward; he hoped the brethren would render him every assistance in making his list of contributions creditable to the Lodge and the Province of Berks and Bucks. Several names were proposed and seconded as joining members and initiates. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed. The brethren retired for refreshment to the Ship Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. Bailey, to which between 50 and 60 brethren sat down. The W.M. ably presided, supported by a large number of his friends, many of whom travelled from London to do him honour. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in an enthusiastic manner. The brethren separated at a reasonable hour, after spending a truly enjoyable evening.

ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

THE first Anniversary and Installation Festival of this young and promising Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Pendleton, on Friday, the 21st inst. Present—Bros. S. Statham W.M. P.P.G.Tr., who very satisfactorily performed the duties of Installing Master, John Lees J.W. and W.M. Elect, A. H. Allen P.M. Acting S.W., J. Harrop P.M., E. Williams P.M., T. H. Bagshaw P.M., John Brooks P.M., D. Asquith Secretary, William Slater Treasurer, E. Winterbottom S.D., J. Almond J.D., W. Hardcastle I.G., Bros. John Statham, J. Moffatt, Thos. Hewitt, George Crossfield, W. Oldham, Thomas Kay, &c., &c. Visitors—Bros. Thomas Entwisle P.M. P.P.G.S. of Works, Gillman P. Prov. G.S.D. West Lancashire, Powers W.M. 325, Bayley, Eldershaw P.M., Rev. J. Harper W.M. Victoria Eccles, Rev. J. Baines, and Bro. Bernhard. The Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed the W.M. proceeded to instal, according to ancient custom, Bro. John Lees as W.M., in which he was ably assisted by Bros. John Brooks P.M. and D.C., Harrop P.M., and Gillman P.M. P.P.G.S.D. The appointment and selection by the W.M. as his officers gave general satisfaction, and were as follows:—Bros. D. Asquith S.W., E. Winterbottom J.W., W. Hardcastle Secretary, William Slater Treasurer, W. Almond S.D., Oldham J.D., and John Statham I.G. The investiture of the Officers by Bro. Gillman P.M. was marked by the very interesting manner in which he explained the moral and symbolical teachings or meanings of the several jewels attached to each office. The proceedings were closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned for a short time to allow of the Lodge-room being set out for the banquet, which was supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Penwarden, of the Hare and Hounds Hotel. The excellent character of the repast, and the admirable and tasty arrangements for the comfort of the brethren, called forth unqualified praise and satisfaction from all present. The W.M. very neatly proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In response to that of the Provincial Grand Officers, Bro. Entwisle replied that although that was his first opportunity of visiting the Albert Victor, yet he had frequently heard of the excellent way in which the Lodge was conducted, and from his intimate acquaintanceship of Bro. Statham he felt sure they had had a W.M. who could not fail to afford both interest and profit to any Lodge. Bro. S. Statham I.P.M., in proposing the toast of the W.M., said the next toast was one which, he was sure, they would have as much pleasure in responding to as he had in proposing. It was that of their newly-installed W.M., Bro. John Lees. There could be but one feeling amongst them,—that Bro. Lees had well and deservedly earned that honour, for his many excellent qualities and the great interest he had taken in the Lodge; and it must add greatly to the gratification of their W.M. to know that he had been elected to the distinguished position by the unanimous suffrages of his brethren, accompanied with their hearty congratulations and sincere wishes that he might enjoy a most happy and prosperous year. Although the position of W.M. is one of considerable responsibility, yet as a proof of the esteem and confidence in which he is held by his brethren, and the highest honour which it is in the power of the Lodge to give, it is one of which any loyal Freemason may justly feel proud; and he felt sure the W.M. will fill the chair with credit to himself and honour to the Lodge. He sincerely trusted that at the termination of his year of office he might leave the chair with the consciousness that the Lodge was in a satisfactory and prospering condition. He felt persuaded that the brethren, one and all, would support the W.M. to the utmost of their power; the position is often a difficult and responsible one, and happy is he who, in the administration of its duties, can please every body, but while we claim the privilege of being Masons, we must do our duty in supporting the authority of the chair; depend upon it by so doing we shall best promote the happiness and prosperity of the whole Lodge. The W.M. returned his warmest thanks to the I.P.M. Bro. Statham for the kind terms in which he had placed the toast before them, and the hearty manner in which it had been re-

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ceived by the brethren; the pleasure it afforded him was all the greater when he knew their good wishes were sincere. The position in which they had that day placed him was, as Bro. Statham remarked, one of great trust and honour, and one calculated to inspire the aspiration of all true Masons, but at the same time it was a position not to be by any means lightly undertaken; it had its responsibilities as well as its pleasures, and he had several times questioned himself whether he had arrived at that stage in Masonry which justified him in acceding to the cordial request of his brethren to undertake its duties, but when he reflected that it was their unanimous wish, he thought it was time to put away personal feelings, and with the co-operation he felt he should receive at their hands, faithfully endeavour to do his best. He then called upon the brethren to drink to the health and prosperity of the I.P.M. Bro. Statham, to whom, he said, their hearty thanks were due, not only for the pleasant manner in which he had conducted the business of the Lodge during the past year, but for the very many services done by him in obtaining the charter twelve months ago. They were justified in looking upon him as one of the most active pioneers of the Lodge, and those who understood duties in a smaller degree in connection therewith would readily understand and realise the amount of work which had been so successfully undertaken by him. But as words and acts sometimes faded away from memory and sight, the brethren had desired that their appreciation of those acts should be conveyed to him in a more tangible form, and he had on his own and their behalf the greatest possible pleasure in decorating him with a P.M.'s jewel, accompanied with an illuminated address, so that not only himself but his family and friends might be aware of the esteem in which he is held by his brethren of the Albert Victor Lodge. Bro. Statham, who seemed considerably embarrassed, and spoke at first with evident emotion, rose to respond, and was greeted with the enthusiastic cheers of his brethren. He was greatly taken by surprise with this practical expression of their kind appreciation and esteem, but he was quite at a loss to find words suitable to respond to the toast which had been proposed in such kind terms by their W.M., and so enthusiastically received by them all. If what he should say in return but inadequately expressed the depth of his feelings, he trusted that the brethren would not consider that his imperfect speech represented that he was insensible to their kindness. Although he did expect that, in accordance with the custom on these interesting and festive occasions, his health would be proposed, he had not the slightest conception that the feelings of the brethren would be thus so practically expressed. While, on the one hand, he was greatly taken by surprise, yet, on the other, he felt deeply gratified to be thus honoured and respected. As the W.M. had been pleased to remark, he had, as a true Mason, endeavoured to be true to the principles of the Craft and conserve the best interests of the Lodge, which was his duty; but beyond that, he was not aware that he had done anything more to merit this special mark of their high esteem. However, he gratefully and thankfully accepted it, and assured them that whenever he looked upon it he would not only be reminded of the distinguished honour they placed upon him when he was installed the first W.M. of the Albert Victor Lodge, but also of the very gracious way in which they had acknowledged their appreciation of his services upon completing his year of office, and in making way for one whom he trusted would occupy that proud position far more efficiently than he had done. Whatever services he may have rendered during the past year had been altogether prompted by his love to the Craft and the noble science of Freemasonry; also from a sincere desire to render any assistance in his power to a number of truly worthy brethren whom he greatly respected and esteemed, who were most anxious to establish a Lodge in that neighbourhood. He sincerely trusted he had been of some little service to them; if so, he considered that out of that alone he received an ample reward. He would say to the brethren—

"All the thanks that I require
Is that you ask for more."

Twelve months ago, the inauguration or founding of the Albert Victor Lodge seemed to him like the launching of a noble Craft—and a noble Craft it was. The launching day was most auspicious, one long to be remembered, and gave promise of a safe and prosperous voyage. Her first voyage was now safely completed, and their vessel well-tested. As they looked back upon the past the brethren might congratulate themselves upon the success and happiness they had enjoyed. It was no small satisfaction to know that the Lodge was now firmly established. Having laid the foundation well and truly, it remained with them now to build up a stately, imposing, and comely structure. They might, if they would, make this structure a sanctuary, a school, and a home—a sanctuary where, by their constant study of the beautiful principles of the Craft, they should culture their higher and better natures;—a school, where, by their constant interchange of thought, they should educate their minds; and a home, where, by their constant meeting together, they should promote the social virtues. He could not forbear here from expressing his great indebtedness to the Past Masters and all his Officers for the cordial support and assistance he had uniformally received from them; and he might just say that if in presiding over the Lodge he had given any offence, or caused any brother to feel uncomfortable in any way, it had been done inadvertently, and not intentionally, but for the good of Masonry. It was no small gratification for him to know that there are so many able and experienced brethren in the Lodge: that to him presaged a most happy and prosperous future. Before bringing his remarks to a close, he should like to add that if their Lodge was to be successful, the brethren must most earnestly cultivate and do everything to promote a kindly, brotherly feeling, knowing that the happiness of the Lodge was in their hands. It would certainly be what they made it. He felt fully persuaded that the brethren would one and all set their faces against that narrow, unworthy principle that centres in self, remembering "that man was not born for his own enjoyment alone," and that there is no joy on earth so pure and refining as the joy of contributing to the happiness of others. In the language of that beautiful address, so admirably delivered that evening, by Bro. Past Brooks, they must have but one aim in view—to please each other, and unite in the grand design of being happy. They must be living examples of virtue and benevolence; they must be living incarnations of all that is worthy, excellent, noble, and good; they should then, and only then, demonstrate to the world that they are true to the great and noble principles of their sublime Craft. Let the brethren live in these principles, and then shall the words of the poet be applicable:—

Peace to the just man's memory, let it grow
Green with years, and blossom through the flight
Of ages; let the mimic canvass show
His calm, benevolent features; let the light
Stream on his deeds of love, that shunned the sight
Of all but heaven, and in the book of fame
The glorious record of his virtues write,—
And hold it up to man, and bid him claim
A palm like his, and catch from him the hallowed flame.

Bro. Joseph Harrop P.M., in proposing the Visiting Brethren, remarked that it was one of the privileges of the Craft to give the right hand of fellowship to, and to welcome to the hospitable board brethren not only from our own country, but from every other country in the world. And as an instance of the universality of the Craft he might draw attention to the presence of Bro. Bernhardt, from Hamburg, who would doubtless bear to his own country a favourable impression of his Masonic brethren in England. Bro. Bernhardt briefly replied, expressing great pleasure with his visit to the Lodge, and the cordial reception he had received. Bro. W. Slater Treasurer, in a neat speech, proposed the Masonic Charities, and expressed his delight on being re-elected to his office; and as an example to others, he notified his intention to give a second donation of £5 to one of the Institutions. Bro. Hardcastle Secretary proposed the Past Master, and Bro. Crossfield the toast of the Officers, which was responded to by Bro. Bagshaw P.M. and Bro. Asquith S.W.; but having already exceeded our limits, we are compelled to close our notice of this interesting meeting, but not without a well deserved compliment to the glee party, composed of the W.M., Bros. Almond, Moffatt, Harrop and Dale, all members of the Lodge, and who by their excellent singing of some fine glees and songs greatly added to the enjoyment of the evening. The illuminated address is in the form of a copy of a resolution that the thanks of the brethren of the Albert Victor Lodge be given to Bro. Samuel Statham P.M. P.P.G.Tr. for his valuable services in the formation of the above Lodge, and whilst filling the office of First Worshipful Master thereof; for his exemplary efforts to promote the success and diffusion of the principles of the Craft; and for his undeviating kindness to the brethren, not only of the Albert Victor Lodge, but of the Order generally; and that a copy of this resolution be presented to him, together with a Past Master's jewel, suitably inscribed as a testimonial of the respect and esteem in which he is held by his brethren.

FORT LODGE, No. 1528.

AT the celebration of the Festival of St. John, held on the 21st inst., Bro. Robert Martyn W.M. elect was installed in a very able manner by Bro. I.P.M. Boyle, who then appointed and invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. C. R. Bellingham S.W., W. B., Blee J.W., J. H. Hambly Secretary, R. Rowe S.D., A. Lawry J.D. R. Kendall I.G., J. Mitchell D.C., J. Morris and F. Snell Stewards, Wellington Treasurer, Carrivick Tyler. After the business of the Lodge was concluded, the brethren repaired to the Great Western Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was served up by the host, Bro. Roberts, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, in the course of which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The Lodge was favoured with the presence of Bros. W. Tomkin G.S. of Works, of Fowey Lodge 977, and J. T. Baker and G. Mellalue, of St. Andrew's 1151.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 25th November, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, W.C. Present:—Bros. Abell W.M., Gush S.W., Brown J.W., Linscott Treas., John Soper Sec., Willey S.D., Liddall J.D., Snodin I.G. Past Masters—Bros. Bingemann, Gilruth, Marston, and a goodly number of the brethren. Lodge was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed to the first, when the Fifteen Sections were very creditably worked by the W.M. and the brethren as follows:—First Lecture—Bros. Lee, Liddall, Sanders, H. C. Soper, Gush, Brown. Second Lecture—Bros. Linscott, Dickins, Bingemann, Marston, Pate. Third Lecture—Bros. T. B. Dodson, C. J. Fox, John Soper. Votes of thanks were accorded to the W.M. and brethren who so ably assisted, and the W.M. had the degree of honorary member conferred on him. Bros. Worsley and Smith of 860 and Fox 201 were elected members. Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned till Tuesday, 2nd Dec., at 7 o'clock, when Bro. Lee will be the W.M.

London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, No. 58.—A meeting was held on Monday, 24th Nov., at the London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street. W. Smallpeice W.M., Pulsford S.W., Scott J.W., J. D. Langton Sec., Chapman S.D., J. S. Fraser J.D., Beeton I.G.; Bros. Joseph Langton, Williams, Barnett, John Wood, Brittain, and Wells. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened to the third degree, and was resumed to the first. Bro. Barnett, a candidate for the second, answered the questions and was passed. The following brethren were unanimously elected members of the Lodge—Bros.

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Beeton 778, G. C. Pulsford 1593, T. E. Scott 771, F. H. Edmunds 8 A. Escott. Bros. Pulsford was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was then closed until Monday next at six o'clock. The brethren partook of the annual banquet, Bro. Joseph Langton P.M. 1673 occupying the chair. The excellent manner in which the banquet was served reflected great credit upon Bro. Harrington the steward of the Club.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.— Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Leadenhall-street, 25th Nov. Present:—Bros. Lay W.M., Moss S.W., Chicken J.W., Biddle S.D., Shadler J.D., King I.G., Roberts, Maidwell, Hollands, Daniel. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Roberts and Daniel, respectively, candidates. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Moss was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. A vote of thanks to Bro. Lay for his proficiency in the chair, the first time in this Lodge of Instruction, was recorded on the minutes. Bro. Hollands was elected Secretary and Bro. Maidwell Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Moss accepted the Preceptorship for the same term—a fact very gratifying to the members, as Bro. Moss is well known for his proficiency in ritual. This appointment will doubtless tend to make the "Prosperity" yet more prosperous.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, 22nd inst. Present—Bros. Valentine W.M., W. Williams S.W., Brasted J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Greenfield S.D., Spencer J.D., Mullord I.G., Halford Treas.; also Bros. D. Moss, Carr, Phillips, Giller, Byng, W. Houghton, Gibbs, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Moss candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Byng, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Valentine acting as W.M. elect. The ceremony was performed in a very impressive manner. Bro. Moss worked the first, Bro. Pearcy the second, Bro. Moss the third sections of the lecture. Bro. W. Houghton, of the Highgate Lodge 1366, was elected a member. Bro. W. Williams was appointed to preside at the next meeting. A vote of thanks was voted the W.M. for the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair, for the first time. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754.—The annual banquet in connection with this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, under the presidency of Bro. Geo. Burford, the W.M. of the Mother Lodge. Bro. J. H. Thompson P.M. occupied the vice-chair. About 40 of the brethren sat down to the excellent dinner provided by the host, Bro. Mattock, who, on these occasions, never fails to give a hearty reception to his guests. After the Loyal and Masonic toasts had been given, and the health of the President drank and responded to, the President gave prosperity to the High Cross Lodge of Instruction and health and happiness to its Officers. In the course of his remarks he said he was an old member of the Lodge, but had not attended so often as he could have wished; this he regretted, as he knew from experience that no one could discharge the duties of a regular Lodge with satisfaction to themselves unless they attended Lodges of Instruction. He recommended all young members to do so. With the toast he would couple the name of the Preceptor. Bro. Thompson, in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast. He had held the position since the retirement of Bro. Driscoll, who filled it most ably from the time the Lodge was founded. To Bro. Driscoll he (Bro. Thompson) was indebted for the Masonic knowledge he had acquired. He felt honoured by the members so unanimously placing him in his position, and it would always be his earnest desire to promote the prosperity of the Lodge, and to contribute to its good working. Bro. Maller, the Treasurer, on behalf of the Officers, testified to the sound financial position of the Lodge, in which he took great interest. Bro. Garrod, the Secretary, remarked that since the time of Bro. Linzell, who was one of the founders; the Lodge had in no way degenerated; on the contrary, it had gone on increasing in numbers; a great many members attended regularly every Thursday evening, and if they conducted the business of their respective Lodges in the same manner he had witnessed some of them rehearse it, it would not only be a credit to themselves but also to the Lodge with which they happened to be connected. Bro. Oxley, the W.M. elect of the Enfield Lodge, No. 1237, replied to the toast of the brethren from the neighbouring Lodges. In his remarks he said, through attending this Lodge of Instruction he felt quite prepared to undertake the duties in regular Lodge which would shortly devolve upon him. The President, in proposing the toast of the Masonic Charities, read a letter from Bro. Terry, expressing his regret, through prior engagements, to be present that evening, he (the President) should therefore call upon Bro. Roberts to respond to the toast. Bro. Roberts said that charity was the very essence and basis upon which the present system of Freemasonry was worked. It could boast of three noble Institutions, that of the Aged Freemasons, the Boys' and the Girls' Schools; this Lodge, and those in the neighbourhood had not been behind in contributing to the Institutions. Soon after the Lodge was founded it formed a Masonic Charitable Association, which had become a great success, and was the means of sending up nearly £500. On the closing of this, about two years since, a second Association was formed, which was likely to prove even more successful than the first. Bro. Maller they were all pleased to see; he occupied a high position in this Association, and with Bro. Thompson as Treasurer and Bro. Garrod as Secretary, he trusted that the Association might be the means of sending nearly £1000 to the Institutions. After detailing the enormous expense of keeping them up to their present standard of efficiency, Bro. Roberts exhorted every member of the Craft, as far as they were able, to assist in supporting the Institutions. Bro. de Passe, of the Strangeways Lodge No. 1219, replied to the toast of the Visitors. Other toasts followed, and the harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by some excellent songs and recitations. In fact, the time passed away so pleasantly, that the brethren did not separate until a late hour.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—The weekly meeting was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge, on Friday evening, 21st instant, at half-past 7 o'clock, Bro. Franckel occupying the chair, the Officers being Bros. Blasby S.W., Gomm J.W., Acworth S.D., Youens J.D., C. E. Botley I.G. There were also present Bros. J. C. Roe P.M. and Preceptor, Gunner Hon. Sec., Maton, J. Wotton, and N. Wotton. Lodge having been opened with due observance of antient custom, the minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. J. Wotton offered himself as candidate, and the initiation ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. N. Wotton passed to the second degree. Lodge was advanced to third, and regularly closed to the first degree, when the dues were collected and Bro. Blasby was unanimously elected to take the chair on Friday evening, 28th inst., at 6 o'clock (the occasion being the Lodge of Instruction Annual Banquet), to which day and hour, after Lodge was closed, the meeting was adjourned.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 25th November. Present—Bros. Wardell W.M., Hand S.W., Christian J.W., Smyth S.D., Clark J.D., Greenwood I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Allen, C. Lorkin, Collins, Baker, Dallas, Brasted, Webb, Forss, Carr. Bro. Collins, a candidate for the second degree, was entrusted and passed. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and resumed to the second. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wallington P.M., who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Allen acting as W.M. and investing his Officers. Bro. Hand was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Lodge of Montefiore, No. 1017.—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, the 26th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street. Bro. J. Lazarus W.M., L. Salomons S.W., S. V. Abrahams P.M. as J.W., L. Jacobs Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Hon. Sec., E. Ellis S.D., M. Levy J.D., Syers I.G., Simmonds D.C.; P.M.'s Grunebaum, V. M. Myers, W. H. Gulliford I.P.M., De Solla, &c.; the Visitors were Bros. Guttman, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, L. Lazarus, Benjamin, Wenheim, &c. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the former and an emergency meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. David Davis, who was duly initiated into the Order. Bro. Herrup was raised to the third degree. Both ceremonies were perfectly rendered by the W.M. and Officers. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. Lyon J. Salomons was unanimously chosen, a result that elicited loud applause. Bro. Salomons thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him. Bro. L. Jacobs was reelected Treasurer, and Bro. Smith Tyler. The election of a Committee for the Benevolent Fund, and for auditors took place. A candidate was proposed for initiation. Bro. W. H. Gulliford proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the W.M.; it was gratifying to witness the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremonies. He would likewise propose that the usual sum be voted from the funds to present him with a jewel, for the efficient manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair. This was seconded by Brother S. V. Abrahams, and carried unanimously. Two distressed brethren were relieved, and then Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards sat down to light refreshment. This being an off night, the ordinary rule as to toasts was dispensed with, but the brethren present drank to the health of the W.M. elect, wishing him a happy and prosperous year.

Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.—A meeting was held on Friday, 21st November, at Lord Warden Hotel, Walmer. Present—Bros. John Laggett W.M., H. R. L. Botting S.W., J. E. Carpenter J.W., H. Abram Organist, W. Carterfield S.D., F. R. England J.D., W. Ryder I.G., S. Holgate Tyler; Past Masters—Bros. T. J. Usher Sec. P.P.G.Reg., Edwd. Kirby Treas.; Bros. S. Willey, J. E. Lawrence, R. N. Spratling, G. Band, T. Park, John Loughlin. The Lodge was opened in usual form to the third degree, and afterwards closed. The W.M. announced that the advancement of a candidate was unavoidably postponed in consequence of the Brother suffering from illness. Several matters in connection with the Lodge were discussed, and the after proceedings were of a pleasant and entertaining character.

Lodge of St. Mary, Bocking, 1312.—The annual festival of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, when the popular Secretary, Bro. Augustus Portway, was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was impressively performed by W. Bro. Vero W. Taylor P.M. 1312 P.P.S.G.W. Essex, and at its close the respective Officers were appointed as follows:—Bros. W. Bright S.W., F. C. Lake J.W., Rev. H. L. Elliot Chaplain P.P.G. Chaplain Warwickshire, W. N. Tuffnell P.M. 1312 Treas., T. Malyn P.M. Sec., G. E. Elliott S.D., John Hutley J.D., W. F. Hasler I.G., W. Cook Tyler. At the close of the business the brethren sat down to banquet at the White Hart Hotel, the excellency of the viands and wines auguring well for the success of the new management. Among those present, either at Lodge or banquet, in addition to the above-mentioned, were the R.W. D.P.G.M. of the Province the V.W. Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram P.G. Chaplain, W. Bros. Andrew Durrant P.G.Treas., T. J. Ralling P.G.Sec., A. C. Veley P.M. 276 P.P.S.G.W., Jas. Nicholls P.M. 276 P.P.G.S.W., G. D. Clapham P.M. 1312 P.G. Regist., T. Rix W.M. 697, T. Eustace P.M. 697, A. F. Ginn W.M. 276, F. M. Williams W.M. 1543; Bros. T. G. Mills Sec. 697, E. H. Inman, T. Simpson, J. Claydon, G. Pomfrey, &c.

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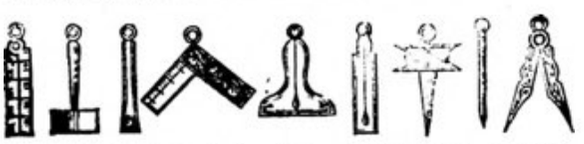

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PROJECTED EXTENSION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

HOW far the brethren of to-day are justified in pledging the liberality of the future generation of Freemasons, or that section of them who will be called upon to maintain the three existing Masonic Charitable Institutions, is a question which is treated far too lightly by the Craft at large, if indeed it ever receives a passing thought. At the present time, the expenditure on account of the Benevolent Institution and the two Schools is something like £40,000 per annum, and the continuous cry is for enlargement and extension of the benefits the Institutions afford. The need is indeed great, and we are gratified to find so strong a spirit prevailing in favour of increasing the number of grants; no one would be more pleased than ourselves to see all the candidates who crave for help relieved through the instrumentality of the existing Charities. However, as it is impossible to do more than a certain quantity of good with a limited amount of money, there is but one remedy—to increase the receipts. It is lack of funds alone that prevents all candidates being admitted to a participation in the benefits of the respective Institutions as time after time the day of election comes round. How to help? is a problem many would like to solve. Still, it must not be forgotten that the annual expenditure the three institutions are actually pledged to is a large sum to raise, and however much we may desire to relieve distress in the present, it behoves us also to look to the future. Except in the case of the Benevolent Institution, whose Asylum at Croydon—ample in every respect for all requirements—costs but very little to maintain, our Charities are burdened with large establishments which in themselves demand a considerable sum annually to keep up, and should at any time the donations from the Craft be reduced any considerable extent very little saving could be effected in this particular item. With the Benevolent Institution it is very different; only a small minority of the annuitants thereof being provided for in the regular establishment, the Committee would, if unfortunately they found the receipts so reduced as to prevent the maintaining of the existing number of annuitants, find it a comparatively easy task to lessen them, and however much such a course might be deplored, it would be far better than to continue a larger number at the risk of creating a deficiency which, if it once appeared on the balance sheet, might speedily increase, and perhaps take years to eradicate. It will doubtless be urged that the case of the annuitants of the Benevolent Institution is far different to that of the children of the Schools, the one being, generally, in a position to look after themselves, the others requiring continued supervision. The best answer we can give to this argument is to refer brethren to the laws of the Schools themselves, which specially provide "rules applicable to children clothed and educated *out of* the establishment," thereby at once demonstrating the feasibility of such a course, and producing a strong argument in favour of stopping the mania for increasing and enlarging the existing buildings.

As our readers are already aware, it is now proposed to spend six thousand five hundred pounds for the purchase of a house and three-quarters of an acre of ground adjoining the Girls' School at Battersea Rise. This step, be it remembered, will likewise largely increase the amount annually required for the School, that is, if the additional accommodation this outlay should provide is to be fully made use of. Taking the matter in its first objectionable phase—that it pledges the future generation to a still larger amount than they are at present committed to—we think the proposal should be rejected by a large majority. It is unfair to *compel* the Craft in years to come to subscribe a sum even equal to that raised at the present time, much less to call upon them to contribute more and more as year after year the Festivals come round. The spending of so large an amount as £6,500 in land and buildings should provide accommodation for very many more children than can be at present maintained, and, therefore, if the proposed amount is spent, we may expect the Craft to be continually called upon to exhibit renewed energy in order to enable the Committee to make use of the unoccupied space at their command. Even at the present time there are numerous brethren who think that children could be educated and clothed in their parents' homes cheaper than by taking them to the Schools; while some go so far as to state that the benefits those children would receive through being brought up in their own sphere would be much greater than is the case under existing circumstances. It is not at all unlikely that this view may, before long, become widely supported. Supposing that it does, and that, in the course of two years, those who advocate it find themselves in the majority, what would then become of the house and land now proposed to be purchased, and which must take considerably longer than that period to be fully developed? All these points have to be taken into consideration, and again we pronounce the Craft of to-day as steering a wrong course. In fact, the limits of propriety are exceeded when so much coincidence with the views of the present generation is expected from those who will be called upon to subscribe in the future. For ourselves we look upon the question in yet another form. We think that many Provinces and Lodges expect too much from the Institutions, and by skilful generalship, or outside influence some get considerably more than their share; that is if we take into consideration the value they receive compared with the amount of their donations. When members take sufficient interest in an orphan or an old comrade to secure an election to one or other of the Charities, they often think they have done their duty; so they have, if their donations to the Institutions have been consistent, and in proportion to the extent of their receipts, but they certainly have not if they had to go outside their own circle to secure all the necessary votes. We would ask a Lodge when they recommend a candidate for one or other of the Schools if they are prepared to prove their interest in the case by providing any part of the necessary items for the child's maintenance; whether, in fact, they would clothe the child if the Institution provided for other claims. If the members of such a Lodge consented, they would demonstrate beyond question their desire to exercise towards one of their own circle that greatest of all Masonic virtues—Charity. But if not, why should the Craft at large be called upon to do the whole task, a portion of which they in particular should certainly be expected to perform? We are not in favour of dispensing the benefits of the Institutions only to those who contribute to the funds, or of keeping an exact account against each section, but we like consistency. We think that many brethren who now take active interest in the welfare of the offspring of less fortunate members, would do more for their assistance if an opportunity was afforded, and therefore we are in favour of devoting a portion of the funds of each of the Educational Charities to the support of children outside the Schools. With a com-

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paratively small outlay a vast amount of good could be done if this suggestion was acted upon, and more especially is this the case with Provincial candidates whose friends reside in the smaller towns, where education and the general necessaries of life are usually much cheaper than in the metropolis.

FREEMASONRY AND ITS ETYMOLOGIES.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

LOOKING over the *American Quarterly Review of Freemasonry* I came across some very curious speculations about the etymology of Freemasonry. The Rev. Bro. S. G. Morrison, of Dublin, held it that "The word is derived from secrecy and exclusiveness observed in our Lodges. Every Lodge is guarded by a Tiler. It is supposed that he is armed. Formerly his protective weapon was a *club*, the old Latin for this is *maca*. It is the word yet in Spain; the meaning of *maca* is club or *mace*. The club is borne by corporate bodies, because, therefore, bodies of architects, including all trades necessary for effecting or carrying out their plans, preserve their secrets by deliberating within a closed or guarded Lodge—a Lodge guarded by the *maca*—mason was the designation of a brother," &c., &c. The above method of reasoning amounts to this: *maca* meant *mace*, and *mace* may be stretched into mason, hence, *mason* is of Latin origin.

Brother Rockwell quoted Mackey's Lexicon, "that the Hebrew word יסד, which the doctor pronounced '*masang*'—'*mason*' signifies a stone quarry." Hence, as the *y* is sounded with a nasal twang, *masa* is sounded as *masang*, and *masang* sounds something like *mason*, and as *masa* or *masang* means a stone quarry, therefore Dr. Mackey concluded that mason was of Hebrew origin.

Bro. Rockwell, however, who also knew a *little* Hebrew, could not consent to Mackey's etymology. His own opinion was, "that the word Freemason antedates the exode of the Israelites." 'M. Champollian," says he, "furnishes a table of active participles which occur in the hieroglyphic inscriptions, as qualifying nouns; among these will be found the participle of the Coptic verb *mai, to love*, (represented in the hieroglyphic alphabet by a character which has been denominated a plow, and denoting the articulation M) qualifying the substantive ΣΟΝ *son*, "brother," also represented in the hieroglyphic alphabet by a character supposed to be some unknown tool in trade, which I take to be a chisel, or perhaps a seal or stamp. This combination, Coptic maison, expresses exactly in sound our word MASON, and signifies literally loving brother, that is, philadelphus, brother of an association . . . . to this Egyptian word . . . I am disposed to refer our word mason."

The above specimen of luminous reasoning traced the word mason to the Coptic; but as our word is freemason where does the prefix free come from? Our Bro. Rockwell will not have that freemason was derived from the word freeman, who alone was eligible for the privileges of the order. Oh no! Freemason, he says, is derived from an altogether different source, that is, that its origin is neither derived from freeman, nor from the Egyptian. Now what next?

"Mr. Layard, in a visit to Amadigah, a Chaldean Christian village of Kurdistan, represents the Albanian chief Ismail Agha as exclaiming, "we are all framasonns;" and in a note thereto, Mr. Layard explains that "framasonn" meant "freemason."

The above explanation by Mr. Layard, who ought to know best what the Kurdistan chief meant by the word framasonn, is not satisfactory to Bro. Rockwell. He cannot conceive it possible that an Albanian Christian should know a solitary English word: and especially so the word "freemason." Besides which, says Bro. R., Ismail Agha, said fra, instead of free; as if foreigners invariably give correct pronunciation when attempting to speak English.

It would fatigue the reader were I to quote more of Bro. Rockwell's patchwork combinations from the Coptic, Arabic, Hebrew, and other languages. Of course it is all superlative, transcendental and scholarly. But, upon my word, I can make neither head nor tail out of it. I must however transcribe the pith of his reasoning: he says, "The pronominal suffix to the third person plural in the ancient Egyptian was S.N. Writing with the radical prefix and suffix, we have phremes an in Coptic freemason, literally signifying the sun regenerated them, and symbolically meaning sons of light."

To which Bro. R. adds two Hebrew words, which indeed cannot be tortured to mean freemason, or to sound like freemason, but as the said two Hebrew words signify sons of light, it makes his analogy in his own estimation complete, and so he proves his point.

Bro. Nicolai, a friend of Lessing, shows, that he, as well as Bro. Lessing was puzzled about the etymology of masonry: he says, What is the meaning of freemasonry? Lessing says that masa in Anglo Saxon signifies a table. I do not know whether masa signifies a table, but I know that in Anglo Saxon maca denotes a companion, and I have found masonia only in the writings of the middle ages, as signifying a society of the table. . . . Here again, it is possible that the papers of Lessing might afford the necessary information, although the passage of Agricola, to which he refers, and which I have found, is anything but an ancient source; besides, messeney, as Agricola writes it, is not masonia. I think I have traced out an entirely different origin for this word. Massonya, in the Latin of the middle ages, is the same as clava, a club; but clava is also used for clavis, a key, and hence comes the word clavare, which denotes the right of entrance into a house, and of refusing entrance to another. But it will be seen that what we call in Germany a club, a privat or exclusive society . . . , is expressed in English by the same word club. Does this bring us back to our masonia, which has the same relation to the word club? It follows then, that masonia, or masonnia, signifies not only a society of the table, but an exclusive society—a club—such as the round table, and the etymology I have given here does not in any way contradict Lessing."

According then to these distinguished German masonic investigators, masonry was derived either from the Anglo Saxon or from the Latin, and by a little screwing and twisting they proved, from both sources, that "mason" denotes a society of the table.

The Historian' Bro. Fort claims, that the prefix free is a corruption from the French word frere, brother, and that frere-macon means brother-mason. Bro. Fort does not pretend that he had found "free-macon," in any French Masonic MS., but he merely imagines that whereas England was conquered by the Normans, Norman Masons must have brought that phrase into England, where it was corrupted into freemason.

That Lessing and Nicolai in the last century should have wandered into Anglo Saxon and Latin regions for the etymology of freemason is not so much to be wondered at, but that brethren writing within twenty-five years should have travelled so much out of the way for the origin of a word easily traced to the English language, would really astonish me, if I had not previously had to combat the fanciful notions of the same class of Masonic luminaries.

The Dictionary defines the word mason, "a builder in stone or brick." As to the etymology of the word mason, I care no more about it than I do about the etymology of the word carpenter, tailor, or any name of a trade. Suppose mason was derived from the French macon, then comes the question, Whence did the French get macon? Suppose from the Latin, then, whence have the Latins got it? know now that Speculative Masonry originated in England, and that And so we may go on and on, and not become wiser by questioning. We it was built upon the debris of the society of builders of the middle ages. These were at one time designated as masons, but afterwards they assumed the name of freemasons. I know that acts of Parliament debarred English masons from teaching their trade to bondmen. The two German Masons Constitutions, respectively dated 1452 and 1462, contain no clause about bondman, freeborn, or freeman. But I also know that the same statute debarred likewise all other artizans from taking a bondman as an apprentice. Now if the prefix free originated from freeman, then we ought to have had free-tailors, free-carpenters, &c., but the very fact that Masons alone appropriated the prefix free, and as I shall presently show that it was only part of the masons who were known as freemasons, we must therefore find another reason for the origin of freemason. But instead of hunting for that phrase in the Dictionaries of all the dead languages, and among all the dead gods and goddesses, I can more rationally trace it to Old England itself.

In 1875 I was led to expect that the age of the Halliwell Constitution might be ascertained from the English statutes. A lawyer kindly lent me the statutes, but they were mainly in the French language. And such French! Bro. Brenan, who translated Rebold's "History of Freemasonry" from the French, could not make out the said statutes. The Anglo-Norman French, in the days of Edward III., could scarcely be understood in France itself. Chaucer, in describing an English accomplished Lady Abbess, says—

> "And French she spake ful featously,
> After the School of Straford att Bow,
> For French of Paris was to her unknow."

However, I afterwards got hold of a copy, giving the French version in one column, and the English translation in the other, and here is the English version of a statute passed in 1350:—

"Item. That carpenters, masons, tilers, and other workmen of houses, shall not take by the day for their work, but in the manner as they were wont—that is to say, a master carpenter 3d, and another 2d, a master (freemason) 4d, and another mason 3d."

Finding "freemason" placed between parentheses, I looked to the French column for the reason, but instead of freemason, I found there "mestro mason de franche pere," which would read in English thus—"A master mason of freeston 4d, and another mason 3d." Here, then, we see that there were then two classes of masons,—the freeston mason and the mason. The word freemason was not born then. A statute in 1360 has the following:—"So that every mason and carpenter, of what condition, he shall be compelled by his master . . to do the work that to him appertain to do, or of freestone or of rough stone." On the French column it is—"Ou de franch pere, ou de gross pere." This defines the distinction between the said two classes of masons—viz., freestone and rough stone.

Mr. Halliwell refers to a statute passed in 1548, in the reign of Edward VI., when the parliamentary records were kept in English. "Allowing" (as he says) "freemasons to practise their craft in any town in England, although not free of that town," and, he adds, "This last mentioned statute is important as showing the recent application of the term freemason to those who practised the actual trade." And he further copied from an indenture dated June 5, 21 Henry VII., taken by Ashmole from the original archives of the Dean and Chapter of Windsor, as follows:—

"In the year 1506, John Hylmer and William Vertu, freemasons, were engaged to 'vault or doo to be vawlted with freestone the roof of the quere of the College Roiall of our Lady and Saint George, within the Castell of Wyndsore."

Mr. Halliwell then remarked, "A friend has suggested to me the possible connection between the terms freemason and freestone."

Now I will try to sum up the evidence. In the days of Edward III. there were two classes of masons—masons of freestone and masons of rough stone. The former received 4d a day, while the latter received only 3d. The translator of the statutes designated the former by the term freemason. As early as 1506 two masons undertook to vault a roof with freestone, and were designated in the contract as freemasons. And in 1548 an Act of Parliament allowed freemasons to work at their trade in any English towns, though not free of those towns. The inference therefore is, as suggested by

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Mr. Halliwell's friend, that there is a connection between freestone and freemasons. Freestone mason was merely abridged into free-mason.

The question here naturally suggests itself,—Why have freemasons received higher wages? and why was the privilege conceded to them of being allowed to work at their trade in towns of which they were not freemen?

P.D.G.M. Bro. Chas. Levi Woodbury, known here as Judge Woodbury, who, without exception, is the best generally well-informed brother among my Masonic acquaintances who travelled in Europe and visited the old churches, suggested a very good reason to my question. He told me that the stone ornamentations, statuary, and bas reliefs in the old churches, were generally wrought out of freestone. This kind of stone, he said, being soft, is therefore best adapted for that kind of work; hence the freestone mason required a higher degree of skill than the ordinary rough stone mason; the former was an artist, the latter an artizan, and that is the reason why the freemason received higher wages. Again, every town, doubtless, had among its freemen a sufficient supply of ordinary masons, but every town may not have had the best class of statuarists, or ornamental stonemasons, and we may readily imagine that when a church had to be built, or a nobleman's mansion, where some ornamental work was desirable, that superior craftsmen had to be brought to the town from other cities. The local freemen then, doubtless, raised a hue and cry about invasion of their "vested rights," hence we may account for the statute "Allowing freemasons to work in towns, although they were not free of those towns."

We have seen that there was no need to hunt through all creation for the etymology of freemasonry. The term freemason grew and matured on English soil, and in spite of the asserters of Masonic antiquity, we may rest assured that we are not only indebted to England for our Speculative Masonry, but that England is also the mother of Freemasonry in every sense of the phrase.

Boston, 11th September 1879.

METROPOLITAN HOTEL, FINSBURY.

ON Wednesday, 19th ultimo, a complimentary dinner was given at the Metropolitan Hotel, in honour of Bro. J. Pilson, who has recently undertaken the management of this establishment. There was a good attendance of brethren and personal friends of the host to do honour to the occasion, and everything passed off in a manner to render the evening a most enjoyable one. The chair was occupied by Colonel Chamberlain, and the vice chairs by Messrs. Hatch and Patterson. Bro. J. B. King supported the chairman, and among the other members of the Craft may be mentioned Bros. T. J. Muidwell, D. Jacobs, E. Aveling, Harper, Wilson, W. W. Morgan jun., &c.; Messrs. W. Dawson, J. Dawson, T. Norton, Marner, Captain Webb, Westley, Norton, Lieutenant Nettleship, &c. The dinner was well served, and reflected great credit on the establishment. At the conclusion of the repast, the Chairman proposed the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, Lieut. Nettleship being called upon to acknowledge that of the Army and Navy. Bro. Jacobs next proposed "Prosperity to the Metropolitan Hotel." He hoped those present would attend the Hotel on many future occasions, and do all in their power to render the management of Bro. Pilson a success. He was aware that many of those around him were personally acquainted with the capabilities of the establishment, but to such as were not, he desired to recommend their attendance on a future occasion, feeling sure they would then enjoy repetition of the first-rate catering they had witnessed that night. Bro. Pilson desired to thank his friends for the kind reception they had accorded the toast just proposed. He said he intended to do all in his power to make the Metropolitan Hotel a success, and briefly enumerated the various improvements he had made or contemplated making, especially referring to his intention to establish a grill room and table d'hote, both of which he hoped would meet as much success as he trusted they would deserve. He hoped to see all who were then present frequent attendants in the future. The Chairman proposed the Press, which was briefly acknowledged, and then Captain Webb called upon the company to drink the health of the Chairman. This done, the Chairman expressed his acknowledgments. The present was the first occasion on which he had ever presided at a festive board in Old England. One thing he had found wherever he had been, and that was that freedom always existed if the Anglo-Saxon tongue was spoken, this was forcibly impressed on him at one of the first dinners he attended after landing on English soil, some time since, when the chairman in proposing a toast, gave the following quotation:—

> "Here's a health to old honest John Bull,
> When he's gone we shan't find such another;
> Then, with hearts and with glasses brimfull,
> Here's a health to Old England his mother."

These were so entirely his sentiments that he could not help repeating the lines on the present occasion. Bro. King proposed the health of the Ladies, to which Mr. Bromley responded. The company then separated. The hotel, which is situate in South Place, Finsbury, has recently been re-decorated, and is now replete with every comfort. We heard a whisper that one of our most successful Lodges contemplate holding their future meetings under its roof, should the members decide on doing so, we may have further opportunity of testifying to the ability of the new manager Bro. Pilson.

THE ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.—A new College, under the title of "York" College, under the Rosicrucian Society of England, was, by authority of Fra. W. H. Woodman M.D. IX. Supreme Magus in Anglia, opened in York by Fra. C. F. Matier IV. Sup. Mag. in Scotia. Fra. T. B. Whytehead VIII. was afterwards installed as Chief Adept.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

AN especial Prov. G. Lodge of Emergency was held at the Old Hall, Glindon, on Monday, 1st December, at 12.30, W. Bro. W. H. Smyth R.W. Provincial Grand Master on the throne. Lodge was opened in due form as soon as possible after the close of the P.G. Chapter. The hymn of Invocation having been sung to a new accompaniment by Bro. A. W. Lambert 588 P.G.O., the R.W. Prov. G.M. called attention to the business of the day, viz., the confirmation of certain alterations in the existing rules of the Prov. G. 2nd Benevolent Fund, and the additions thereto of certain rules respecting the "Oliver Memorial Fund," which had been drawn up by the present committee of the Prov. G. Fund of Benevolence. Proposed by W. Bro. W. Watkins 297 P.P.G.S. of W. and seconded by Bro. T. M. Wilkinson 297 P.G.S., "That the I.P.M. of each Lodge should in future be a member of the committee of the P.G.L. Fund of Benevolence, and share with the W.M. the voting power of the Lodge." For this proposition 32 voted against 15, and it was declared carried. The remainder of the revised rules were passed without opposition, and on the proposition of W. Bro. C. M. Nesbitt, seconded by W. Bro. A. P. Peacock W.M. 1386 P.G.S., were unanimously adopted. The requisite authority was given to W. Bro. W. H. Radley 838, P.G. Charity Secretary, to secure the purchase into the R.M.I.B. of two boys now on the Provincial List, viz., Alfred Thomas Cole (No. 1), and Phillipson Marshall (No. 13 on the October List of candidates for election). W. Bro. W. H. Sissons 1447 P.G.J.W. gave notice of his intention at the next Prov. Grand Lodge to propose, "That a fund similar to the 'Oliver Memorial Fund' be raised in this Province for the purpose of obtaining the admission by purchase of candidates for the R.M.I.G." This concluding the business, Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the Brethren and Companions adjourned to a luncheon in the magnificent banquet chamber of the Old Hall, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the brethren separating at an early hour.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Peace and Harmony Lodge.—A regular meeting was held on 1st October, at Du Toit's Pan, South Africa. Present—Bros. Henry Hartog W.M., P. Van Ulsen S.W., J. Van Sombeek J.W., T. Van Sombeek Treasurer, B. Klisser Sec., J. B. King Preceptor, D. Avis Almoner, B. Kimper Architect, E. Garish Asst. Secretary; P.M.'s Bros. C. Sonnenberg and C. Roberts D.M., T. C. Maritz, P. J. Stoyn, E. B. Hoffmann, A. Yockmonitz, and J. C. Hefer. Visitors—Bros. J. Wolff Era 1423, W. R. Smith, Richard Giddy, E. Harris Sir Hugh Myddelton, W. Henderson 309, Alfred Turner, D. N. Defries Cosmopolitan 1409, J. Sweet British, G. Brown Globe 23, and C. Ashburner Charles Warren. The Lodge opened, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Ballot took place for Messrs. D. J. De Vos and D. W. Van Bleck, who were duly elected as candidates for initiation, and Bro. C. Arburrow was elected a joining member. Bros. E. B. Hoffmann, Fred. C. Hefer and Abraham Yockmonitz were duly raised to the degree of M.M. The Lodge having been closed to the third and second degrees, the W.M. thanked the visiting brethren for their attendance, also Bro. D. Defries for his services at the harmonium. Labour being ended, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren departed in "Peace and Harmony." The pretty little Lodge at Du Toit's Pan, under the able control of Bro. H. Hartog, with his exceedingly effective working, bids fair to become "the" Lodge of the Diamond Fields. When the present Officers were elected the Lodge was heavily in debt; it has now paid off all liabilities, and has actually a balance in hand, whilst the thorough Masonic working is drawing numerous applications from brethren to become joining members. These tidings are most gratifying, and we heartily wish our brethren a continuance of prosperity.

DERWENT LODGE, No. 40.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the report of the consecration of the St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 1842, which appears in your issue of the 29th ult., the V.W. D.P.G.M. for Sussex, Bro. J. Henderson Scott, is reported to have said, "That it was upwards of one hundred years since the Derwent Lodge was first established at Hastings."

I think this is an error, which is caused by taking the position the Lodge holds on the roll of G.L. As it is No. 40, it is generally supposed that it must be one of our oldest Lodges. Such, however, is not the case; the Lodge, under the G.L. Ancients, which was numbered 36, was established about 1755-6, and met in London, and it had ceased to exist for many years when the Derwent Lodge, No. 36 now 40 was established at Hastings, in 1813, the latter being a new Lodge, with a new warrant, placed in the position on the roll of the extinct Lodge; it was not a resuscitation of the old Lodge, or a warrant of confirmation. The first Lodge established at Hastings was informally under the G.L. Ancients; as it is the only authorised list published, it should be perfect.

For further information on Ante-union Lodges, I would direct those who take an interest in the same to a recent publication, entitled "A Numerical and Numismatical Register of Lodges which formed the United Grand Lodge of England," and which can be purchased of the author, Bro. J. W. Hughan, Truro, Cornwall.

Yours fraternally,

T. F. 56, 804.

1st Dec. 1879.

BIRTH.

WILLING.—On the 1st December, at Springfield Lodge, Junction Road, Kentish Town, N.W., the wife of Bro. James Willing jun. prematurely of a son, stillborn.

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GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

FESTIVAL OF ST. ANDREW.

THE Grand Lodge of Scotland met yesterday afternoon in Freemasons' Hall for the purpose of installing their Officers for the next year, and also to celebrate the Festival of St. Andrew. The business meeting was held at four o'clock, and was well attended by the brethren. Bro. R. W. Cochran-Patrick, Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire, occupied the throne; while Bros. R. F. Shaw Stewart J.W., and James Caldwell J.G.D., acted respectively as Senior and Junior Grand Wardens. Grand Lodge having been duly opened, the Acting G.M. intimated that Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., had been relected as Grand Master. Intimation of this appointment was then made to the Grand Master Elect by a deputation, who conducted him into Grand Lodge, where he was informed of the election. Sir Michael intimated acceptance of office, and was thereafter installed with the usual ceremony, after which he thanked the brethren for re-appointing him to his high office. The Grand Master then took his seat, and installed the other Officers who had been appointed, so that the Grand Office-bearers for next year are the following brethren:—Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., G.M., The Earl of Mar and Kellie D.G.M., Col. A. C. Campbell, of Blythswood, Sub.G.M., The Lord Inverurie S.G.W., R. F. Shaw Stewart J.G.W., D. Murray Lyon G.Sec., David Kinnear G.Cashier, Rev. T. N. Wannop and Rev. W. C. E. Jamieson, B.A., Joint Grand Chaplains, The Earl of Haddington S.G.D., Jas. Caldwell, of Craigielea, J.G.D., William Hay G.Architect, F. L. Law G.Jeweller, Thomas Halket G.Bible-bearer, John Coghill G.D.C., H. Y. D. Copland G.Sword-bearer, C. W. Maxwell Müller G. Director of Music, Robert Davidson G.Organist, Captain William Hills G.Marshal, W. M. Bryce G.Tyler, John Ness Outer D.G., Jas. Turner President of Board of G.Stewards, Jas. Crichton V.-Pres. of Board of G.Stewards, James M'Laren Super. of Locomotive Arrangements. Grand Lodge then adjourned to the large hall in order to join in the festival. There were already assembled members of Grand Lodge and deputations from the Daughter Lodges to the number of upwards of 200. The brethren rose to receive Grand Lodge, and the appropriate music was played on the organ. The G.M. took the chair, while the croupiers were Bros. R. F. Shaw Stewart J.G.W., James Caldwell J.G.D., D. Murray Lyon G.Sec., James Turner Pres., and James Crichton Vice-Pres. of Board of G.Stewards. The chair was supported on the right by the Earl of Mar and Kellie D.G.M.; Bros. R. W. Cochran-Patrick Prov.G.M. of Ayrshire, William Officer Representative of the Grand Lodges of Egypt and Pennsylvania, Capt. G. F. R. Colt, of Gartsherrie, P.G. Sword-bearer, H. Y. D. Copland G.Sword-bearer, Rev. T. N. Wannop and Rev. W. C. E. Jamieson Joint G.Chaplains, David Kinnear Grand Cashier, and J. Coghill G.D.C. On the left of the chair were—Bros. Colonel Campbell, of Blythswood, Sub.-G.M., Charles Dalrymple, M.P., Prov.G.M. of Argyle and the Isles, William Mann Representative of the Grand Lodge of Sweden and Proxy Prov.G.M. of India, Sir Charles Farquhar Shand, late Chief Justice of the Mauritius, William Hay G.Architect, F. Law G.Jeweller, T. Halket G.Bible-bearer, C. W. Maxwell Müller G.D.M., Dr. Falconer Proxy Dis.G.M. of New South Wales, &c. Apologies for absence were intimated from—Bros. the Earl of Rosslyn P.G.M.M., John Whyte-Melville, of Bennochy and Strathkinness, P.G.M., Lord Inverurie S.G.W., F. A. Barrow P.S.G.W., Capt. Charles Hunter, Col. Lumsden, of Pitcaple, Col. Montgomerie Neilson, of Queenshill, Prov.G.M. of Glasgow, and James H. Neilson Proxy Prov.G.M. of Venezuela. Deputations were in attendance from the following Lodges, headed by the undermentioned brethren, for the most part the R.W.M.'s of the respective Lodges:—R. W. Cochran-Patrick, Mother Kilwinning No. 0; R. F. Shaw Stewart, Mary's Chapel 1; Kyle, Glasgow St. John 3-2; Colin Spalding, Hamilton Kilwinning 7; Hugh Munro, Journeyman 8; Thomas Smith, Dalkeith Kilwinning 10; Alexander Smith, Greenock Kilwinning 12; John Gillespie, St. John, Falkirk 16; John Fergus, St. John, Lesmahagow 20; David Dick, St. Mungo, Glasgow 27; John Finlayson, Ancient, Stirling 30; Robert Kelso, St. Mary, Coltness 31; William Edwards, St. David, Edinburgh 36; Hon. F. J. Moncrieff, St. Luke, Edinburgh 44; Dr. Carmichael, St. Andrew, Edinburgh 48; David Crichton, St. John Kilwinning, Haddington 57; W. F. Vernon, Kelso 58; William M'Farland, St. Ninian, Brechin 66; James Fairlie, Alloa 69; Craig, St. James Operative, Edinburgh 97; J. F. Mitchell, St. Mark, Glasgow 102; H. J. Blanc, Kilwinning, Ayr 124; M'Intyre, St. James, Newton, Ayr 125; William Greig, St. Stephen, Edinburgh 145; John Ronaldson, Edinburgh Defensive Band 151; Adam, Royal Arch, Pollokshaws 153; E. J. Sykes, Roman Eagle 160; Dr. Falconer, Celtic, Edinburgh and Leith 291; George Keith, Panmure, Arbroath 299; James Greenaway, St. Clair, Edinburgh 349; Galbraith, Caledonian Railway, Glasgow 354; J. M. Oliver, Commercial, Glasgow 360; Roberts, Caledonian, Edinburgh 392; A. T. Apthorpe, Rifle, Edinburgh 405; John Davidson, Westland Kilwinning, N.Z. 467; Andrew Clark, Endeavour, Scinde 474; William M. Pearson, St. Andrew, New Pitsligo 518; Alexander Soutar, North British Railway, Edinburgh 597; R. M'Whirter, Firth of Clyde, Gourock 626; W. E. Dixon, English Constitution 294. After dinner, which was purveyed in good style by Bro. Daish, the tables were cleared, and the usual introductory Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair, and duly honoured by the meeting. Lieut. Mott, of the Enniskilling Dragoons, replying for the army; Lieut.-Col. Campbell, for the militia; Capt. Hills, for the volunteers; and Bro. W. E. Dixon, Proxy Prov.J.G.D. of North-East York, and P.M. of Lodge Beverley 294 of the English Constitution, for the toast of "The Grand Lodge of England and his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." Bro. Charles Dalrymple, M.P., then proposed the toast of "The Grand Master." In speaking to this toast he said they had to esteem their Master not merely as a loyal Freemason and in his capacity of Grand Mason, but in every other capacity. They knew the services which the Grand Master had performed for Freemasonry in Scotland, and they had it on the highest authority that never in its past days did Freemasonry stand as high in Scotland, or in as much prosperity, as at the present day. Referring to the presentation to Lady Octavia, at Ardgowan, on Friday, of a marble bust of the Grand Master, from the Freemasons of Scotland, Bro. Dalrymple said that that compliment had taken a form that he thought must have been of a very gratifying kind to the Grand Master himself; and that there never was a presentation which represented more a community and agreement of feelings. He saw that in his speech at the presentation the Grand Master had referred to his enforcement of discipline; but no one could fill the throne of Grand Lodge efficiently if he did not understand what discipline meant when he had to preside over the proceedings of such an important and numerous body. He concluded with an eulogium on the Grand Master, and called on the brethren to drink to his health. The toast was enthusiastically received, and was drunk with all the honours. The Grand Master, in acknowledging the compliment, said that it was no figure of speech to observe that he was very sensible of the kindness and the support he had received all along from Grand Lodge and the Masons of Scotland. He frankly confessed that at one time he felt great anxiety and difficulty in regard to Grand Lodge; but now these difficulties had been got over, and they enjoyed flourishing times. Thanks to the indefatigable efforts and continual exertions of their good friend, D. Murray Lyon, assisted to a high degree by the great attention paid by Grand Committee, and to the devotion to their duties which had been shown by the Finance Committee—he was very glad to say—and these were no mere after dinner words—that now Grand Lodge was successful in a financial point of view. In proof of this he found that the income of this year had exceeded that of last year by £600—and that the total income for this year up to Saturday last had been £5,089. He had every reason to believe that if things were carried on as they had been Grand Lodge would continue to enjoy a series of prosperous years. The Grand Secretary, he must say, was an admirable worker, and he was very glad to find and to know that there was now in Grand Committee no jealousy of one against another, but that they were working together as brethren in Masonry. The Grand Master next alluded to the presentation of his bust to Lady Octavia, and thanked the Freemasons of Scotland for the compliment, which he said had been enchanced, as their kindness was increased by the fact that the gift was not to him, but to her who received it. He concluded by thanking the brethren for re-electing him as Grand Master, and remarked that at the expiry of this his seventh year of office, he thought the time would have arrived when another Mason should be elected to preside over the Grand Lodge of Scotland—and who, he trusted, would be able and ready to lead her to increased usefulness, and to a great and glorious future. The toast of "The Foreign Grand Lodges" was proposed by the Substitute Grand Master and acknowledged by Bro. Mann, representative of the Grand Lodge of Sweden. Bro. R. W. Cochran-Patrick proposed "The Depute Grand Master;" and in replying, the Earl of Mar and Kellie referred to the presentation to Lady Octavia as a mark of esteem and affection, and expressed the hope that it would be a permanent present, and would be handed down to posterity. Bro. the Hon. F. J. Moncreiff proposed the toast of Lady "Octavia Shaw Stewart" in particularly felicitous terms. Bro. Moncreiff claimed for Lady Octavia that she had encouraged the Grand Master in the Masonic work he had done, and had gloried in its continued success. She had received no written token from Grand Lodge, but she had a token of a high character in the blessings of the poor people around Greenock who had partaken of her charity. This toast was acknowledged by the Grand Master, who, in referring to Lady Octavia's gratification with the bust, mentioned that it had been for several days on view to the people of the country surrounding Ardgowan, and that all were loud in its praises as a work of art and as a likeness. The health of the Substitute Grand Master was proposed by the Depute Grand Master, and then the deputations from Daughter Lodges were toasted in sections, and duly replied for by the brethren heading each deputation. Sir C. Farquhar Shand next proposed "The Provincial and District Grand Lodges," and in doing so referred to the prosperity of Scottish Masonry in Mauritius. The chairman then gave "The Grand Chaplains and other Office-Bearers of Grand Lodges," and spoke in high terms of the services of the Grand Secretary. This toast was replied for by Bro. T. N. Wannop, and the brethren then drank in silence to "The Memory of St. Clair of Rosslyn." Grand Lodge was thereafter closed in ample form. The dinner-party was enlivened by music supplied by Bro. Lanbach, and the toast-making was agreeably interspersed also with instrumental music and with several quartettes and part songs by a party of vocalists under Bro. Dick.

HILDA ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

AT a meeting of this Chapter held at the Queen's Hotel, York, on Friday evening, Bro. C. J. Banister 33° S.G.I.G. presiding as M.W.S., Bro. T. B. Whytehead was unanimously elected Sovereign, and Bro. J. S. Cumberland Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ROYAL FREEMASONS.—Six sons of George III. were Freemasons, viz: the Prince of Wales afterwards George IV.; the Duke of York, the Duke of Clarence, now known as William IV.; the Duke of Kent, father of Queen Victoria; the Duke of Cumberland, who became King of Hanover; and the Duke of Sussex, George IV.; the Dukes of York, Kent, Cumberland and Sussex were active and zealous Masons. Of the above brothers, two, viz: the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Sussex, were Grand Masters in England, and a third was a Grand Patron of Masonry in Hanover. Of Bro. William's activity in Masonry very little is known, except that he honoured the grand Lodge of Scotland, when he became king, with becoming its Grand Patron.—*Exchange.*

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

THE regular installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air street, Regent-street, when the following Officers were present:—Bros. B. Phillips W.M., E. White P.M., B. Turner S.W., J. E. Shand J.W., B. Swallow P.M. Treas., E. J. Scott P.M. Sec., J. Hutchinson S.D., J. Waugh J.D., T. Murray James D.C., E. C. Woodward I.G. There was a full attendance of members, and several visitors, among the latter being Bros. R. Payne W.M. 1328, W. Coombes P.M. P.G.S.B. Middlesex, J. Edell I.G. 108, F. Green 1687, Matthew Crook 1614, T. Lewis W.S. 1472, F. A. Wiggins 160, A. Bassington W.M. 205, Geo. F. Hammond 1765, E. Farwig W.M. 180, J. W. Elvin 538, Louis Beck W.M. 1559, F. G. Baker P.M. 753, W. Carrington I.G. 1791, A. J. Mucklow 1584, J. A. Scarlett 276, J. Austen P.M. 753, R. Coad 1328, T. Simpson W.M. 1178, R. Callingham 1178, G. A. Watkins 1585, James Cronland J.W. 1687, W. T. Martin 1681, R. Emanuel 188, W. Grover J.W. 749, S. Wenkheim 1017, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, H. Black 1728, H. Massey P.M. 619, T. W. Marler S.W. 1247, A. Boehr S.W. 1515, John Moore 548, Charles Wale 79, Henry Cross J.W. 586, Wallace Wells 1319, H. Harvey 1604, E. Bateman 180. The W.M. duly opened the Lodge, and called on the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting, which in due course were confirmed. The ballot was taken and found to be favourable for the reception of six gentlemen who were candidates for initiation. Five of them being in attendance were formally introduced and regularly initiated into Freemasonry—these were Messrs. Chas. Lena May, Alfred Strevens, Herbert Cloots, Edward Line, and Thomas Robert Wenn. Lodge was now advanced; Brother Past Master White took the chair, and Brother Benj. Turner the W.M. elect was formally presented for the benefit of installation. Being duly obligated, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Turner was placed in the chair of K.S. in ancient form. On the re-admission of the brethren, he was proclaimed and saluted, and then appointed and invested the Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. Shand S.W., Hutchinson J.W., Swallow Treasurer, Scott Secretary, Rev. P. M. Holden P.M. (named as) Chaplain, Waugh S.D., Emanuel J.D., Pratt I.G., Jones D.C., Hancock P.M. Steward, Potter Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed the Lodge to be in possession of a good balance, was next received and adopted; and this completing the business of the evening, the new W.M. proceeded to close his Lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a first-rate dinner was served. At the conclusion grace was said, and then the W.M. proposed the usual toasts. In giving that of Her Majesty the Queen, he said that although Charity was the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart, Loyalty was also a prominent feature, and he felt assured the members would join him in drinking heartily the toast of the Queen, with which he coupled success to the Craft. The toast was enthusiastically received, and quickly followed by that of the Grand Master. H.R.H. had, the W.M. considered, greatly honoured the Craft by becoming its Grand Master, and, as Masons, he felt they could but honour the toast proposed in his favour. The Prince of Wales was always ready to do anything for the people of England, but especially was this the case as regarded the Masonic portion. The next toast—that of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers—the W.M. considered a most important one. It was a large and influential toast, almost as prominent as that of the Grand Master. This toast was followed by the duet "All's Well," sung by Bros. Wells and Cross, whose vocal abilities are well known, more especially in connection with St. Andrews, Well-street, where they take a prominent part in the choral services. Bro. B. Phillips I.P.M. now proposed the health of the W.M. The brethren who had witnessed the working of the W.M. in the various offices which he had filled, from Inner Guard upwards, were able to form a good idea of his capability for performing the duties which would now be required of him. Personally Bro. Phillips felt no doubt as to the result which would attend the labours of his successor. He did not think the brethren could possibly have done better than they had in electing the present Master to his proud position, nor did he doubt but that the Lodge would be greatly benefitted during Bro. Turner's term of presidency. After a song by Bro. Wallace Wells, the W.M. replied. He was exceedingly grateful to the I.P.M. for his remarks, and thankful to the brethren for the heartiness with which they had responded to the toast. He had been made most happy during the term of his connection with the Lodge, and felt grateful to the brethren for having placed him in the chair. He felt very proud of his position, and considered it a great compliment; he should endeavour to do even better for the Lodge in the future than he had in the past, and hoped his year of office might result as successfully as Bro. Phillips had predicted it would. The health of the Initiates was next given from the chair. The Master was especially pleased to welcome the five brethren who had been admitted to the benefits of Freemasonry during the evening. Each of them had expressed the pleasure he had experienced in being received into the Lodge. Bro. May was the first to respond, he briefly thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they had received him and had just responded to the toast proposed in his honour. Bro. Cloots expressed the great pleasure he felt in being elected a member of the noble society of Freemasons. He should strive to do his duty as a brother Mason. Bro. Strevens felt very delighted that he had been initiated into the ancient brotherhood. He should endeavour to promote its usefulness with all his ability. Bro. Wenn hoped he might never forget that he was a Mason, and ever act up to the lessons he had been taught that evening. Bro. Line thought it a great honour to become a Mason, and hoped he might never disgrace so grand an Order. The W.M. next rose. He felt they had now arrived at the joy of the evening. He saw a great many brethren around him who were members of other Lodges, and had on the present occasion honoured the City of Westminster by visiting and taking part in the work of the day. The guests were thirty-eight in number, to all of them he desired to tender, on behalf of the Lodge, the heartiest welcome. He hoped that throughout his term of office the Lodge would maintain its reputation for hospitality. Bro. Coombes, who was the first called upon to respond, considered it a very great honour to reply on behalf of so distinguished an array of visitors. The work he had witnessed that night had been admirable. Every year the Lodge seemed to progress, and when they took into consideration the class of men who had filled the chair, it seemed impossible for any other result to accrue. He concluded by hoping that every success might attend the Master during his term of office, and that the Lodge would continue to prosper in the future as it had in the past. Bro. Austin followed. There was no doubt in his mind but that visiting was one of the greatest privileges we enjoy. How and where he could find words to thank the W.M. and brethren was his great difficulty. He could only express the great pleasure he had enjoyed in witnessing the work performed in the Lodge. He trusted the Master might have ample work during the coming year. Bro. Farwig expressed his pleasure at witnessing the progress of the Lodge, it could but be a pleasure to every good Mason to see it. Bro. Beck also tendered his thanks. Bro. Payne was next called upon. It was a great pleasure to him to respond to the call. He was intensely gratified to see Bro. Turner in the chair. He knew him to be a good man and true. He congratulated him on the position he had attained in the Lodge. Bro. Baker also responded. The W.M. now proposed the toast of the Past Masters. Each one of them had acted during his respective year of office as they could wish every Master to act. Very few Lodges could boast of such brethren as they numbered among their Past Masters. Bro. White was one who never cared what trouble he put himself to if it was for the benefit of the Lodge. The W.M. had especially to thank him for the way in which he had that evening placed him in the chair. Bro. Holden was a good man and true. To hear him render a ceremony was a treat. As Chaplain of the Lodge he was especially entitled to the thanks of the members. Bro. Swallow was last, but certainly not least; as founder of the Lodge he had done wonders, indeed had it not been for him the Lodge would never have been in existence. A most important part of the duty of the Master at this time was to present to Brother Phillips the Past Master's jewel which had been unanimously voted by the Lodge. The W.M. had great pleasure in placing it on his breast. Brother Phillips desired to thank the brethren for the jewel they had so kindly voted him. During his year of office he had done his best for the City of Westminster Lodge, and so long as he lived he should endeavour to improve the Lodge as far as he could. Bro. Swallow tendered his thanks. He thought the present W.M. was likely to add to the prosperity of the Lodge. Bro. Holden regretted his inability to be present at the first part of the evening. Being in the chair in another Order of Freemasonry, he was unable to attend the Lodge earlier; but he congratulated the brethren on the successful meeting they had had. Bro. White felt it a very great privilege to be allowed to instal the Master. The four brethren who had passed the chair of the Lodge were among the founders of it; now they had a brother in the chair who joined after the foundation, and might thus be considered to start on a new era. He felt very proud of being numbered among the Past Masters of so distinguished a Lodge. The W.M. next proposed a toast in honour of the Treasurer and Secretary. These were two Officers it would be impossible to do without. Bro. Swallow, in reply, thanked the brethren for the great honour they had conferred on him in again electing him to the important office he filled in the Lodge. Bro. Scott also thanked the brethren. He tried to please all, but sometimes found it a difficult task. He thought the brethren should take into consideration the arduous nature of a Secretary's duties. At last, but not least, the W.M. described the next toast. Without Officers, he should be in a position similar to a ship without a rudder. The S.W., Bro. Shand, took a great interest in Freemasonry, but more especially in the welfare of the City of Westminster Lodge; indeed, his zeal in this respect was only equalled by his horror at the trading of Crown Servants. The present J.W. was an excellent Mason. If ever he was placed in the chair, he would go far to outshine all who had preceded him. Each of the Officers present in turn responded to the toast. This brought the proceedings to a termination, excepting that the usual compliment was paid to distressed brethren before the brethren separated.

St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1024.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Maldon, Essex, on Wednesday, 26th ult., was of exceptional interest, the occasion being the visit of the D.P.G.M. of Essex, the V.W. Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram Past Grand Chaplain. At six o'clock the brethren met, and the first and third degrees were admirably worked by the W.M. Bro. H. J. Sansom P.G.J.D., assisted by Bros. J. P. Lewin, acting as S.W. in the absence through illness of Bro. Frank Freeman, T. Elsey Bland J.W., Rev. E. R. Horwood Chaplain, F. G. Green Hon. Sec., E. Gowers Hon. Organist, J. D. Wright S.D., F. Bird J.D., T. J. Cramphorne I.G. The following Past Masters were also present:—Bros. George Pennington Jay, T. Aldham, W. F. Francis, William Humphreys, and E. Humphreys I.P.M. The Visitors included F. Orchard 198, W. J. Upton 276, John Baker 567, R. Smith and S. H. Ellis 697; and the attendance was made up by unofficial brethren to about thirty-five. Music was made an important feature in the ceremonies. Mr. O. D. Belsham had kindly lent to the Lodge, for the occasion, a very excellent harmonium, and the brethren, on the proposition of Bro. W. H. Donaldson, seconded by Bro. W. Humphreys, resolved to give effect to the W.M.'s appointment of an Honorary Organist by purchasing an organ out of the Lodge funds. The D.P.G.M. was escorted to his place with due ceremony, and a vote of thanks was passed for his attendance. At the conclusion of labour, the brethren adjourned for the annual widgeon supper, at the Blue Boar Hotel; and the reputation of the house for the preparation of the bird's was fully maintained.

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ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

THE brethren of this Lodge assembled on Tuesday, 25th ult., at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, for the purpose of celebrating the annual installation meeting of the Lodge, and for the transaction of other regular business. The brethren were summoned for four o'clock, and shortly after that hour Bro. James Willing the W.M. opened the Lodge, being assisted by Bros. T. Adams P.G.P. as S.W., W. Clarke Prov. G.D. of C. Suffolk as J.W., W. M. Stiles Secretary, J. L. Jones S.D., G. H. Deller D.C., W. Cook I.G., Augustus Holt and J. W. Smith Stewards; together with several brethren and visitors. The report of the Audit Committee was first presented to the members, and duly received by them, after which Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and Bros. J. Blundell, G. W. E. Thorn, and C. H. Holland were raised. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when four candidates—Bros. H. Dickey, H. Hoare, J. T. Woods, and W. Redstone—presented themselves for advancement to the second degree. They were examined, entrusted, and in due course passed by the W.M. Bro. Stiles now presented Bro. John Douglass the W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation, and after being obligated, that brother was placed in the chair, and regularly proclaimed and saluted. He then invested the Officers for the year, the following being the appointments:—Bros. F. H. Clemow S.W., J. L. Jones J.W., J. Willing P.M. Treasurer, W. M. Stiles Secretary, T. J. Hyland (named as) S.D., Bro. Cook being invested with the collar on his behalf, W. Cook J.D., G. H. Deller I.G., A. Holt Director of Ceremonies, J. W. Smith Assistant Director of Ceremonies, W. Jacques and W. Read Stewards, F. W. Sillis Organist. The customary addresses were then given, and the ceremony of installation completed. Bro. Douglass was at once called upon to show his ability as Master, four candidates for the first degree presenting themselves. These gentlemen—Messrs. John N. Hare Thomas Henry Ellis, Joseph Gray, and James Hone—were accordingly initiated, and took their places as members of the Lodge, which was closed in due form. Among the Visitors who signed the attendance book were Bros. C. C. Cruickshanks S.D. 1777, C. Gwyer 1602, W. Crane 907, Henry Lovegrove W.M. 1777, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, B. Kauffmann D.C. 1732, F. R. W. Hedges 1194, J. Stock I.P.M. 1178, F. A. Kelly 1524, H. Stiles J.W. 1732, F. Garbett P.M. 1178, L. Solomon 1507, M. Spiegel W.M. 188, M. Knight I.G. 87. The brethren then partook of banquet, which was well served by the proprietor of the hotel, Bro. Mitchell. After grace had been said, the W.M. in brief terms called upon the members to honour the usual preliminary toasts. This having been done, Bro. Willing assumed the gavel, and in well-chosen words proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. John Douglass. He considered this toast the happiest that could fall to the lot of any Master to propose. He was especially pleased to see his successor in the chair, with everything in the Lodge in a state of prosperity. He considered the Royal Savoy was a Lodge of Instruction to the whole Craft, and as such they should be especially careful of all they did. But a very short time back the Lodge had commenced with the proverbial seven members, now they had nearly 70, and if the whole number were polled he did not know any one who might be wished out of the Lodge. The present W.M. had already filled the chair of the Metropolitan Lodge, where he did so with credit to all concerned; what he had learned there and elsewhere amply fitted him for his present position, as Master of the Royal Savoy. Bro. Douglass thanked the brethren. He was much obliged to Bro. Willing for his remarks. He hoped his friends would take pattern from him, and make short speeches whenever they might be called upon to respond during his year of office. Bro. Douglass then proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Willing, especially referring to the able manner in which he had that night performed the ceremony of installation. He now had great pleasure in investing Bro. Willing with the P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the Lodge. Bro. Willing, in reply, said he left the chair to take up an office which he felt would be a sinecure. There were some who, although they knew the work well, were yet unable to impress the ceremonies on their hearers, while others seemed to be particularly gifted in that respect. Of this latter class was Bro. Douglass, and he felt that so far as coaching the W.M. was concerned, he should have very little to do. He had had the fortune to be surrounded by a good circle of helpers, and as a consequence those he saw around him were virtually his personal friends. He felt very proud of the position that had been accorded him of being appointed the first Master of the Royal Savoy Lodge, and was sincerely gratified that the Lodge had prospered under his rule; he should ever look upon it as one of the proudest moments of his life when he was installed into the chair of the Royal Savoy Lodge. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Visitors, calling on Bros. Lovegrove, Spiegel, and Stock to reply. After a song from the Secretary, Bro. Stiles, Bro. Lovegrove rose. He felt, as Master of a very young Lodge, that he would rather have responded last than first. He considered that the way in which the work had been performed that evening was most satisfactory, and congratulated the brethren on the progress the Lodge had made during the first fifteen months of its existence. The number of initiates who came forward must have been a great gratification to the Master. Bro. Spiegel was very pleased to be present and see the way in which the work had been performed. The credit the Royal Savoy Lodge had attained in the Craft must make brethren wish to attend; and he felt that few, if any, would be disappointed. Bro. Stock having thanked the brethren, congratulated them on the progress made by the Lodge. He had had the pleasure of attending previous meetings, and was pleased now to see the way in which the affairs were conducted. The toast of the initiates was next given. Bro. Ellis in responding said, he hoped he, and those who had been initiated that evening, would prove themselves a credit to their mother Lodge, and all others. Bro. Hare hoped he might prove all that his present wishes could desire. Bro. Hone felt very proud of his position. He had often been at public assemblies, but had never so thoroughly enjoyed himself as on the present occasion. Bro. Gray thanked the brethren. He sincerely hoped he might fulfil his wish to eventually occupy the position then filled by the W.M. The presence of a distinguished member of the fraternity gave the W.M. an opportunity, which he was pleased to avail himself of—of proposing success to the Masonic Charities. Bro. Hedges Sec. R.M.I.G. felt he need hardly express the pleasure he felt in being called upon to respond to the toast in the presence of so many who had worked zealously for the welfare of the Charities. When he said there were upwards of 600 persons looking to the Craft for education and maintenance, he thought it was sufficient to arouse their charitable feelings. He sincerely wished that all who could would pay a visit to each of the Institutions maintained through their liberality, and they would then see how nobly the work of Masonic charity was carried out. He had great pleasure in announcing that the W.M. had undertaken the duty of Steward for the next Festival of the Old People's Institution, he hoped the brethren would ably support him on that occasion. He was very pleased to be in a position to convey the welcome information to Bro. Terry. The Treasurer, Secretary and rest of the Officers was the next toast. They had each done their work so well, and were all so well known to the brethren, that Bro. Douglass felt it hardly necessary to say anything on their behalf. Bro. Willing was the first to respond. He was obliged to the W.M. for the kind sentiments he had expressed. For the little he had done he had been amply thanked; he could not now do more than again acknowledge the kindness of the brethren. Bro. Stiles thanked the W.M. for having again appointed him to the office of Secretary. He felt very proud of the position. The Lodge had sent a Steward to one of the Charities, and had contributed well to its funds. The furniture of the Lodge was paid for, and there was a balance of £40 in the hands of the Treasurer—a most satisfactory position, he thought, for so young a Lodge. They had received 35 members into the Lodge, which now numbered 68, and with every prospect of future success. He thought that any Lodge that had two such masters as the first two of the Royal Savoy could but prosper. Bro. F. H. Clemow S.W. thanked the W.M. for the office to which he had that night been promoted, and also Bro. Willing for the instruction he had given him in his duties. Bros. Jones (the J.W.), Cook (the S.D.), and Deller (the I.G.) also responded to the toast, which brought the list to a conclusion. The Tyler was summoned and he gave the customary tribute to all poor and distressed brethren. The members and visitors who yet remained spent an additional half hour most enjoyably, songs being given and lively conversation prevailing, until it became a nice point to decide whether it was late or early. May our Lodges all work as happily as does the Royal Savoy, and the brethren generally strive to emulate it in true hospitality.

ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, No. 1557, HEXHAM.

THE Installation meeting of this very flourishing Lodge took place on the 1st December, at the Lodge-room in the Assembly Room, which has been recently renovated for the purpose and tastefully decorated. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. N. Bell P.G.A.D.C., supported by his Officers and a loyal array of P.M.'s. The minutes of the last meeting being confirmed, and other routine business gone through, Bro. E. D. Davis P.P.G.S.W. P.G.D.C. took possession of the chair. The Lodge being opened in the second degree, Bro. the Rev. George Robinson P.P.G.C. S.W. and W.M. Elect was presented for the benefits of Installation. He having assented to all the ancient customs, all below the rank of P.M. left the Lodge, and he was installed into the chair of K.S., Bro. Davis giving the whole of the beautiful ceremony with that feeling and impressive manner for which he is so justly renowned. Upon the brethren re-entering the Lodge, the new W.M. was duly proclaimed and saluted, after which he appointed his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. M. Bell I.P.M., J. Turner S.W., J. Nicholson J.W. and Organist, J. Purves Treasurer and S.D., W. Oates J.D., E. Shield Secretary, T. Pearson I.G., R. Wickle S.S., and N. Rewcastle Tyler. The charges to the Master and brethren were then given by Bro. Davis in a manner befitting the occasion. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, Priestpopple, where a capital dinner was served up in a manner which reflected the greatest credit on the host, Bro. Carruthers. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, as well as many complimentary ones, were duly honoured, and a most pleasant evening was spent by the brethren, many of whom rendered good service by entertaining the brethren with some capital harmony. Amongst the visitors present were:—Bros. E. D. Davis P.G.D.C., T. Anderson P.G. Treasurer, G. I. Dean P.P.G.A.D.C., A. M. Loades P.P.G.S.D., J. C. Milbourne P.D.G.J.W. Egypt, Rev. J. J. Roberts Chaplain 271 (Bermuda), T. Braithwaite P.M. 636 P.P.G.S.D., T. Gillespie P.P.G.S.D., T. Coulson P.M. 240, A. E. Brewis W.M. 636, Rev. W. Hedley Chaplain 1643, G. Davison J.S. 240, L. Morris 541, &c.

York Lodge, No. 236.—On Monday last, a meeting of this Lodge was held at York, Bro. A. Buckle W.M. in the chair. There was a large attendance of brethren, it being election night. An initiation and a passing having been accomplished, the voting for W.M. took place, when the J.W. Bro. W. H. Gainforth was elected. Bro. J. Todd P.M. was then re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Calvert Tyler. The W.M. announced that he had attended the last Board of Benevolence, and a sum of £10 had been granted to the widow of their late Bro. Jones. Amongst the members and visitors present were—Bros. C. F. Matier P.M. P.G. Steward (Scotland), C. G. Padel W.M. Eboracum 1611, J. Hanly W.M. St. Patrick's 295 (I.C.), Sir James Meek P.M., S. Maltby P.M., G. Balmford P.M., Whytehead P.M., F. Rawling P.M., and others.

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Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145.—A regular meeting was held on Tuesday, 25th ultimo, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. J. H. Leggott W.M., W. R. Lister S.W., Woods as J.W., G. S. States P.G.S. Sec., T. Bull P.M. Treas., Kerrell S.D., Reed J.D., Purkiss P.M., A. Hugon, Brock, Hall, Lamb, Masters, Kennard, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. May and Maynard were passed to the second degree in the W.M.'s usual perfect and impressive manner. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. W. R. Lister S.W. was unanimously chosen; this announcement was received with loud cheers, and Bro. Lister suitably acknowledged the compliment. Bro. T. Bull P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Grant P.M. Tyler. A sum of money was unanimously voted from the funds of the Lodge for the purpose of presenting the retiring W.M., J. H. Leggott with a jewel, for the able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair during his year of office, and in token of the high estimation in which he is held by every brother for his zeal in upholding the dignity of the Lodge. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent supper. The W.M. genially presided, and briefly introduced the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Purkiss responded for the P.M.'s. The W.M., in proposing the health of the W.M. elect, spoke in glowing terms of the qualifications of that brother, who he was sure would follow in the footsteps of his predecessors. Bro. T. Bull responded to the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. W. Birrell No. 1310 responded for the Visitors. Altogether a very agreeable evening was passed. Bro. W. R. Lister and A. Hugon contributed to the harmony.

Joppa Lodge, No. 188.—The regular meeting of this numerous and excellent working Lodge was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Bros. M. Spiegel W.M., H. Hyams S.W., R. Baker as J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, J. S. Lyon Treasurer, Benjamin I.G.; N. M. Baum Steward; Past Masters L. Alexander, L. Lazarus, M. Alexander, A. Dodson, S. Hickman, H. M. Levy, H. Berkowitz, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. A notice of motion by Bro. Weigel was then considered:—That paragraph 13 of the Bye-laws of the Benevolent Institution of the Lodge be revised, as follows: "That no Brother whose name shall have been erased or excluded from the Lodge through neglecting to pay his subscription, or through other causes, shall be entitled to participate in the funds of the said Institution unless he shall have advised the Lodge of his inability to pay the amount due, previous to his being erased, and the Lodge shall have been satisfied with this statement." This was seconded by Bro. M. Alexander P.M., ably discussed, and eventually carried. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. H. Hyams S.W. was unanimously elected. Bro. J. S. Lyon was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Woodstock P.M. Tyler. Five brethren were elected on the Board of Management; eight to serve on the Committee of the Benevolent Fund, and two appointed as Auditors. Bro. L. Lazarus P.M. proposed, and Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. seconded, That a sum of five guineas be given from the funds of the Lodge for the purpose of presenting the retiring W.M., Bro. M. Spiegel, with a Past Master's gold jewel for the able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair. The acting W.M. informed the brethren it was the wish of Bro. Spiegel that there should be no subscription from the brethren; he desired to wear this gift solely as a Lodge jewel. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to light refreshments. The W.M. proposed the usual toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. returned thanks for the Grand Officers. Bro. L. Alexander Past Master and President replied to the toast of "Prosperity to the Benevolent Fund." The W.M. said he had now a very important toast to propose, and that was the health of the W.M. elect. He hoped Bro. Hyams would have health and strength to fulfil the duties of the chair. Bro. Hyams returned thanks for the way in which the toast had been received; he hoped to have many opportunities of performing the ceremonies, in which he felt he should be ably assisted by the Past Masters. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., who, in replying said, in conducting his Lodge, he had studied economy in every shape; he was pleased that they had altered the bye laws; this would, he hoped, tend to promote peace and harmony. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, who severally responded. The P.M.'s were next honoured; the W.M. thanked them for their assistance during his year of office. Bros. L. Alexander and S. Hickman responded. The toast of the Officers included Bros. E. P. Albert Hon. Sec., and J. S. Lyon the re-elected Treasurer. The former Bro. first responded, he was followed by several of the junior Officers. Among the Visitors were—Bros. G. L. Moore W.M. 169, Arthur Roberts 733, B. Kauffman 1732, F. Silvester 193, Thaddeus Wells 205, Warr 169. Some excellent songs were sung by Bro. Silvester (Sidney Franks), Thaddeus Wells, Benjamin, &c.

London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, No. 58.—A meeting was held on Monday, the 1st December, at the London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present—Bros. Pulsford W.M., Chapman S.W., Fraser J.W., J. D. Langton Sec., Beeton S.D., Barnett J.D., Cuthbertson I.G.; Bro. Smallpeice Preceptor; Bros. Escott, Williams, Brittain, John Wood, Joseph Langton, &c. Lodge opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Williams, a candidate for the third degree, answered the questions, and was raised to the degree of M.M. Lodge was called off; the first section of the lecture was worked. Bro. Cuthbertson was elected a member. Bro. Chapman was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. Bro. Williams proposed that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. J. S. Fraser for his kindness in acting as Preceptor during the period that office was vacant. This was seconded by Bro. Joseph Langton, and carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed until Monday next, at six o'clock.

Albion Lodge, No. 9.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 2nd December, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Present:—Bros. L. W. Harvey W.M., James Forbes S.W., Frederick Clifford J.W., James Abbott P.M. Secretary, Thomas Moring P.M. Treasurer, E. D. Willey J.D., Edward Coste Steward, Alfred Endean I.G., James Rawles Tyler; Past Masters Bros. W. R. Marsh, W. Willey, W. T. Scott, S. Vallentine. After preliminaries, Bros. Henry Cordery and Dr. Josephus Shaw were passed to the degree of F.C. Mr. Walter Baker was initiated by Bro. L. W. Harvey, who performed his duties in a very able manner. The ballot for W.M. for the ensuing year resulted in favour of Bro. James Forbes S.W. Bro. Thomas Moring P.M. was re-elected Treasurer; while Bro. S. Vallentine P.M. was again elected Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund. Bro. James Rawles, on a show of hands, was re-appointed Tyler. After an Audit Committee had been named, it was proposed and carried unanimously that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to Bro. L. W. Harvey the W.M. for his services to the Lodge during his year of office. The labours of the evening being ended, the brethren adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern, to banquet.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—A meeting was held on 4th December, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Present—Bro. J. Da Silva W.M., Valentine S.W., Hill J.W., L. Norden Sec., D. Moss J.D., Quartly I.G., and other brethren. Business—After the usual preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. D. M. Davis acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th sections of the lecture. Bro. Davis, an entered apprentice, answered the questions leading to the 2nd degree. Bros. Davis and Quartly were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd December. Bros. Moss W.M., Daniel S.W., Valentine J.W., Roberts S.D., Maidwell I.G., Barber and Hollands. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Barber candidate. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Daniel was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. The report of the auditors was read, adopted and entered on the minutes. The working expenses of the Lodge for the year amounted to 9s. The remainder of the receipts (£7) were spent on the following Charities:—Five guineas to the Girls' School, £1 to the Old People's Entertainment, and £1 for four five-shilling tickets, per Bro. Brown of No. 65.

Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, No. 87.—A meeting was held on 4th December, at the new White Hart Tavern, Belvedere-road, Lambeth. The Lodge of Instruction was held for the first time in the spacious Hall which has been specially erected for the convenience of Masonic Lodges. Present—Bros. J. Skirving W.M., W. Watterton S.W., J. De Sol'a J.W., G. Isaac Treas., J. G. Bond Sec., H. Ball S.D., C. Nott J.D., H. Field Tyler; also Bros. Kohler, Janeway, Stuart, Birch and others. The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The first, second and third sections were worked. Bro. Watterton will preside next Thursday evening.

St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211.—A meeting was held on Thursday evening, at the Moorgate Station Restaurant, opposite Moorgate-street Railway Station of the Metropolitan Railway. Present—Bros. Alfred Withers W.M., W. Radcliffe S.W., W. W. Morgan Hon. Sec. J.W., Usher Bach S.D., W. E. Young J.D., F. J. Hentsch I.G; P.M. Bro. George King Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. W. H. Rudderforth, J. R. Foulger P.M., and Alfred Kent. Business—Lodge was opened and the ceremonies of the second and third degrees were rehearsed by the W.M., Bros. Hitch and Rudderforth respectively acting as candidates. Later in the evening reference was made by Bro. Usher Bach to the very comfortable quarters the member had secured for their Lodge of Instruction. The W.M. also congratulated the brethren, and expressed his indebteness to the Officers for the way in which they had supported him. Bros. Foulger, Rudderforth and Kent were elected members, and the latter Brother had the compliment of honorary membership conferred upon him. Bro. W. Radcliffe will preside on Thursday next, when the brethren will assemble at eight o'clock.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction.—This popular and prosperous Lodge of Instruction held its annual banquet at the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N., on Friday evening, under the presidency of Bro. Eldridge, Treasurer and P.M. 187. There was a large number of guests, and with his usual forethought, the host, Bro. T. Meekham, had obtained an extension of hours for the accommodation of those assembled, in order that there should be no interruption to the harmony. It was a peculiarity that the toasts usually proposed were given in the ordinary way, and without the usual Masonic honours, the gathering being understood to be simply a social one, though under the auspices of the Instruction Lodge of the Royal Standard. Their labours concluded, some members of the popular troupe of minstrels who have so long delighted the public at the Agricultural Hall attended, and their vocal effusions considerably enhanced the pleasure of the company. Messrs. Egbert Roberts, George Eustace, and C. Temple were especially applauded, and broke through the strict rule observed elsewhere by acceding to encores. Bro. R. G. Thomas was the accompanyist, and he lent valuable assistance to the vocalists by the exercise of his musical skill.

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No. 1623.

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Which will take place

On Thursday, 11th of December 1879, at

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UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, Bro. Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. for Middlesex, presiding. There was an immense gathering of Grand Officers and other brethren, most probably drawn together by the expectation of seeing a new Grand Secretary appointed, and hearing some lively discussions on the proposal to grant Bro. Hervey a pension of £800 a year; on Bro. James Stevens's motion for a

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Committee on the subject of Uniformity of Ritual, and on Bro. Clabon's motion to set aside two-thirds of the annual surplus of the Fund of Benevolence for apprenticing the children of Freemasons when they leave the two Schools. After Grand Lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication read, Bro. Frank Richardson, W.M. elect Grand Stewards' Lodge, nominated the Prince of Wales for Grand Master for the year ensuing. The nomination was received with the usual enthusiastic demonstrations of approval, and Col. Burdett then stated that the Prince of Wales had again appointed Bro. J. M. Clabon as President of the Lodge of Benevolence, and that Bro. Joshua Nunn was again elected Senior Vice President of that Lodge, and Bro. James Brett Junior Vice President. The election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence was the next business on the paper, but as only twelve had been nominated there was no necessity for an election. There were seventeen recommendations by the Lodge of Benevolence of grants to distressed brethren and widows, and on motions duly made and seconded sixteen of these were granted. In one case, however, Bro. Clabon stated that a letter had been received that morning from the Lodge to which the brother seeking relief belonged, protesting against the grant of £100, and he recommended that the matter should be referred back to the Lodge of Benevolence for enquiry and consideration. Several brethren opposed this measure, and a long discussion ensued; but in the end it was resolved to refer it back to the Lodge. Bro. Monckton then introduced the Report of the Board of General Purposes, a copy of which appeared in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE last week, and after that Report had been agreed to be taken as read and received, and entered on the minutes, Bro. Monckton moved the acceptance of the resignation of Bro. Hervey. In a few short sentences he described the excellent qualities of Bro. Hervey, the services he had rendered to the Craft, and the large increase in Masonry since he was appointed by Lord Zetland in 1868. The motion was seconded by Bro. next Levander, and carried unanimously. Bro. Monckton introduced the subject of the pension to be granted to Bro. Hervey. Instead of proposing £800 a year, he divided the grant into a pension of £550 a year and an annual gratuity of £250. This proposition met with strong opposition. Bro. Montague J. Guest, Prov. G.M. for Dorset, leading it with a proposition that the retiring pension should be £300. To this there was an equally strong opposition, £500 and £600 being suggested. After considerable delay, and many speeches on all the proposals, the brethren divided, and it was resolved to grant Bro. Hervey a pension of £500 a year and a gratuity of £300. The remaining portion of the Report was then adopted, the brethren loudly cheering the resolution that no charity jewel, clasp, ribbon, or rosette shall be obtained except through the office of the Grand Secretary, to whom the Secretaries of the respective Institutions shall, after their several annual Festivals, hand lists of the names of brethren entitled to the same. Bro. McIntyre recommended the dismissal of the appeal of Bro. Pallot, and Grand Lodge adopted the recommendation. Bro. James Stevens brought on his motion for a Committee on Uniformity of Ritual, which was seconded by Bro. W. R. Marsh, but opposed by Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, who moved the previous question. This was seconded by Bro. While, who spoke under some difficulty, as the brethren during the latter part of his remarks refused to hear him. Bro. Stevens's motion was carried by a large majority, but the naming of the Committee was deferred. Bro. Clabon endeavoured to bring on his motion for dealing with the Fund of Benevolence, but after a short discussion upon whether his proposal came within the term "Charity," for which purpose only the Fund of Benevolence was established, Colonel Burdett held that it did, and as the hour of ten p.m. had arrived, Bro. Clabon agreed to postpone his motion till next Quarterly Communication. Grand Lodge was then closed.

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GRAND MARK LODGE.

THE half-yearly Communication of Grand Mark Lodge was held, on Tuesday, at Freemasons' Tavern. The Rev. G. R. Portal P.G.M. presided. The following report of the General Board was taken as read:—

The number of certificates issued during the six months ending 30th September last, is 496, making the total of registered advancements 12,908. In the same period five warrants for new Lodges have been issued, viz.:—245 Simon de St. Liz, Northampton; 246 Duke of Connaught, Derby; 247 Alfred, Oxford (city); 248 Broadley, Malta; 249 Empress of India, Woolahra, N.S. Wales.

During the year ending 30th September there have been issued 167 certificates for Royal Ark Mariners, the register showing the total number of brethren elevated to this degree to be 507; and thirteen warrants for new Lodges have been issued, viz.:—

Mount Horeb, attached to St. John's Lodge,					T.I., Bolton.
Carnarvon	„	Carnarvon	„	No. 7	London.
United Manchester	„	St. Andrew's	„	„ 34	Manchester.
Mount Ararat	„	Fidelity	„	„ 98	Lahore.
Panmure	„	Panmure	„	„ 139	Balham.
Grosvenor	„	Grosvenor	„	„ 144	London.
Olive Branch	„	Lebanon	„	„ 207	Allahabad.
St. Wilfred's	„	St. Wilfred's	„	„ 209	Alford.
Ararat	„	Ardvoirlich	„	„ 219	Rawal Pindi.
Axe	„	St. John's	„	„ 221	Meean Meer.
Refuge	„	Garnet	„	„ 228	Dinapore.
Brixton	„	Brixton	„	„ 234	Brixton.
Sans Elmo	„	Broadley	„	„ 248	Malta.

The Treasurer's accounts, subjoined, show that the receipts from all sources for six months were £545 2s 4d, and that on the 30th September the balances were—

In favour of the General Fund ..	...	...	£154	12 9
„ „ Benevolent Fund	...	...	42	16 5
„ „ Educational Fund	...	...	90	13 0

while investments have been made—

On account of Benevolent Fund...	...	...	200	0 0
„ „ Educational Fund	...	...	200	0 0
„ „ General Fund ...	...	...	200	0 0

That the objects proposed by the establishment of the Benevolent and Educational Funds are widely and increasingly appreciated and approved is convincingly manifested by the support extended thereto at the Anniversary Festivals, the Festival held at the Alexandra Palace, on Wednesday, 2nd July last, under the presidency of W. Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, Prov. G.S.W. of Sussex, having proved most successful, the proceeds of the 32 Stewards' lists amounting to £542. The first election of a boy for the benefits of the Educational Fund took place on 20th May last, when Harry Lowndes Edwards was elected, and is now being educated at the Manchester Grammar School. Two new Provinces have been constituted—Tunis and Malta, Berks and Oxon. Bro. Alexander Meyrick Broadley has been appointed as R.W. Prov. Grand Master of the former, and was installed at Malta on the 11th September. No event of greater interest in the history of this Grand Lodge has occurred than the establishment of a Mark Lodge, in the first place, and recently of a Province, in a locality rich in so many antiquarian associations as the site of the world-renowned city of Carthage. Masonry in all its branches is flourishing there, but no degree has attracted so much attention, or has been pursued with so much avidity, as that of the Mark, and with the details and information received from time to time, the Board considers itself justified in thus making prominent mention of so exceptionally gratifying a circumstance, and in testifying to the zeal and ability of the R.W. Bro. Broadley, whose exertions have tended so materially to produce such successful results. The Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey P.G.W. has accepted the appointment of Prov. Grand Master of Berks and Oxon, and there can be no doubt as to the beneficial effect of his Lordship's rule, supported by the ability and energy of the brethren who have been instrumental in fostering the Order in the United Province. The G.M. has also been pleased to appoint Bro. Thos. Trollope, M.D., to be Prov. G.M.M. of Sussex. In the same period the following Provincial changes have occurred:—

CORNWALL.—Bro. Colonel John Whitehead Peard has been appointed R.W. Prov. Grand Master, vice Bro. Sir Frederick Martin Williams, deceased.

KENT.—Bro. Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A., has been appointed R.W. Prov. Grand Master, vice Bro. Rev. G. W. Sicklemore, resigned.

SOMERSET.—Bro. Gen. H. E. Doherty has been appointed R.W. Prov. Grand Master, vice Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, resigned.

The Board, in testifying to the admirable manner in which the duties of their responsible offices have been discharged by the distinguished brethren, the loss of whose services they regret, have every confidence that the interests of Mark Masonry will be successfully promoted by the brethren whom the M.W. Grand Master has selected as their successors. It is also with extreme gratification that the Board is enabled to report the re-organisation of the Province of Jamaica under the vigilant care of R.W. Bro. Dr. Hamilton (33°), and the consequent resuscitation of the Sussex Lodge, No. 42, followed by the establishment of three new Lodges—Clifton Mount Keystone, Kingston, No. 230; Royal Keystone, Kingston, No. 240; Phœnix, Port Royal, No. 242,—all of which are now in a flourishing condition, with every prospect of continued prosperity. The Board have very great pleasure in stating that official information of the recognition of this Grand Lodge by the Supreme Grand Chapter of

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Scotland has been received, a copy of the communication from the Grand Scribe E. being now subjoined. It affords the Board the highest possible satisfaction thus to announce the consummation of efforts extending over a number of years to effect a friendly understanding and fraternal agreement between the two bodies.

Extract from Minutes of Meeting of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, held upon the 18th day of June, A.D. 1879; A.L. 5883.

Having taken into consideration an application from the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales for recognition, and the interchange of Representatives, with relative documents, and the Report of the Committee thereon, the Supreme Chapter unanimously resolved to recognize the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales as a lawful governing body of that degree in these countries: further, that the Supreme Chapter would grant no new Mark Warrants therein, reserving the rights of the Supreme Chapter as regards Warrants already granted; farther, that Mark Lodges in the Colonies, holding of the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, be recognised as lawful, but that no exclusive jurisdiction be conceded to the Grand Mark Lodge, beyond the countries of England and Wales. Farther, it was resolved to delay consideration of the proposal to exchange representatives till next Quarterly Communication, and Comp. Mann, Grand Scribe N., intimated that he would then move that representatives be appointed

Extracted from the Minutes of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, this 17th day of July, A.D. 1879, A.L. 5883.

(Signed) L. MACKERSY, Grand Scribe E.

Formal communications with recognition have also been received from the Supreme R.A. Chapters of Maine, Texas, and North Carolina, U.S.A. The Board have had under their consideration the arrangement of the work in the Grand Secretary's office. They are of opinion that the eminent and lengthened services of the Grand Secretary deserve that he should be excused from attending to the daily routine of the ever-increasing business of the office, and at the same time that he should retain his full salary. In consideration of the additional labour that will fall on the Assistant Grand Secretary, they recommend that his salary be increased to £200. The Board recommends the following grants from the Benevolent Fund:—£10 to S. C. A., widow of Bro. R. M. A.; £20 to Bro. J. H. B. The mode of electing the five members of the General Board by Grand Lodge being deemed unsatisfactory, the Board recommends the following alteration in Clause 98 of the Book of Constitutions:—After the words "at the meeting in June," on the seventh line, to add, "in manner following; the names of the several brethren intended to be put in nomination are to be delivered in writing at the Grand Secretary's Office, at least fourteen days prior to the meeting of Grand Lodge, in order that the names so proposed may be printed in a list, a copy of which shall be delivered to each member attending Grand Lodge, when the balloting lists shall be collected by scrutineers appointed for that purpose, and the result of the election ascertained and announced." The Board also recommends that in clause 111 of the Constitutions, the words "signed in open Lodge" be added after the word "certificate," in the first line of the clause.

(Signed) G. R. Portal, Past G.M., President.

The Grand Treasurer's Accounts for the six months to the 30th September are subjoined, which show:—

GENERAL FUND.

Balance from 31st March 1879				£113	6 8
Half-year's receipts	£520	12	9		
Dividends	24	9	7		
				545	2 4
				£688	9 0
Disbursements				£533	13 9
Balance on 30th September 1879				£154	15 3

BENEVOLENT FUND.

Balance from 31st March 1879				76	14 10
Half-year's receipts	£380	9	0		
Dividends	24	9	7		
				404	18 7
				£481	13 5
Disbursements:—					
Grants in relief	£46	0	0		
Expenses	7	9	0		
Transferred to Education Fund	200	0	0		
Purchase of £200 Cape of Good Hope Debentures	198	5	0		
				451	14 0
				£29	19 5
At Credit on account Stewards' Festival account				12	17 0
Balance on 30th September 1879				£42	16 5

EDUCATION FUND.

Balance from 31st March 1876				£100	0 0
Transferred from Benevolent Fund				200	0 0
				£300	0 0
Disbursements	£11	2	0		
Purchase of 200 Cape of Good Hope Debentures	198	5	0		
				209	7 0
Balance on 30th September 1879				90	13 0

Examined and found correct.

(Signed) THOMAS MEGGY, Auditor.

29th October 1879.

All the recommendations in this report were adopted. Col. Shadwell Clerke nominated Lord Skelmersdale as G.M. for the ensuing year, and the acting G.M. afterwards distributed Charity jewels to the Stewards of the last Benevolent Fund Festival. Before Grand Lodge was closed, Bro. Portal drew the attention of Grand Lodge to the fact of its recognition by Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, and moved that a letter be written thereto, expressing the gratification of Grand Lodge, and trusting that this extra link in the chain of communication between the two bodies would tend to unite them still more closely. Bro. Binckes seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously, and Grand Lodge was formally closed. A banquet at the Freemasons' Tavern followed.

PROVINCE OF BERKS AND OXON.

ON Thursday, 27th ult., the ceremony of installing a Prov. Grand Master for the newly-constituted Province of Berks and Oxon took place in Reading. The proceedings commenced at the Masonic Hall, where the Provincial Grand Master (Designate), the Earl of Jersey, was installed Master of a Mark Master Masons' Lodge. The ceremony took place in the Leopold Lodge, and Lord Jersey was duly installed by Bro. Margrett W.M. Subsequently the brethren of the Leopold Lodge opened a Lodge in the Foresters' Hall, and this having been done a great number of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers entered the room. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then formed, and Lord Jersey was installed. The ceremony was performed by Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal P.G.M. of M.M.M. and Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight. Bro. Portal suitably addressed the Prov. Grand Master with reference to the duties which he would have to discharge. Lord Jersey then took the chair and invested the Prov. Grand Officers. The following is a list of those who took collars:—Bros. Charles Stephens Deputy Prov. G.M., H. R. Cooper Smith P.G.S.W., Edward Margrett P.G.J.W., Walter Ballard P.G. Master Overseer, Samuel Patey Spiers P.G.S.O., Fredk. Wm. Ansell P.G.J.O., Rev. Charles Robertson Honey P.G.Chaplain, Rev. Henry Deane P.G.Chaplain, E. J. Trendell P.G.Treas., Edward Leader Shepherd P.G.Registrar of Marks, Thomas Jell Pulley P.G.Sec., James Mace Dormor P.G.Assist.-Sec., John Thornbull Morland P.G.S.D., Christopher Park P.G.J.D., John Tomkins P.G. Inspector of Works, John Egginton P.G.D.C., James Jenkin P.G.Assist.D.C., H. Lovell Hawkins P.G.Sword Bearer, William Belcher P.G.Standard Bearer, William Richard Bowden P.G.Organist, Henri Brett P.G.I.G., Emberlin P.G.S., Samuel Sandbach P.G.S., William Hedges P.G.S., William Hemmings P.G.Tyler, George Norwood P.G.Tyler. After the Officers had been invested, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Portal for the impressive manner in which he had discharged the duties of Installing Master. Bro. Portal returned thanks, and the Lodge was closed. Subsequently the brethren, to the number of about a hundred, dined together at the Town Hall. The banquet was excellently provided by Bro. Watts, and a choice selection of wine was supplied by Messrs. Fergnson. The chair was taken by Bro. the Earl of Jersey, and there was a large attendance of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers. After dinner Lord Jersey proposed "The Queen and Mark Masonry," and the M.W. G.M.M.M. (Lord Skelmersdale), and Past G.M.M.M.M. Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, in responding, referred to the great progress which Mark Masonry was making. Twenty-three years ago, when Lord Leigh (the father-in-law of the newly-appointed Prov. Grand Master of Berks and Oxon) was appointed Grand Master there were only three Lodges of Mark Masons. They had now more than two hundred Lodges, and that very day the twenty-ninth Province had been constituted. Mark Masonry would, he believed, be soon acknowledged by Grand Lodge. It was acknowledged by the Grand Lodges in other countries, and it had been recently acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It was with great pleasure that he (Bro. Portal) had taken part in the inauguration of the new Province. He was glad to see his old Lodge, the Apollo, joined with such a go-a-head district as Berkshire. He congratulated the Province in having such a Prov. Grand Master as Lord Jersey. His services as P.G.M. had been coveted by a large Province in Wales, but he had thrown in his lot with Berks and Oxon. He (Bro. Portal) wished Lord Jersey a most prosperous term of office. Bro. Portal concluded by proposing the health of the Earl of Jersey, and the toast was received with great enthusiasm. The Prov. G.M., in responding, said that in coming amongst his brother Mark Master Masons he was reminded somewhat of Rip Van Winkle. There was, however, this difference, that when Rip arose from his long sleep he found that there were changes everywhere. He (Lord Jersey) found, however, in coming again into a Mark Lodge that the old landmarks had been preserved; the old words were spoken; the old paths were trodden. He himself had been a somnolent brother, but he was glad to wake up and find himself in such a company. In his new office he should do his best, and if there were any feebleness on his part he knew that it would be made up for by the energy of the officers and brethren. He thought that the combination of Berkshire and Oxfordshire was a most happy and appropriate union—as they stood on the two banks of the great national river. Lord Jersey then proceeded to speak of the great assistance which he had received, especially from Bro. Dewar and Bro. Pulley. He had great confidence in the Officers who had that day been appointed, and when he was in difficulty or doubt he was sure that he should receive from them every assistance and support. The health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Charles Stephens, was next proposed and most cordially received. In responding, Bro. Stephens mentioned that it was probable there would soon be an increase in the number of Lodges in the Province. "Success to the New Mark Province of Berks and Oxon" was next given, and was responded to by Bros. Cooper Smith W.M. Apollo Lodge, Oxford, E. L. Shepherd W.M. Abbey Lodge, Abingdon, Margrett W.M. Leopold Lodge, Reading, and Ansell W.M. Alfred Lodge, Oxford. Bro. Binckes proposed "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund," and said that one of the objects of the Fund was to

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assist Mark Master Masons in the education of their children. It was not necessary that the persons thus benefitted should be in distressed circumstances. The object was to assist those M.M.M.'s upon whom the expense of education fell very heavily. Bro. Meggy returned thanks. Bro. Stephens proposed "The Visiting Brethren," coupled with the name of Bro. Broadley, the G.M. of Tunis and Malta. Bro. Broadley, who had a most enthusiastic reception, made an interesting speech, in which, after stating that the site of Ancient Carthage was within his Province, he said that in his Province there could be seen on buildings of the greatest antiquity the most obvious evidence of the workmanship of Mark Master Masons. He mentioned also that in one or more of the Mark Lodges in his Province brethren belonging to seven different creeds could be found working together in the utmost harmony. On resuming his seat Bro. Broadley was loudly applauded. One or two other toasts were proposed, and the brethren then separated. During the evening there was some excellent singing by Bros. Cozens P.G.O., Hubbard, and Simons. The gathering was altogether most pleasant and most successful.—*Berkshire Chronicle.*

Old Kent Mark Lodge of Instruction.—Held at the Trocadero, 6 Broad-street-buildings, on Monday, 1st December. The following brethren were in attendance, viz.:—Bros. Venn W.M., Moon S.W., Nicholls J.W., Tanner M.O., J. Pinder I.G., Turquand Preceptor, Gimingham Secretary. Visitor—Bro. Donald M. Dewar Assist. G.S. The minutes of the previous meeting having been duly read and confirmed, Bro. Turquand worked a portion of the ceremony of advancement, Bro. Venn acting as Candidate and Bro. Gimingham as Deacon. The regular formalities having been complied with, Bros. Dewar and Pinder were elected members of the Lodge of Instruction. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed and adjourned until Tuesday, 15th December, at 6.30 p.m.

ROYAL ARCH.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

A MEETING of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held at Gainsborough, on Monday, the 1st inst., under the presidency of Comp. W. H. Smyth M.E. G. Supt. of Lincolnshire, on the invitation of the All Saints Chapter No. 422. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather there was a good attendance, probably caused by the fact of the All Saints being one of the oldest Chapters in the Province, and the Old Hall—which was the appointed place of meeting—being one of the curiosities of the county, it having been at one time, we believe, the residence of John o' Gaunt. Provincial Grand Chapter was opened by the D.G. Superintendent, Comp. W. H. Smyth M.E.Z., assisted by M.E. Comp. J. Moxon H., and M.E. Comp. W. Watkins J., at 11.30, after which the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Chapter, held at Grimsby, in 1877, were read and confirmed. The accounts of Prov. Grand Chapter were then presented by Comp. C. M. Nesbitt Prov. Grand Treasurer, showing a balance in hand of £18 0s 9d. In the absence of Comp. F. Watson 297 Prov. Grand Registrar, the returns were presented by Comp. T. C. Lazenby 297. They showed a decrease of ten members since the formation of the Prov. Grand Chapter. The following Companions were then appointed and invested as Prov. Grand Officers:—Comps. E. Pocock 712 G.H., A. Kirk 432 G.J., J. Fowler 712 G.S.E., G. Honsham 422 G.S.N., Rev. G. W. Lowe 272 G. Principal Sojourner, G. Barrell 272 G. 1st Assistant Sojourner, J. Robinson 272 G. 2nd Assistant Sojourner, C. M. Nesbitt 712 G. Treasurer, T. C. Lazenby 297 G. Registrar, G. M. Lowe 297 G. Sword Bearer, W. E. Howlett 422 G.D. of C., George Robinson 422 G. Organist, B. Box 422 G. Janitor. Comps. F. D. Marsden P.Z. 712 and G. H. Porter P.Z. 712 were elected Auditors of the Prov. G. Chapter Accounts for the ensuing year. Several collars and jewels, wanted to complete the equipment of the Prov. G. Chapter, were ordered to be obtained by the Prov. G. Treasurer and Prov. G. Scribe E. Prov. Grand Chapter was then closed in due form, according to ancient custom.

CONSECRATION OF THE MARLBOROUGH CHAPTER, No. 1399.

THE new Chapter attached to the Marlborough Lodge, No. 1399, was consecrated on Friday, 28th ult., at the Lodge Room, Woodstock. The Consecrating Officer was Comp. David Pryce Owen P.Z. 998, who was ably assisted by Comps. J. Williams P.Z. 581 as H., E. Bruton P.Z. 340 as J., Reginald Bird, M.A., P.Z. 357, Deputy Prov. G.M. Oxon, acted as P.Z. The other Companions present were—J. Potts 340, H. Williams 581, T. Long 340, T. B. Brown 185, H. Plumridge 340, H. Robbins 340, H. O. Crane 340, A. Rowley 340, J. Calcutt 340, G. Norwood Janitor. After the Chapter had been formally opened, Comp. T. B. Brown M.E.Z. designate, was requested by the Consecrating Officer to deliver the inaugural address. The Companions having signified their approval of the officers named in the Charter, Comp. D. P. Owen proceeded with the ceremony of Consecration. Comp. H. Plumridge ably conducted the musical portion of the ceremonial, assisted by Comps. H. O. Crane and A. Rowley. The ceremony of Consecration being finished, the M.E. Companion D. P. Owen installed the Principals. Comp. T. B. Brown was installed in the chairs of J., H. and Z., Comp. H. Williams in the chairs of J. and H., and Comp. James Long in the chair of J. The ceremony throughout was of a very impressive character, being admirably performed. Comp. D. P. Owen delivered all his addresses with great force and much animation. After the ceremony, several propositions for exaltation and joining were made. The Consecrating Officer, and the three Principals who assisted him, were elected honorary members of the Chapter. The Chapter was then closed in ancient form.

Holmesdale Chapter No. 874, Tunbridge Wells.—The annual convocation of this flourishing Chapter took place on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Public Pump Rooms, Tunbridge Wells. Present—Comps. William Stephens M.E.Z., W. Delves H., and Thos. H. Miller as J., Benj. Sidney Wilmot Treas., Rowland Delves Scribe E., Montague Williams Scribe N., and many other Comps. not holding office. On this occasion the only business was the installation of Principals and investiture of Officers. Comp. William Stephens installed Montague Williams, the popular W.M. of the Holmesdale Lodge, as J., and the patriarch P.M. W. Delves, of the same Lodge, as M.E.Z. for the year ensuing. Bros. S. Wilmot was reinvested Treas., Rowland Delves Scribe E. Langridge, Scribe N., Holt P. Soj., and Bates and Goodhall Assistants. After the closing of the Chapter an excellent banquet was served in the ladies' drawing-room of the Establishment, the M.E.Z. presiding. The usual loyal and customary toasts were duly proposed and honoured. A pleasing and complimentary presentation was then made to the retiring M.E.Z., consisting of an elegant P.Z.'s jewel, and a beautiful oak spirit case and stand, mounted with silver, manufactured by Messrs. Ferrar, of Tunbridge Wells, and bearing the following inscription engraved on the front. Presented to Comp. William Stephens Prov. G.D.C. Middlesex, P.Z. 862, 1365, and 1489, by the Companions of the Holmesdale Chapter 874, with a P.Z.'s jewel, as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his valuable services. His health was proposed in the most felicitous terms, and modestly responded to. Comp. Miller responded for the Visitors, and complimented the Chapter, not only for the reception he had met with, and the duties performed, but also on the splendour of the room in which the ceremonies of R.A.M. had been so suitably conducted. Letters of apology were received from several Officers of the Province, who had been prevented from attending, owing to the consecration of a New Lodge taking place at the same time.

Comp. W. Stephens P.Z. 862, 874, 1365, M.E.Z. 1489, will rehearse the ceremony of Installation of Principals at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, on Tuesday, 16th inst., at half-past six o'clock punctually. The ceremony of Exaltation will afterwards be rehearsed at seven o'clock. Companions Principal who are desirous of perfecting themselves should avail themselves of this opportunity.

Among those present at Grand Lodge on Wednesday we were pleased to notice Bro. A. M. Broadley, the Deputy Grand Master of Malta, and we may say the shining Masonic light of his particular quarter of the globe. His numerous friends in England seem to emulate each other in striving to render his present visit to this country enjoyable. Bro. Eastes, the P.D.G.M. of Kent, on Wednesday, undertook the duties of chaperon, or so much thereof as was needed by Bro. Broadley.

We had the pleasure of participating in a private inspection of the "The Criterion Annexe," recently erected by Messrs. Spiers and Pond as an addition to their well-known establishment in Piccadilly, and shall give full particulars of the accommodation there afforded, for Masonic and general purposes, in our next issue.

REVIEW.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E.C.

The Practical Veterinary; or Farmers' Hand Book and Horse Keepers' Guide. Giving practical information for the treatment and cure of all diseases incidental to animal life. By J. Taylor. London: T. Evans and Co., 309 Goswell-road, Islington.

THIS work, which is produced in a convenient form, suitable for carrying in the pocket, is one which must prove of great value to all who come within the scope of its comprehensive title. Bro. Taylor brings a lengthened course of study to bear upon the subjects of which he treats, and points out, in a short, concise form, the different remedies he proposes for the ills that animal flesh is heir to.

Taking advantage of the concession granted, a few weeks since, by the licensing authorities to Bro. Butt, the spirited proprietor of the New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield, the brethren of the West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623, announce a Masonic Ball for Thursday evening next, at that establishment; particulars will be found in our advertising columns. We sincerely wish the members and their friends may have a pleasant evening's enjoyment.

MASONIC FLAG OF FRANCE.—The *Masonic Newspaper*, tells us that—"The Supreme Council of France some yea s since originated a decree by which Masonic sailors should be readily able to ask assistance in time of need from other ships manned or commanded by brethren of the Order. This very useful suggestion consists in hoisting a flag bearing a square and circle on a blue ground. To change this signal of recognition into one of distress, the method is to reverse it similarly to the mode adopted in the French navy with the National flag under like circumstances." We like the idea, and, as so many of our sailors are members of the Fraternity, the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, Canada, and the United States might adopt a similar flag.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 6th DECEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

R. A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 8th DECEMBER.

45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
R. C.—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
537—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1502—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
M. M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K. T.—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

TUESDAY, 9th DECEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
R. A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
R. C.—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
728—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1259—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1678—Tonbridge, New Public Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R. A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R. A. 789—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R. A. 537—Zion, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
R. A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R. A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
M. M. 153—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R. C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 10th DECEMBER.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 3 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at (Instruction) 8
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R C—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire, at 7.30. (Inst.)
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill St., Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7. (Instruction.)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R. A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
M. M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
M. M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Station, at 8 (Inst.)
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Inst.)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.

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1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
R.A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonian-road, Batley
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.

FRIDAY, 12th DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1296—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1565—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8 (Inst.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
536—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1097—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.
1299—Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 13th DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, at 8 (Instruction)
1436—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1634—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mispah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8

1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At Bro. Butt's, New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield, on Monday, 1st inst. Present—Bros. Symons W.M., Sillis S.W., Balls J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Halle J.D., Gush I.G.; also Bros. H. J. Symons, Sharp, Gyer, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Fenner acting as candidate. Bro. Sillis worked the first, Bro. Gush the second, Bro. Fenner the third sections of the lecture. Bro. Dove gave proof of his proficiency as an E.A. Bro. Tolmie worked the fourth section of the Lecture. Bros. Dove and H. J. Symons, both of the mother Lodge, were duly elected members. Bro. Sillis was elected M.M. for the next meeting. After which Lodge was closed.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 2nd December, at Bro. Bond's, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, W.C. Present—Bros. Lee W.M., Linscott S.W., Poulter J.W., John Soper S.D., Snodin J.D., Gilruth I.G. Past Master—Bro. John Bingemann Preceptor. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bell, of Lodge 26, being the candidate. Four sections of the first Lecture were worked—the first by the W.M., second by Bro. Bingemann, third and fourth by Bro. Hallam. Bro. Bell, of Lodge 26, and Bro. Thiselton, 1599, were elected members. Lodge was closed and adjourned to Tuesday, 10th December, at 7 p.m.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held its usual meeting at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 29th ultimo. Present—Bros. N. Williams W.M., Brasted S.W., Mullord J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Western S.D., Carr J.D., Evans I.G.; also Bros. Byott, Hallam sen., Lorkin, D. Moss, Valentine, Houghton, W. R. Smith, Ross, Forss, &c. The usual ceremonial was gone through. Bro. Byott proved himself an efficient E.A., and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Byott candidate. Bro. Pearcey worked the second, Bro. Moss the third, fourth and fifth sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Brasted was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The sum of one guinea was voted for the relief of the widow of a deceased brother, after which Lodge was closed.

Lily of Richmond Lodge of Instruction, No. 820.—A meeting was held on Monday, 1st instant, at the Greyhound, Richmond, at 7. Present—Bros. Wade W.M., Hubbard S.W., Reynolds J.W., Phillips P.M. Preceptor, McLean S.D., Turner J.D, Biggar I.G., Bros. Hammond, Wicks, Monflet, &c. The usual preliminary business was transacted, and then the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Hammond answered the questions leading to the second degree in a most efficient manner, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, he being the candidate. After the transaction of other matters of interest, the W.M. closed the Lodge until next Monday, when Bro. Hubbard will occupy the chair.

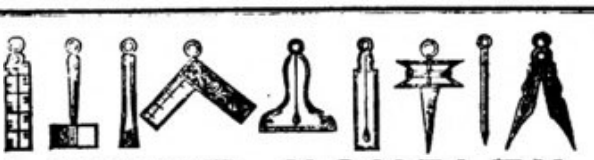
Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on 2nd December. Bros. Hand W.M., Christian S.W., Smyth J.W., Clark S.D., Greenwood J.D., Collins I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Smyth Treas., Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, Carr, Polak, R. Williams, Wardell, Williams, Baker, Weige, &c. Lodge was opened and minutes were read. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Carr candidate. Bro. Dallas worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was called off, and on resuming its Masonic duties, Bro. Pettit answered the questions leading to the third degree. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Dallas worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. Bro. Pettit, of Lodge 1523, was elected a member. Bro. Smyth was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Lorkin was re-elected Secretary. A vote of thanks was recorded to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time. The Lodge was closed in due form.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Thursday, 27th November. Present—Bros. Hine W.M., Legg S.W., Gieseke J.W., Westfield S.D., Klein J.D., Fenner Prec., Wallbrecht Sec., Bromet I.G.; also Bros. Stroud, Trewinnard, Rd. Defriez, and Piercey. After formal business the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Wallbrecht acting as candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Fenner worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Evans, of the Capper Lodge, was elected a member A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Trewinnard for his assistance in working the ceremony and sections. The Lodge was closed and adjourned.

On Thursday, 4th December. Bros. Legg W.M., Gieseke S.W., Westfield J.W., Sergant S.D., Hine J.D., Fenner Preceptor, Wallbrecht Secretary, Klein I.G.; also Bros. Clark, Trewinnard, Richard Defriez, Wilson and Thorpe. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sergant candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first and second sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Gieseke will preside next week. There was also a Committee appointed to audit the accounts—Bros. Hine, Sergant and Westfield; after which the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Marquis of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.—On Monday, at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, Bros. Tho. Jones, W.M., Fidler S.W., Butler J.W., Peach S.D., Jacob J.D., Bryant I. G., J. Lorkin Sec., C. Lorkin Preceptor; Bros. Taverner, Jacob and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Taverner candidate. Bro. Peach worked the second and Bro. J. Lorkin the third sections, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was opened and closed in the second degree. Bros. Bryant, Peach and Taverner were elected members; Bro. Fidler was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, 1625.—The Fifteen Sections were worked on Monday, 24th ult., at the Royal Hotel, Mile End, E., under the able presidency of Bro. B. Cundick P.M. 1421, who was supported by Bros. W. Hogg P.M. as S.W., C. Kendall J.W. 1625 as J.W., W. H. Myers P.M. as S.D., T. Wooding J.D., Bird I.G., Bro. T. J. Barnes being I.P.M. There were also present Bros. Wooding, Hallam, Forss, Andrews, Veal, Pringle, Stephens, W. Musto P.M., J. Taylor, J. A. L. Allison Secretary, J. Allison jun., Tarling, W. Hawes, Hedges, Goldstein, Boulton, and numerous other brethren, testifying the great interest taken in the evening's work, the whole of which was ably rendered by the following brethren:—First Lecture: First section, Bro. C. Kendall J.W. No. 1625; second, Bro. Harvey D.C. No. 174; third, Bro. Wooding S.D. No. 1305; fourth, Bro. H. R. Hallam S.W. No. 1349; fifth, Bro. Forss No. 554; sixth, Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. No. 820 and 1145; seventh, Bro. Andrews W.M. No. 1227. Second Lecture: First Section, Bro. Veal; second, Bro. Pringle; third, Bro. Boulton; fourth, Bro. Barnes; fifth, Bro. G. H. Stephens. Third Lecture: First Section, Bro. W. Musto; second, Bro. Hogg; third, Bro. Taylor. In proposing a vote of thanks to Bro. Cundick, who is already an honorary member of the Lodge, Bro. Barnes expressed his appreciation of the perfect manner in which the W.M. had discharged his arduous duties, and felt confident, from the good working he had witnessed by the brethren, that when the G.A.O.T.U. should call him from their midst, the work he had performed in improving the working of the ritual would be carried out by competent brethren. The vote was carried unanimously. Bro. Cundick, in responding, also thanked the brethren for their assistance. Several brethren were elected members, and Lodge was closed. The next regular meeting will be held on the 8th December, when Bro. T. Wooding will preside, and, we trust, be numerously supported.



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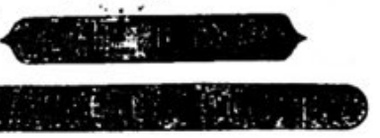

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PROJECTED EXTENSION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

IN our last issue we drew the attention of our readers to what we consider a most extravagant and uncalled for expenditure of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. We then pointed out that the proposition to lay out the sum of £6,500 in the purchase of three-quarters of an acre of land, together with the house erected thereon, should be rejected, at the time the confirmation of the vote is asked for, by the general body of subscribers, on the ground that, by purchasing additional premises, the brethren of the present day are pledging the generosity of the future generation far beyond the limits of propriety. The expense of maintaining the Schools, even in their present extent, requires that a considerable sum of money be annually subscribed by the Craft; and although we entertain no fear that the future generation will be less liberal than their predecessors, still we think that, on a question of spending their own money, the brethren of the future should be left with an opportunity of deciding a little for themselves, rather than be burdened with large establishments which must either be maintained at a great cost or disposed of at a sacrifice should the receipts at any time fall off so as to need the curtailment of the annual expenditure. As we so often repeat, it is our earnest desire to see the number of children educated and clothed by the Institutions largely increased, but we think that the time has now arrived when the desired object can best be attained by paying a sum of money for the education and clothing of children among their own friends, in addition to and away from those in the Schools erected by the two Institutions. In the hope that we may induce some of the subscribers to the Girls School to take a personal interest in the question, we again refer to it, and shall now more especially devote ourselves to a consideration of the subject from a financial point of view. We assume it will be generally admitted that the Institution should not be called upon to pay more for the ground than any other purchaser. This point being conceded, we ask our readers to put a price on land in the neighbourhood of the School. As we do not profess to have more than a vague idea on the subject, we have consulted several competent authorities, with the result of having almost as many opinions as we have replies; but on one point all agree—that ground in the neighbourhood of Battersea Rise is not worth more than £1,200 an acre; most give a much lower sum as the market value. As, however, we do not wish—nor is there much necessity—to press the matter too hard, we will accept the highest estimate, and value the plot at the rate of £1,200 an acre. The land being some trifle over three-quarters of an acre in extent, the value may therefore be considered, according to this estimate, at about £1,000. The next item for consideration is that of position, and here of course arises the main obstacle. Some will urge that the site is worth a large premium; others, that for the purposes to which it is intended to be put, position is an item that should never be paid for, unless it be for the purpose of conducing to the health and comfort of the residents. Bro. Lieut. Colonel Creaton, the proposer of the motion, pointed out that the acquisition of this plot would confer the advantage of securing for the Institution an entrance in the main road near the railway station. We fail to see that this is an advantage worth paying for to any extent. All who have visited the School must know that the distance between it and the railway station is so small as to be unworthy of serious consideration, especially when we remember that the number of visitors is very small, except on such occasions as the periodical inspection by the Stewards. Even then we doubt if a dozen guests could be found who really complained of the distance from the railway station. Surely our esteemed Brother does not ask the Institution to pay any considerable sum for this—questionable—advantage. We must, therefore, fall back on the plea that the purchase is desirable in order to prevent the School being hemmed in by buildings. At the time the ground on which the present School at Battersea Rise stands was purchased, one of the principal arguments used in its favour was that it was open, and not liable to future obstruction; now we see that this argument was in a measure wrong, and if this be the case to-day, what will it be in the course of another ten years, if building operations are to continue as actively as they have been carried on in the ten that have just passed? In discussing this proposed grant there is something more than the present to consider; the condition ten or twenty years hence must be estimated, and action governed accordingly, at least so far as is possible. Under these circumstances, we cannot see any reason for the value of the land being increased in consequence of its position or proximity to the existing School. Now, as regards the building, the house is a large one; and it is suggested that it could be used as a probationary school. Again we must express an opinion antagonistic to that of Bro. Creaton and the Building Committee, on whose recommendation he acted. It is well known that no building which was originally intended as an ordinary dwelling-house can be adapted to the requirements of a school without considerable outlay. Indeed, to add all the necessaries now deemed imperative for a public school, and otherwise place a dwelling-house on a par as regards fittings with the existing structure, would be next to impossible without rebuilding, and this we frankly admit is the next step we expect will be proposed. What, then, becomes of the house now standing on the ground. It is really worth to the Institution its value as old building material only, and should be considered and treated for accordingly. In another column we insert one of a series of letters we have received from correspondents on this subject. We wish our readers to bear in mind our columns are open to all, and we trust the question will be thoroughly discussed in its several bearings before the grant is brought forward for confirmation, and that at the proper time those who oppose the expenditure will freely express their views. Whoever may undertake the task of leading the opposition must be prepared for abuse; still we urge them to persevere in preventing so prejudicial a step.

Before we conclude, we would briefly refer to another matter which affects other than the question now at issue, and which we think calls for amendment. Bro. Lt.-Colonel Creaton, Treasurer and Trustee of the Institution, not only made the proposition for the grant already referred to, but also presided at the Special General Court called for the purpose of considering it. This is a course we have before objected to, and, however much custom or precedent may sanction it, we are still of opinion that it is not conducive to a fair hearing. The proposer of a motion is naturally prejudiced in its favour, and if he has to preside at the meeting called to consider the same he may, if he chooses, materially influence the voting. We do not wish to say that Bro. Creaton attempted or even thought of such a course, but we are surprised he should lay himself open to the smallest shadow of doubt as to his disinterestedness.

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UNIFORMITY OF MASONIC RITUAL AND OBSERVANCE.

THE success attending Bro. Stevens's motion for a Committee of Past Masters to inquire into and report upon the respective systems of working in our Lodges, and which was carried by a large majority in Grand Lodge on the 3rd inst., gives promise that at length some measures will be taken to prevent the continuance and increase of those malpractices which have of late years been introduced into Masonic Ceremonial. In our issue for the 1st of November we thought proper to advise the originator of this movement for "Uniformity" that he would be expected to produce sufficient cause for the inquiry he suggested, or be prepared to fail in his endeavours; and we certainly did not then anticipate that he could so fully "prove a case" as he has succeeded in doing. The flagrant violations of decorum of which he gave instances, in earnest and forcible appeal to the feelings, intelligence, and understanding of his audience, occasioned no little surprise and indignation, and fully justified the condemnation he expressed. It is now no longer a question of differences in verbiage between this and that W.M., or one or the other Preceptor, but of attacking, root and branch, proceedings which seriously affect our "system of morality," cause indescribable annoyance, and tend to bring discredit on our Order. We cannot, after hearing his exposition of such improprieties, do other than wish him further success in his undertaking; but we fear that as yet our worthy brother has but opened the campaign, and that his difficulties have, in spite of all his former labours, only just commenced. The nomination of the Committee rests with him, subject to the approval of Grand Lodge at its ensuing meeting, and the "blunder" of 1870 should not be repeated. Every sympathy and assistance which can be rendered to him in this matter he certainly deserves to receive, and the position he has already attained in championing the purification of Masonic working should not be jeopardised by over zealous interference of well-meaning but injudicious supporters. In the history of former proceedings we learn that the formation of a Committee agreeable to Grand Lodge was the stumbling-block which retarded the movement some ten years ago. We sincerely hope that this may not be the case now. The proposed inquiry and report will necessarily be a work of magnitude reflecting honour and distinction on all who take part in its preparation, and everything will depend on its being broad and comprehensive in its scope. If we might suggest to Bro. Stevens, we would earnestly recommend him to secure the co-operation of distinguished Provincial brethren, and not to seek to form his Committee solely from amongst those connected with Metropolitan Lodges. There should be no difficulty in obtaining the nomination of at least one brother from each Province, and if such should be appointed by their respective Provincial Grand Masters or Grand Lodges, as representatives, we cannot see any possibility of their acceptance by Grand Lodge being withheld. To these might be added a proportionate number of Metropolitan brethren, so that the systems of working which mostly obtain in London might have their representatives also. Together these would form a large Committee, but we cannot see how the work can be effectually and efficiently carried out without a fair representation of the Lodges throughout town and country. We throw out these hints in our earnest desire to promote the interests of the Craft in general, and this movement in particular, and whether or not the worthy brother who is so greatly interested in the success of the movement adopts them, we shall equally wish him God speed in his continued labours.

A very interesting Emergency Meeting of the Trinity College Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 244, was held at the Lodge-rooms, Weymouth-street, Portland-place, W., on Monday, the 8th inst. A full report will appear in our next.

"The Fern Paradise"—Mr. Francis George Heath's illustrated "plea for the culture of ferns"—after passing through five editions, is about to be re-issued, by Messrs. Sampson, Low, Marston and Co., in shilling numbers, as a monthly serial. The first number will be published in a few days.

"IL TEGAME," OR A MASON'S HOLIDAY.

(Continued from page 202.)

I WAS about forwarding a paper under the above title, but observing the excellent article of Bro. Norton, of 6th December, I do myself the pleasure of offering a few remarks upon that.

It is alleged of English Freemasonry that it is derived from King Solomon of Israel, who we are taught, by the authorised teaching of our authorities, gave to his associated Masons "*pass words*;" and we are further told, in what is considered its most solemn part, that he "ordered them to wear white aprons and gloves."

This being the teaching of our Grand Lodge, the burthen of truth rests entirely with that fount of orthodoxy and truth, and it is exceedingly amiable in an opponent to use any other argument than the "reductio ad absurdum."

There are those who wait impatiently for something of this history, which would cover a period of some thousand and odd hundred years. Probably the desire that it must be taken as matter of faith is the secret on which, by ghastly oaths, it demands silence. But for myself I would as soon turn my microscope on the gill of a "*monstrum*" as on the spiraculæ of a fly, when the sole object is the research of truth.

Of course the orthodox historian Oliver finds means to fill this slight gap, and like others, I have opened his mad book, although, after the perusal of a few pages, have closed it with nausea and disgust.

Our excellent Brother Norton some time since wrote a refutation of his statements, and deserves all praise for patience in trampling such literary garbage.

For the truth or falsehood of what is now inculcated on thousands of our young men the "Board" is responsible; but for my own part I believe that a lie in Freemasonry is as degrading to an individual as is one out of it. Had our Board thought so it would not have made of Freemasonry a slough of despond. Let it now repent and do its first work. Clear away its rotten slough of lies, and lay a foundation of truth.

Our Society has adopted the arms (*uses* Burke says), for it does not appear they were ever granted, of the City Company of Freemasons, thus then by their own teaching, and by heraldic or hereditary claim, they derive from the City Company of Masons or Freemasons.

The word Brother, as used, is merely an adoption of the word in common use; in the French frère, English friar or brother, has long been adopted by societies or brotherhoods of all kinds, and is most certainly not peculiar to Freemasonry as some seem to think.

The following remarks may throw some light on this misused subject, and may be depended on:—If any of my younger brethren will kindly turn to a good Greek Lexicon (I have Alexandre's before me) he will find the word MUEO "*to initiate into mysteries*," and the word adapted to Christian ecclesiastical uses means to consecrate, to ordain—it has a further meaning, to initiate into any science, to teach, to instruct. Aristophanes uses the word in the sense of being initiated to the mysteries of Ceres, &c.

There is evidence that after the conquest of Greece, when the two languages of Rome and Greece became mingled, the word MEISONIUS became formed. Thence, by contraction, may be derived the word MASON, which would mean an "*initiate*," if taken in a general sense.

Some idea of playing upon the two words—*so similar, yet so different*—would seem to have haunted the mind of the originators of modern English Freemasonry, and probably led to the invention of the third degree, which, be it known, was never heard of for very many years after the time of Sir Christopher Wren and the establishment of the original Lodge of Antiquity. The original Lodge of Antiquity swore, honestly, a Christian oath, as their fellows had done afore them; they did not dabble in a new religion; in ghastly oaths and a false God. That iniquity was reserved for Ikey Solomons of a later day.

> "Why didst thou choose that cursed sin—
> Hypocrisy—to set up in?
> Because it is the thriving'st calling;
> The *only Church*-bell that rings all in!"

I am indebted to my friend and brother, Lewis H. Oates, of Naples, for calling my attention to this word MEISONIUS, scratched with a style on the wall of a tanner's factory in Pompei. He himself has made a plan of it, and, I believe, intends publishing it. The word MEISONIUS is readily deciphered by the careful observer, although I should add that Professor Fiorelli reads it somewhat differently. Much interested, I visited the house repeatedly, and, on one occasion, spent nearly half a day there, and hope next week to send a detailed description of it.

In front of the *TRICLINIUM* (or dining table) of this house was found a beautifully-executed Mosaic, or painting in tesselated stones, now transplanted to the Naples Museum. It represents a human skull, surmounted by a square—or probaby the Platonic level, on each side of which is a lance reversed as a flagstaff, to which are fixed rolled up flags or banners of different colours.

The skull is supported by a beautifully-coloured butterfly, with wings spread for flight, and supported on a wheel with six spokes. It is a symbolical representation of Life and Death, with the soul—under the semblance of a butterfly—about to take its flight.

It is evidently of Grecian origin, since Greece, in all she did well, idealised the soft, the refined, the beautiful.

Just as I discovered the above in the Museum, a friend—a Roman Catholic clergyman with whom I had become very intimate, and still am—came up to me, and we spent some time in careful examination and discussion. He quite agreed with me in the remarks I have above made, and thought it not impossible that the ancient initiation into some part of the Eleusinian or other mysteries may have been performed in this house.

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I enclose a copy of the Mosaique, which the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE will kindly show to any brother desiring to see it.

The Eleusinian mysteries, of Grecian origin, were introduced into Rome after the conquest of Greece, and became latterly of very general adoption in the families of those who desired for their children a higher standard of morality and higher aims in life and death than heathenism pure could attain to. Bishop Warburton tells us they taught the doctrine of eternal life, and thus must have been opposed to the prevailing doctrines of Epicureanism, as taught by Lucretius. Here, under the symbol of a butterfly, this doctrine is clearly inculcated.

The Latin authors afford references to these symbolical dedications of children. Thus Davus the Slave, in the Phormio of Terence, Scene II., line 49, complains that his mistress made *friendly* requisitions on his "*peculium*," on the birthdays of her child, and also at his *initiations*.

"ubi erit puero natalis dies,
Ubi *initiabunt*."

Now the verb *initio* is used by Cicero and others to signify initiation into the mysteries, especially those of Eleusis—there were lesser and greater mysteries. Tertullian, Bishop of Carthage, an early Christian writer, uses the word in the sense of "*to baptise*," from which we might reasonably infer (if other proof were wanting) that baptism, in the minds of the people generally, had come to be understood as the Christian form or substitute for the old *initiations* and as it is acknowledged that the early Christians adapted Christian explanations to all they considered good in the old religion, we have here probably the origin of infant baptism, acknowledged to depend on tradition.

If, then, any body of men can be said to be the true successors of the administrators of the ancient mysteries, it is the Christian Church and Ministry.

Now, we are taught by the Polyphemi of our Board that our Society of Masons, or Freemasons, derives its origin from King Solomon of Israel. The man of science who should attempt to prove that the bone of a *reptile* could by any possibility have belonged to a *sucking* animal would be scouted, and so would the philosophical historian scout the pretence that a Roman Municipal Institution could ever have been promulgated by an Eastern race.

I will not now enter farther into this argument; it however recalls to mind a statement more than once made by another Masonic journal to the effect that a certain French abbé, by which it is presumed is meant Voltaire, boasted he would destroy Freemasonry. Now, Voltaire never said anything of the kind; speaking of them, he says:—The Freemasons have pretended initiations—*such associations have always existed*; they also pretend to have secrets," and sarcastically adds, "and they know how to keep them, too." As we learn from America, new societies in connection with Freemasonry constantly arise, for each of which new secrets must of course be invented and guarded by newly invented ghastly oaths. The Camorra, in Southern Italy, is a new proof of Voltaire's remarks. Like our English Freemasons, they have ghastly bloody oaths, which, in their case, they swear on a triangle formed of three daggers. Shall I carry the likeness further? Yes; they are bound by oath to make a sign of prayer at sunset each night, yet they fill the prisons with culprits, and the land with terror in Southern Italy.

Much as an organ of our Polyphemi scorns Voltaire, yet where is the difference. Voltaire said, "Je crois en Dieu," but would go no further. So extremes meet—what do ye more than others?

There is no evidence whatever that English Freemasonry arose otherwise than as a civil association, founded on the principle of truth from hand to hand, from man to man, from land to land, about the time of Sir C. Wren.

Sooner or later we shall get rid of these ghastly oaths, this false religion, and its ancient simplicity will then return. I call upon my younger brethren to give this their earnest consideration, to demand truth in all things, undeterred either by idle fears of the "monstrum," or the fear of losing the sham decoration of a Brummagem button.

Hamlet—I pray thee do it;
If thou did'st ever thy dear country love.

"Hoc opus, hoc studium, parvi properemus et ampli,
Si patriæ volumus, si nobis vivere cari."—HORACE.

W. VINER BEDOLFE.

New Athenæum Club, Suffolk-street, Pall Mall.

In reference to Bro. Stevens' motion relating to "Uniformity of Working and Observance," and which was carried at the late Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, we learn that, at the earnest request of a large number of the Craft, he has consented to the publication of his address on that occasion, for private circulation amongst all who take an interest in the subject. This will be a very useful adjunct to his lately published work on "Uniformity."

The installation meeting of the St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 1766, was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Town Hall, Shoreditch. Bro. George Thomas Barr being installed as W.M. for the year. We regret that want of space again precludes the insertion of our report of the proceedings.

PRESENTATION AT THE EBORACUM LODGE.

ON Monday the attendance of members at this Lodge was very large, owing to the circumstance of the meeting being the first under the rule of the new W.M. Bro. C. G. Padel. Amongst those present were Bros. J. T. Seller S.W., G. Simpson J.W., J. S. Cumberland I.P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., G. Balmford P.M. and Treas., J. Kay Sec., W. P. Husband Assist.-Sec., M. Millington S.D., H. Jackson as J.D., A. T. B. Turner M.C., O. Marshall Organist, J. Blenkin I.G., J. Girling Steward, P. Pearson Tyler, Ware, Humphries, Carter, Dyson, Davies, G. H. Simpson, Lackenby, &c. The business consisted of a passing and a raising, which were exceedingly well performed by the W.M., the I.P.M. giving the Traditional History. The Lodge having been again lowered to the first degree, the W.M. rose and said he had a remarkably pleasant duty to perform that evening, which was to confer a reward on distinguished merit. Those who had the privilege to belong to the Lodge knew well what the I.P.M. had done for them during his year of office. They knew that his heart was bound up with the Lodge's prosperity. They knew that he was unwearied in his exertions to render the working of the Lodge as perfect as possible, and if they had attained a commendable degree of perfection in the ceremonies in the Eboracum Lodge, they knew that it was largely due to Bro. Cumberland. In the cause of the Charities, and especially in that Province, they knew how their Brother had laboured and what he had done, and it was a great pleasure to him as W.M. to stand before them, and, on their behalf, to beg Bro. Cumberland's acceptance of a Charity jewel, accompanied by an illuminated address which he would read: "Worshipful Brother John Spite Cumberland,—We, the Master, Wardens, and Past Masters of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, on behalf of the brethren of that Lodge, beg your acceptance of the accompanying Charity jewel, the first gained by any member of the Lodge, as a slight token of their appreciation of your services in the cause of the Masonic Charities, and of your unwearied exertions for the welfare of the Lodge during your year of office. Signed by C. G. Padel W.M., J. T. Seller S.W., Geo. Simpson J.W., T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.D.C., G. Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O., William Lawton P.M. P.P.G.R., James Kay Sec. York, 8th December 1879." The W.M. then called upon Bro. T. B. Whytehead, as the senior member of the Lodge, to affix the jewel on the breast of Bro. Cumberland. Bro. Whytehead, having done this, amid the applause of the brethren, said that it gave him more pleasure than he could express to have a share in a presentation so thoroughly deserved. No words from him could add to the merits of their Brother, who they all knew to be true and faithful, and one of the best all round Masons he ever had the pleasure and privilege to meet. He might perhaps be pardoned for reminding them of the last occasion when a presentation was made in that Lodge, when the late Bro. Cooper, the Father of the Lodge, had attended for the last time, and at great pain and peril to himself, for the purpose of attaching to his (Bro. Whytehead's) breast the P.M.'s jewel given by the Lodge. He thought it was well sometimes to recall the memory of those who had gone before and left so bright an example. He hoped that the I.P.M. Brother Cumberland would be spared for many a long year to wear the jewel with which he had just been invested, and to ornament the Lodge of which he was the Preceptor. Bro. Cumberland, in replying was deeply moved, and said that he had been taken completely by surprise. The brethren had kept their counsel well, but he could now understand several little circumstances which he had lately noticed but not understood. He could not find words to thank them for the beautiful gift, which would ever remind him of some of the happiest hours of his life, which had been spent in that Lodge and in their company. If he had done anything of service to the Lodge, he was more than satisfied to know that the brethren were gratified, and it would ever be his most sincere wish and endeavour to forward its best interests and those of its members, and, whatever he did or said, he hoped the brethren would always believe that he did or said it with the purest and best Masonic motives. Bro. Cumberland's remarks were received with repeated rounds of applause. Bro. Turner M.C. then presented to the Lodge a very quaint old Masonic print, and Bro. Whytehead presented a curious obsolete Scotch apron. The names of two candidates and one joining member were proposed, and the Lodge was closed at 9.15. The brethren then adjourned to the supper-room, where Bro. Churchill had provided a substantial repast, after which some of the principal Masonic toasts were duly honoured, "the Visitors" being responded to by Bros. J. Hanly W.M. St. Patrick's Lodge 295 (I.C.), Russell 295, and Shackles Alexandra Lodge 1511 (Hornsea). The illuminated address to the I.P.M. was handed round and much admired. The initial letters, each form an elaborate Masonic emblem or design, including the entrance to the chequered floor, the apron, the square, level and plumb rule, the rough and perfect ashlars, the tracing boards, the O.B. pedestal, the V. of the S.L., &c. It was executed by Mr. J. E. Morton, illuminator, of York, from designs by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, and was enclosed in a handsome and appropriate oak frame.

ST. PATRICK'S MILITARY LODGE, YORK.

THIS Lodge—No. 295 under the Irish Constitution—attached to the 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Regiment, will hold its installation meeting, by dispensation, on Tuesday evening next, at the Masonic Hall, York.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—At the change of seasons many persons feel oppressed without knowing why they are so—they are aware something within them is wrong, though they cannot detect the defective organ. A few doses of these powerfully purifying and eminently cooling Pills will restore regularity to every part of the system—will cast out all impurities lurking in the frame, and will thoroughly expel the last traces of disorder, however hidden the disease may be—however obscure its cause. With Holloway's medicine relief is insured without risk; erroneous action is rectified without disturbing natural regularity, health is reinstated, and with it return the cheerful feelings which unmistakably tell the recent invalid that all within is right again.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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MOIRA LODGE, No. 92.

THE Annual Festival of this Lodge, which is held on the anniversary of the birth of Lord Moira, took place on Monday, at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly. On this occasion the Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Wickham Noakes, and his Officers, who were supported by a goodly assemblage of the Past Masters and members of the Lodge, with the following Visitors:—Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B., H. G. Buss Assist. G. Sec., J. M. Hare 1820, H. Western P.M. 231 W.M. Adelphi Lodge, J. H. Smith 279, G. A. Wallis P.M. 916, Thos. Kirkness J.D. 176, J. B. Lambe 145, H. Dumbleton Apollo University Lodge, C. Kerr 1067, Thos. Harrison St. Mary's Lodge, W. J. C. Palmer 1503, Dr. Robert Cross P.M. 189, W. H. E. Miller P.M. 1148, T. P. Child 185, G. B. Browne 25, J. A. Wild 96, D. C. Nichols P.M. 198, J. Whitehead 369, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, R. G. Webster, T. C. Robarts of the Westminster and Keystone, &c. After the preliminary business had been transacted, the W.M. elect, Bro. Harold Carter, was introduced, and Bro. Josiah Houle P.M., who ably officiated as Installing Master, administered the customary obligation. In due course a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Carter was placed in the chair as W.M. for the ensuing twelvemonths. The investiture of Officers was then proceeded with, the following being the brethren selected. Bros. G. C. Andrew S.W., H. F. Auldjo J.W., E. Horne P.M. Treasurer, Josiah Houle P.M. Secretary, T. Wilkinson S.D., William Bohm J.D., A. Dent I.G., T. C. Speight P.M. Tyler. Past Master Bro. Houle then delivered the several addresses in a masterly manner, and after the transaction of routine business, Lodge was closed. After a brief interval, the banquet was served in the Prince's Room—one of the suite of apartments specially designed by Messrs. Spiers and Pond for their Masonic supporters—(and to their adaptability for the purpose we refer in another part of our present issue). The efforts of the caterers on this occasion were eminently successful, and justice was done to the excellent menu provided. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M., Bro. Harold Carter, briefly introduced the Loyal toasts, which received full honour. With the toast of the Grand Officers was associated the names of Bros. Joshua Nunn and H. G. Buss. The W.M. spoke of the excellent qualities exhibited by Bro. Nunn in his capacity as Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence. In speaking of Bro. Buss, Bro. Carter regretted the illness of Bro. John Hervey, which had necessitated the resignation by him of the post of Grand Secretary. However, in Bro. Buss they had one able and willing to carry on the work of the Grand Secretary's office, and he had great pleasure in calling on the brethren to honour the toast. This having been suitably acknowledged, the W. Master called on Bro. R. F. Gould to propose the toast of the evening, which that Brother did in the following eloquent terms:—Brethren,—By the command of the W.M., it becomes my duty to introduce to you the toast of the evening, the memory of Earl Moira, the patron of this Lodge, and in so doing I bespeak your indulgence, whilst for the sixth consecutive year I attempt to place before you a brief *résumé* of the history of this Lodge, and of its connection with the honoured name of "Moira." As a Lodge we date our existence from 1755, just five years prior to the accession of King George III. At this early stage of the Lodge's career there is little to chronicle. We were born, it may be said, "of poor but respectable" parents; and in a humble way commenced our Masonic life at the Swan in Upper Mount-place, Grosvenor-square. Thence we moved from tavern to tavern; and here I may remind you, Brethren, that in those days Lodges did not possess distinctive titles, but were called after the names of the publics at which they met. When our earliest minutes cease, viz. in 1767, we were pleasantly located at the King's Arms, Tower-street, Seven Dials. Passing rapidly over the first stage of our existence, I now come to the year 1776, and if you will again permit me to bring home this date to your minds by the citation of an historical event—this was the year in which occurred the celebrated declaration of American Independence, when, in lieu of the public house sign by which we had been hitherto distinguished, the name was taken of the Lodge of Freedom and Ease. For nearly thirty years this title was retained, and in the *Freemason's Calendar* for 1803 we are described as the Lodge of Freedom and Ease at the Three Jolly Butchers, Old-street-road. During this year, 1803, we, however, dropped our old designation, and blossomed into the Moira Lodge, at the new London Tavern, Cheapside. How and under what circumstances this alteration occurred I shall briefly describe. Francis Earl Moira, and later on Marquis of Hastings, the eldest son of the first Earl Moira, was born on the 7th December 1754, and at the age of seventeen, then bearing the courtesy title of Lord Rawdon, obtained a commission in the Army, and two years afterwards embarked for America, where he saw a great deal of active service. For his gallantry at Bunker's Hill he was especially complimented by General Burgoyne, and after serving with equal credit at the battles of Brooklyn and White Plains, the attacks on Fort Washington, and other affairs, in 1778 he was appointed Adjutant-General of the Army, and for his services in this capacity was entrusted, at the battle of Camden, with the command of a wing of the Army, and subsequently, at Hobkirk's Hill, commanded the entire force, and defeated General Greene, one of the ablest of the American Generals. Returning to England, in 1783 he was appointed Aide-de-Camp to the King, and created an English Peer, as Baron Rawdon of Rawdon. In 1793 he succeeded his father, as second Earl Moira. The same year he was promoted Major-General, and in 1794 commanded an English force of 10,000 men sent to reinforce the Duke of York in Holland. In 1812 he was entrusted with the duty of forming an administration, but failed. In 1813 he was appointed Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief, in India, and having brought two great wars to a successful termination, returned to England as Marquis of Hastings, in 1823. Next year he was Governor of Malta. In 1826 he died, on board one of Her Majesty's ships, at Baiae Bay, near Naples. Earl Moira's Masonic services were of an equally distinguished character, and I will pass them briefly in review. In 1789, he was appointed by the Duke of Cumberland (the G.M.) acting G.M., which position he filled until his departure for India, in 1813. In 1804 he became the patron of this Lodge, which has since been designated by his name, and has held its Annual Festival on his birthday. About the same time he was elected, whilst Commander-in-Chief in Scotland, acting Grand Master of Scottish Masons. In January 1813, on his leaving for India, a testimonial of the value of £1,000 was presented him by the Craft, together with a jewelled collar of the additional value of £1,500. The Duke of Sussex presided, and no less than six Royal dukes were present. Earl Moira, on this occasion, delivered one of his greatest Masonic orations, all of which—and they were many—amply deserve the eulogium of Sir James Burnes, who justly pronounced Lord Moira's eloquent exposition of Masonic principles as being altogether unparalleled. The same high authority styles Earl Moira—or, as he was later, Marquis of Hastings—as the most chivalrous character of modern times, and recounts "how his lordship, impressed with devotion for the Craft and love for *all* the brethren, descended from his high estate, as Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in India, and, within the halls of his own palace, offered the right hand of fellowship, with his parting benediction, to every soldier, individually, that wore an apron; acknowledging also his pride that Masonic principles had influenced him in the exercise of his authority." In 1823, on his return from India, great preparations were made by this Lodge to entertain him at a grand banquet, at which the Duke of Sussex was to have presided, and which was to have been open to the entire Craft, but which, owing to his lordship's ill health, was first postponed, and afterwards reluctantly abandoned. Brethren, to return once more to our Lodge. You will recollect that I brought up my summary to the year 1804, when we became the Moira Lodge, and in a few concluding words I will endeavour to put before you how and in what manner we have sustained the prestige of the illustrious name by which we have been since distinguished. Our Lodge minutes, which cease in 1767, recommence in 1814. The Duke of Sussex appears to have been a very frequent visitor, and from 1814 to the present date we have had many members of the Lodge who have been distinguished in the Craft. Our oldest living initiate is Sir Moses Montefiore, who was received into Masonry in this Lodge on 13th April 1813. Our roll of Past Masters contains some notable names. Beginning with Bro. Samuel Cardoza, who joined the Lodge in 1807 and died in 1839, I may mention that when on his death-bed, and lying bereft of speech, such was his attachment to the Craft that he took farewell of a brother who had called to see him, by distinctly and emphatically making use of a Masonic sign. The next name I shall mention will be that of Bro. Henry Phillips, who, when Masonic scholarship was rarer than it now is, made an excellent copy of one of the Harleian MSS., which he published in the *Freemason's Quarterly Review* for 1835. Bro. Isaac Walton is the next worthy to whom I shall allude, and his exertions in the cause of Masonic charity will live for all time. The present Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution owes its primary origin to two well-known brethren—the late Bros. Crucefix and Walton. Bro. Crucefix founded the Asylum, and Bro. Walton first suggested the scheme of the Annuity Fund. Bro. John Bigg was one of our shining lights; during the two years of his Mastership he initiated thirty-five candidates; and was presented in 1836 by this Lodge with a jewel of the value of £40; he was favourably known in Grand Lodge as a most eloquent speaker, and both in the Parliament of the Craft, and on the Board of General Purposes, was distinguished by a most sturdy independence. Bro. Potter, late Secondary of the City of London, will have been known to many present. He was Master of this Lodge in 1848-49, and in 1850 J.G.D. Many, like myself, will preserve a vivid recollection of his last appearance among us. It was eight years ago, at the Annual Festival of 1871, when he was suddenly struck down, whilst addressing the brethren in response to the toast of his health. To the Lodge's appreciation of his sterling merits is due the existence of our present Potter Memorial Fund, and though it is doubted by some whether or not the formation of private benevolent funds, by individual Lodges, is favourable to the more general spread of Masonic relief, in its widest sense, I may be permitted to digress for a moment to remind the brethren of the familiar story of the old woman, whose cow always gave more milk than those of her neighbours, which she accounted for by saying that she milked it oftener. Brethren, the name of that cow was Charity, and under reasonable limits it cannot be milked too often. The last name I shall cite of our Lodge worthies will be that of Bro. Cornelius Thorne, twenty-seven years a member of this Lodge, and who now worthily presides over the Craft in North China as District Grand Master. Brethren, there have been many eminent men, of whom it may be truly said, that they are now too much forgotten. The name of the chivalrous Earl Moira may be included in this category, but I venture to predict, that should an accurate history of English Freemasonry be ever written, no name on the glorious beadroll of our Masonic worthies will stand out in bolder relief, as the embodiment of those virtues and excellencies, which are inculcated in the teachings of the Craft, than that of the illustrious nobleman whose connection with this Lodge we are met together to commemorate, and who has been well described by a distinguished companion in arms—as the scholar of the camp, the patriot, the benefactor of the poor, and one of the brightest ornaments of his country. Brother Wickham Noakes proposed the health of the W.M. This duty was always considered one of great honour in the Moira Lodge, and on this occasion he (the speaker) had great pleasure in performing the task. This compliment was gracefully acknowledged by the W.M., who next proposed the Past Masters. For the toast of the Visitors Bro. Dr. Robert Cross responded, and then came that of the Treasurer and Secretary, the Senior and Junior Wardens, and the other Officers of the Lodge. In each case brief responses were offered, and then the Tyler gave the parting

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toast. During the evening a selection of vocal music was given, under the direction of Bro. Thomas Lawler. We append the programme:—Grace—"For these and all Thy Mercies;" National Anthem—"God Save the Queen;" Scotch Song—"Twas within a mile"—Madame Ada Patterson; Quintet—"Blow, gentle gales;" Ballad—"The meeting of the waters"—Mr. W. Coates; New Song—"The arrow and the song"—Miss Marion Severn; Song—"Thady O'Flynn"—Madame Ada Patterson; Part Song—"In this hour of softened splendour;" Cornish Legend—"The well of St. Keyne"—Miss Marion Severn; Part Song—"Oft in the stilly night"—Mr. W. Coates; Song—"Blow high, blow low"—Bro. F. Farmer; Glee—"The chough and crow." Miss Bernard, of whom we had to speak favourably last year, again officiated as accompanyist.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE, No. 766.

THE regular period of election within this Lodge having come and gone, the day for Installation followed in due course, and on Thursday, 27th ult., the Master for 1879-80 was Installed, and the Officers duly appointed. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Dr. Cutmore, whose geniality in the chair has rendered the meetings of the Lodge during his term of office most enjoyable. After the confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was taken for Dr. D. Mackay Forbes and Messrs. D. G. Hewit and Henry Brown, in each case being pronounced as unanimous in their favour. Bros. C. W. L. Hall and G. Hutchison having proved themselves worthy, were then passed to the second degree, and, on the Lodge being resumed, the three gentlemen named above were introduced and admitted to a participation of the benefits of Freemasonry. Bro. Cutmore then advanced his Lodge, and obligated Bro. W. Manfield Newton as W.M. Elect. Lodge was further advanced, when Bro. W. Jerrett Miller P.M. opened a Board of Masters, and then Installed the new W.M. into the chair in ancient form. He gave the customary addresses, and the W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren to assist him during his Mastership:—Bros. Kidman S.W., Drake J.W., G. J. Kain P.M. Treasurer, Smart J.D., Collens I.G., Newman P.M. Steward, Grant Tyler. Bro. Worrell P.M., who was absent in consequence of his services being required in connection with the School Board, and Bro. Roberts (also absent) were named as Secretary and S.D. respectively, their investiture being postponed until next meeting. The report of the Audit Committee, showing the Lodge to be in a good financial position, was then read and adopted. Bro. Kain read a letter from Mrs. W. E. Newton, tendering her thanks to the Lodge for the kind expressions of sympathy with her in her recent bereavement. Bro. George Newman P.M. having announced his intention to act as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the sum of ten guineas was voted from the funds of the Lodge to be placed on his list. Another vote—that for presenting a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Cutmore, in recognition of the energy he had displayed in providing for the comfort of the members—was carried amid general approval. Bro. Captain Kain, with his usual forethought, and feeling sure that the proposition would be carried, said he had purchased a jewel, in order that the retiring Master might be presented with it on the night of the Installation of his successor, and not have to wait until a future meeting, in consequence of the oversight which had occurred at the last in not bringing the necessary proposition forward. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where a sumptuous repast awaited them, and which was served in the style for which the Cannon-street Hotel is so justly famed. After the usual loyal toasts, the W.M. proposed that of the Initiates, each of whom replied. Bro. Brown was the first to answer the call. Everything he had recently passed through, so strange and solemn, had made a strong impression upon him. He was much gratified at the hearty welcome and kindness extended towards him, and was sure he should never forget his initiation. Bro. Hewit would always strive to do his best for Freemasonry, and hoped to become a credit to the Lodge. Bro. Doctor Forbes expressed his thanks for the very friendly manner in which the initiates were received. It could not be wondered at that they were a little nervous after passing through so impressive a ceremony as they had. He hoped the members would not regret having received them. He, with his brother initiates, would endeavour to prove an honour to the Lodge. Bro. Doctor Cutmore then proposed the health of the W.M., which toast he considered the chief of the evening. Bro. Newton lost the office some years back when he resigned in favour of his father, a worthy action on the part of a son. He had great pleasure in congratulating Bro. Newton on at last seeing him in the chair. The W.M. returned thanks for the kind manner Bro. Cutmore had spoken of him. Since his connection with the Lodge he had received nothing but kindness. He felt deeply grateful to the members for unanimously electing him, after three years absence, to the chair. It was rarely such a thing was done, and it caused him a considerable amount of pleasure. He would endeavour to the utmost of his ability to carry out, in its truest sense, his duty, and hoped to meet at the end of his year of office with the approbation of the whole Lodge. In introducing the toast of the Visitors, the W.M. remarked that one of the best features in Freemasonry was that of hospitality. They were always glad to welcome Visitors. He was happy to say he recognised the faces of several brethren who had favoured the Lodge with their presence on previous occasions. This he was glad to think was a proof that they were well treated. He was always glad to see brethren wearing the purple; it was, therefore, with extra pleasure he coupled with the toast the name of Bro. W. H. Baker P.G.D. of C. Berks and Bucks, and hoped it would not be the last occasion upon which he would visit them. Bro. Baker expressed the great pleasure he had experienced in visiting the William Preston Lodge. He had taken a great interest in Freemasonry ever since his initiation, which dated as far back as 1836. During this forty-three years' experience there was no company of gentlemen he enjoyed more than those he met in Masonry. Go where he might, in whatever part of the country, in the Lodge he was always received and treated as a brother. Bro. Rickwood and other brethren also returned thanks. The W.M., in giving the next toast that of the Past Masters, said: At all times, no matter what society it might be, it was customary to honour old servants. The Past Masters had to bear the heat and burden of the day, always making the work they had to do a labour of love. It was with great gratification he presented Bro. Dr. Cutmore with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which bore at the back the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. W. Cutmore P.M. by the brethren of the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the able manner in which he discharged the duties of W.M. during his year of office, 1878-9." All the brethren would agree that the terms of the inscription were not overdrawn. Bro. Newton then, in graceful terms, alluded to the services of the various Past Masters, particularly those rendered by Bro. W. Jerrett Miller that evening in performing the installation ceremony. Bro. Cutmore, in acknowledging the presentation jewel, thanked the brethren for the gift, and said he always endeavoured to the utmost of his ability to fulfil his duties properly. Professional duties alone had kept him away, but his soul was always with the Lodge. He felt very thankful for the jewel, which he should always look upon with pride and pleasure. Bros. Kain, Miller, Braun, and Newman also replied. The W.M. then made a forcible appeal on behalf of the Charities, which resulted in the collection of £1 17s 6d, and after others had received their due share of recognition the proceedings terminated.

ENFIELD LODGE, No. 1237.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 8th inst., at the George Hotel, Enfield. The proceedings commenced at 3.30 p.m. Present:—Bro. Cecil Thompson W.M., who was supported by his Officers and a fair muster of the Past Masters and members; also the following Visitors:—Bros. J. Driscoll P.M. 30 P.P.G.P. Middlesex, G. Mason 1540, Collins 1611, Wellington 1421, Everdell 1579, G. Tegg 1579, Dimsdale 715, Garrod 754, and Browne 813. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. then vacated the chair, in favour of Bro. J. H. Thompson P.M., who acted as Installing Master, and Bro. Oscar Oxley, the W.M. elect, was duly installed according to ancient custom, the whole of the impressive ceremony being performed by Bro. Thompson in his usual correct and careful manner. The newly installed W.M. having been saluted in the usual form, proceeded to invest his Officers as follows:—Bros. Taverner S.W., Peach J.W., Mathison P.M. Treasurer, J. H. Thompson P.M. Secretary, Poore S.D., Bryant J.D., A. G. Fidler I.G. The investiture was performed most ably, Bro. Oxley fully explaining the symbolical meaning of the several jewels, thereby completing the ceremony in a very effective manner, after which Mr. G. Herbert was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. The name of one gentleman was given in as a candidate for admission into Freemasonry; also two brethren to become joining members. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshments, which were abundantly supplied, and tastefully laid out, by Bro. Mathison. The cloth having been removed, the W.M., in neat and appropriate terms, gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts: that of the Provincial Grand Officers was responded to by Bros. Tye and Driscoll. The latter hoped every member of the Lodge might one day obtain the honours of the purple. The I.P.M., Bro. C. Thompson, proposed the health of the W.M., who, in responding, said he could not find words adequate to express his grateful thanks for the warm manner with which the brethren had received the toast. It was most gratifying, after working his way up in the Lodge, to be placed in his present proud position; he felt his full responsibility, inasmuch as he was presiding over men of Provincial renown, and of great Masonic ability. In respect to his Officers, he felt sure they were men competent to discharge their duties with satisfaction to themselves and credit to the Lodge; they would likewise aid him in upholding the dignity and integrity of Freemasonry. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Past Masters, presented, on behalf of the Lodge, a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M. Bro. Cecil Thompson; in doing so, he spoke in feeling terms in respect to his (Bro. Thompson's) recent severe illness. Bro. Thompson felt he was not deserving of the jewel; through illness he had not been able to attend to the duties of the Lodge as he could have wished. He therefore looked upon it as a gift which testified their sincere and pure friendship, and would thereby render it doubly valuable to him. Bro. Tye also spoke of the sound vitality of the Lodge; what with the new blood, and such a Treasurer and Secretary as they had, the Lodge could not fail to prosper. To the health of the initiate, Bro. Herbert briefly replied, expressing the pleasure he felt in coming for the first time amongst Freemasons. Bro. Driscoll, on behalf of the Visitors, after speaking in eulogistic terms of the manner in which the work of the Lodge was done, said he was personally acquainted with all the Officers, and felt sure, as they went up step by step, they would in due time prove fully competent to fill the chair which the W.M. now occupied. Bro. Garrod having been called upon to respond to the toast of the Masonic Charities, recounted the vast amount of good done, and the great number of individuals receiving benefit therefrom. He spoke of local Masonic Charitable Associations, of which he had some practical experience; as "auxiliaries," these rendered great assistance to the Institutions. Upwards of £300 had been collected by himself, in small amounts, from the members of one of these Charitable Associations in the short space of eighteen months; and if every Lodge would form one on a similar basis, the Masonic Charities would flourish in such a manner as would astonish even the promoters. The health of the Officers was next proposed, and responded to, and other toasts followed. The enjoyment of the evening was greatly increased by several of the brethren contributing to the harmony—especially may we mention the excellent singing of Bro. Browne, of the New Concord Lodge. The Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close, and the brethren separated at a reasonable hour.

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Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 9th December, at Bro. Bond's, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, W.C. Present—Bros. T. B. Linscott W.M., Panter S.W., John Soper J.W., Snodin S.D., Gilruth J.D., Bell I.G., Bingemann P.M. Preceptor, T. B. Dodson and many other brethren. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Pownceby, a candidate for passing, answered the questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, when Bro. Pownceby was passed to the degree of F.C. The following sections of the second Lecture were then worked:—First, by Bro. Abell; second, by Bro. Bingemann; third, by Bro. Hallam; fourth, by Bro. Abell. Bro. Panter was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed.

St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.—A regular meeting was held on Tuesday last, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Present—Bros. Alfred Withers W.M., W. Radcliffe S.W., Dr. J. Waters J.W., W. W. Morgan Secretary, Usher Bach S.D., W. E. Young J.D., F. J. Hentsch I.G., T. C. Speight Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Alfred Green, John Laver, T. H. Lavers, G. Parsons, D. Drysdale; Bros. Hitch, Martin, Peirce, H. Green, &c.; Visitors—Bros. Alfred Kent 1425 and Kimbell 1541. Business—Lodge was opened and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Charles Skipp was raised to the sublime degree; Bro. Thring was passed; and, after Mr. Cropper had been successfully balloted for, that gentleman was regularly introduced and initiated into Freemasonry. The W.M. performed the heavy work of the evening most efficiently, and received the thanks and congratulations of the members and visitors. The name of a gentleman as a candidate for initiation was handed in—the ballot to be taken at the next meeting—and then the Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards partook of light refreshments, supplemented by a "grog and cigar," and amused themselves with social chat, interspersed with some capital songs.

Shakespeare Lodge, No. 284.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 9th December, at the Masonic Rooms, Warwick. Present—Bros. Wilson M.D. W.M., Thursfield M.D. S.W., Brabazon Campbell M.A. Treasurer, Captain Cooke Secretary, Rev. P. S. Harris Steward, Vinning Organist, Blake I.G., Purser Tyler; Past Masters Bros. E. Brown and F. Haynes M.D.; Visitor—Bro. E. L. Lucas Isaac Newton Lodge, Cambridge. The business comprised the initiation of Mr. Patrick E. Campbell M.B. and Mr. Henry Cochrane. Bro. Thursfield M.D. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Brabazon Campbell M.A. Treasurer, and Bro. Purser Tyler.

Yarborough Lodge, No. 554.—On 4th December the members of this Lodge held a regular meeting for the discharge of important business. Bro. J. Hansen Thoru W.M. opened the Lodge about 4 p.m., assisted by Bros. Hugh Cotter P.P.M., J. S. Taylor S.W., E. W. Walter J.W., J. G. Stevens P.M. Treasurer, G. Ward Verry P.M. Secretary, J. H. Wynne P.M., T. J. Barnes P.M., James Hood P.M., J. J. Berry P.M., J. W. Tait S.D., John Taylor D.C. acting I.G., G. T. H. Seddon Organist, J. R. Shingfield W.S., C. T. Speight P.M. Tyler; also Bros. W. Sparks, H. W. Reed, E. W. Thomas, J. Fordham, C. G. Fardell, T. Russell, W. H. Bell, O. W. Peacock, H. Wilson, W. Hawes, W. C. Livermore, P. Heitmann, S. Allen, W. Hurst, W. W. Mackenrot, H. E. Swaffer, C. Braithwaite, E. Rochester, E. Allen, A. Walter, H. Horner, W. H. Ellis, A. Symes, A. Britton, G. Wood, A. Wood, G. W. Etheridge, G. J. Jennings, W. Pain, A. Gilbey; Visitors—Bros. W. Watts 159, G. Brooks P.M. 902, W. Wainwright P.M. 933, S. Charlton 1259, W. Davies 1259, J. N. Stevens 1306, J. Salmon 1339, G. H. Stephens I.G. 1623, H. W. Clarke 1625, H. G. West 1625, A. Yates 1625, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced, and the examination of Bros. W. H. Mackenrot and C. Braithwaite having proved satisfactory, they were with due solemnity raised to the degree of Master Mason. Lodge was resumed, and the ballot taken on proposition for Messrs. W. Pain, A. Gilbey, and S. Beaumont. This resulted favourably, and Messrs. Pain and Gilbey, being in attendance, were admitted into the mysteries of the Order. Bro. Hood P.M. assisted in the Deacon's duties. The important elections of the year were then proceeded with, Bro. J. S. Taylor S.W. being unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing twelve months; Bro. J. G. Stevens P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Speight P.M. Tyler. Bros. Etheridge, Peacock, and Gulley were also elected to fulfil the important duties of Auditors of Lodge Funds. After discussion of business of interest to the members, Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where Bro. A. Walter had prepared a repast worthy of the occasion, to which due attention was paid. Upon the removal of the cloth, Bro. Thorne having promised that he would not indulge in long speeches, gave in appropriate terms the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. P.M. Wynne next proposed the health of the W.M., with whom all were so well acquainted; he would not, as time was on the wing, detain them with a long speech in honour of the toast. Bro. Stevens here gave with effect Tom Hood's humourous poem, "Tim Turpin." Bro. Thorn, in reply to the cordial reception of the toast, said it was probably the last time he should have the honour of replying, in his present capacity, for the hearty manner in which his name had then, and on all occasions been received. He had promised to be brief in his remarks, but he felt he could not sufficiently express his appreciation of the warmth of the reception of his name as W.M. Whilst upon his legs, he would propose the toast of the initiates. Since he had been in office he had never been without them at any regular meeting, and he was glad to have two that evening, who he felt sure would do credit to the Order. Bro. Clark having obliged with a song, the initiates—Bros. W. Pain and A. Gilbey—suitably responded to the hearty reception the toast had received. The toast of the Visitors was next honoured, Bro. Thorn claiming for the Yarborough Lodge a title to a high character for hospitality. Upon no occasion had he been more pleased than on the present to welcome so large a number of brethren, who had honoured them with their presence. Bro. W. Sparks gave a capital rendering of W. V. Wallace's "When other lips and other hearts," which was greatly enjoyed, and the Visitors severally responded—all giving high praise to the Yarborough Lodge for its working and its thorough hospitality. The other toasts honoured were the Past Masters, the W.M. elect, and the Officers of the Lodge, to whom the W.M. paid a high tribute of praise for the manner in which they had supported him during his period of office. To this toast thanks were returned in suitable terms by the Officers present, and the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. Among the many items contributing to this happy result must be mentioned the really effective services of Bro. G. T. H. Seddon, Organist, who, both in the Lodge and during the post prandial proceedings, furnished a considerable quota to the fund of enjoyment. The songs of Bro. Sparks, Bro. Thorn ("The Wolf"), and Bro. Stephens ("She wore a wreath of roses") being accompanied in the best taste.

Humphrey Chetham Lodge No. 645.—The regular meeting was held on 3rd December, and was well attended. The S.W. (Bro. A. Middleton) was unanimously elected to the chair of W.M., and two brethren were passed to the second degree. Some time ago the brethren voted a silver collar and badge to be worn by the Master in celebration of the Lodge attaining its twenty-fifth anniversary, the warrant being dated February 1855. The collar consists of, alternately, the monogram "H.C." and a plain panel with oval clasp, on which are engraved the names of the several W.M.'s since the formation. The badge consists of the square, from which hangs an oval pendant with the arms and crest of Humphrey Chetham enamelled in the heraldic colours. The chain will be presented on the day of Installation in February 1880, and, should any of the Manchester brethren desire to see it, will be on view at the establishment of the designer, Bro. Joseph Crowther, 38 King-street, Manchester.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday. Present—Bros. Smyth W.M., Clark S.W., Greenwood J.W., R. Williams S.D., Polak J.D., Baker I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, Brasted acting Preceptor; also Bros. Pettet, Hand, Fleck, Margetts, Allen and others. After due observance of custom, Bro. Fleck was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Pettet answered the questions leading to the third degree. Bro. Lorkin worked the first section, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Lorkin worked the first section of the first Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Clark was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Thursday, 11th December. Present—Bros. Gieseke W.M., Serjeant S.W., Wallbrecht J.W., Hine S.D., Fenner Preceptor; also Bros. Klein, Pearcy, and other brethren. The usual formalities were duly observed. Bro. Klein answered the questions leading to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Klein acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the fourth section of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. The auditor's report was adopted. Bro. Serjeant was appointed to preside at the next meeting.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 3rd December, at the Salmon and Ball, Bethnal-green-road. Present—Bros. R. L. Startevant W.M., Clarke S.W., Hadley Prestage J.W., R. J. Chitson Sec., Wooding J.D., Smith I.G., W. Hogg Preceptor. Visitor—Bro. Christian. Business—Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Christian acting as candidate. The first, second and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Christian, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Clarke will preside at the ensuing Wednesday's meeting. In consequence of pressing business engagements, Bro. Chitson resigned the post of Hon. Sec., and Bro. Hadley Prestage was selected to fill the position *pro tem.* The election will take place in April next. Nothing further being offered, the Lodge was closed in due form.

On Wednesday, 10th instant, present—Bros. Clarke W.M., R. L. Startevant S.W., P.M. Toye J.W., Smith Treasurer, Hadley Prestage Secretary, Hammond I.G.; P.M. Hogg Preceptor. Visitor—Bro. Stewart. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Stewart acting as candidate. Bro. Stewart also answered the questions leading from 1st to 2nd degree, and then the first section of the lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed in due form.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, Tuesday, 9th December. Bro. Barker W.M., P.M. Myers S.W., Watkins J.W., Pavitt S.D.; Smith J.D., Shaiter I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor; also Bros. Legg, Andrews, Witherstone, Hudson, Midgley, Barr, White, Sadler, &c. The Lodge opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Legg answered the necessary questions, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Worsley worked the Five Sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge closed in the second, when Bro. Hudson, of

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the Merchant Navy 781, and Bro. Midgley, of the Corinthian 1382, were unanimously elected members. Bro. Myers was elected to fill the chair next meeting. This brother's working, as we have said before, is perfect. The Lodge then closed in due form. We regret absence of the Secretary precluded our inserting any report of last week's meeting.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489. At the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, on Monday. Present—Bros. High W.M., Aspinall S.W., Thomas Jones J.W., Blunt S.D., Crain J.D., Martin I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, C. Lorkin Preceptor; also Bros. Grist, Gittens, Olley and others. The Lodge was opened and minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Grist answered the questions and was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. J. Lorkin worked the first section, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was opened in the third degree and closed to the first. Bro. Crain was elected a member. Bro. Aspinall was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602.—The usual meeting of the brethren of this prosperous Lodge was held at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Friday, the 28th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Alfred Francis Rowley W.M., and despite the notice on the summons, "No Banquet," by some considered ominous, there was a fair attendance. The W.M. was supported by Brothers J. Weston S.W., John Osborn J.W., and other Officers. Among the Past Masters present were Bros. I.P.M. Coombes, E. Lionel, Edward G. Sim; also Bro. R. G. Thomas, the manager of the popular Mohawk Minstrels, the Organist of the Lodge. The principal business consisted in conferring the F.C. degree upon Bro. Isaac Eisenstein, which work was most efficiently performed by the W.M. and his Officers, and the Lodge was duly closed usual manner.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At a meeting held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 4th December. Present—Bros. Alex. Jones W.M., J. W. Fisher S.W. Edmeston J.W., S. Dyer S.D., C. E. Porter J.D., G. Coop I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, J. Wells Secretary; also Bros. W. Seward, H. Stephens, Bellerby, J. J. Clarke, W. M. Wyville, J. Green, Gardner P.M. 780, and Millsom. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Millsom candidate. Bros. Millsom, Bellerby, and Wyville answered the questions leading to second degree and retired. The Lodge was opened in second degree; Bro. J. Wells volunteered as a candidate, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The Lodge was closed in second degree. Bro. Preceptor brought forward the case of a distressed brother of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, and proposed that £2 should be voted out of the funds of the Lodge for his relief. Bro. Fisher seconded this proposition, and it was carried unanimously. Bro. J. W. Fisher was elected W.M. for Thursday, 18th December, and the Lodge was closed in due form, with solemn prayer.

West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623.—The usual meeting of this Lodge was held on the 1st inst., at Bro. T. Butt's, the New Market Hotel, Snow-hill, E.C. Bro. R. Greenwood W.M., supported by Bros. King S.W., Laurence J.W., W. Pennefather P.M. Preceptor, E. Mallett P.M. Hon. Sec., Johnston S.D., Van Raalte J.D., Cohen I.G.; also Bros. Silver, Pettett, Willis, D. Moss, Valentine, Mac. Butt, Hammond, Keeble and Stephens; Past Masters Wallington and Adams. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes received confirmation. The W.M. then worked the ceremony of initiation very creditably, showing the value of the instruction given to beginners at this Lodge by Bro. P.M. Pennefather. Bro. Moss worked the first, Bro. W. Wallington the second, and Bro. Stephens the third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. King was elected to the chair for the next meeting. The offices of Preceptor, Secretary and Treasurer were filled by the re-election of the same brethren. Bros. Stephens, Silver, King and Laurence were elected to audit the Lodge accounts, and report thereon on the 8th inst. A vote of thanks was passed to the Secretary and Preceptor for the excellent discharge of their respective duties. Bros. W. H. Wallington P.M., 860 and F. C. K. Keeble 1426 were elected members, and they thanked the brethren. Lodge was then closed.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked as under:

At the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction No. 1360, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, on Tuesday, 16th December. Bros. Collings J.W. 1585 W.M., Pulsford P.M. 1158 S.W., Wise P.M. 1158 J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Smith, Perdue, Josey, Oliver, Alais, S. Smith, Pulsford. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Radcliffe, Carter, Wise, Farwig, Mander. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Stevens, Symons, Festa. At seven o'clock precisely.

The members of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, spent a very pleasant evening on Wednesday, on which occasion they held their first regular meeting in the new building erected by Bro. G. Isaacs. This building is situate in the Belvedere Road, Lambeth, and is to bear the name of the South London Masonic Hall. In our opinion it is admirably adapted for the purposes for which it was constructed, and this was shared in by all the brethren who were present. We will give particulars of the proceedings the evening in our next.

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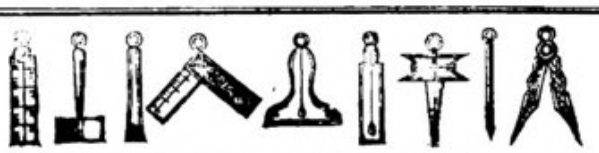

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NORTHUMBERLAND AND BERWICK LODGE OF MARK MASTERS (TIME IMMEMORIAL.)

THE installation and festival of this time-honoured Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the 26th. The Lodge was opened by Bro. W. E. Franklin I.P.M., supported by the Officers and C. B. Banester P.M. G.M.O. of England, Capt. J. A. Forbes P.M. P.G.S.W. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. Bro. Forbes P.M. then presented Bro. Dr. Luke Armstrong to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefits of installation. All below the rank of P.M. then left the Lodge, and on their re-admittance saluted the new occupant of the chair according to ancient form. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following Officers for the ensuing year—Bro. W. E. Franklin I.P.M., T. J. Armstrong S.W., R. L. Armstrong J.W., J. E. Robson M.O., R. G. Solomon S.O., J. Wood J.O., R. Lock Treas., G. W. Lax R. of M., J. S. B. Bell Sec., S. M. Harris S.D., J. Usher J.D., W. S. Hughes P.M. D.C., G. Place Org., C. B. Ford I.G., A. R. Taylor S.S., E. Marston J.S., G. S. Sims Tyler. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Turk's Head Hotel, where they sat down to a capital banquet served in the best manner. Grace having been said, the W.M. gave the first toast, "The Queen, and other members of the Royal Family." The next toast on the list was that of the M.W. Grand Mark Master of England, followed by the Deputy Grand Mark Master and Officers of Grand Lodge, with which toast the name of Bro. C. B. Banester P.G.M.O. was coupled. Bro. Banester expressed his thanks at having his name associated with the toast of the Grand Officers. It was now fifteen or sixteen years since he was first made a Grand Officer. The Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, was a most affable man, perhaps the most, excepting the three Princes, that he knew. He regretted he could not attend more frequently, but he could heartily compliment them on their working, and wished them prosperity. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Rev. Canon Tristram, the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, in doing which he expressed the high opinion he had gained in the Province by his learning and experience in Mark Masonry. Next followed the health of the D.P.G.M. of the Mark degree and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, with which was coupled the name of Bro. Forbes P.G.S.W., who in reply said he felt honoured in having to reply to the toast, but regretted that the Deputy P.G.M. was not present to do so himself, he assured them he would never forget he had the privilege of being S.G.W., nor that he was a member of that time-honoured Lodge. Bro. Banester, in the course of some well-chosen remarks, submitted the name of the W.M. He remarked that they were ruled over by three Armstrongs, which in this town is a tower of strength. He hoped they would emulate the great Armstrong, and make that Lodge second to none, not only in the province, but throughout England. The W.M. thanked Bro. Banester and the brethren for all the kind sentiments expressed towards him. He would do his utmost to uphold the reputation of the Lodge, and secure its prosperity. Before sitting down he would propose a toast which he knew would meet a hearty reception; this was the health of Bro. W. E. Franklin, the Installing Master and I.P.M. He had been called upon to do double duty by the unfortunate ill-health of the last W.M.; but he was always at his post, and deserved the special thanks of the brethren. With this toast he would also couple the name of Bro. Cockburn, the late Master, from whom he then read a telegram, wishing prosperity and every felicity to the Lodge and the brethren. Bro. Franklin returned his thanks for all the kind things said of him, but he specially thanked the Officers for their support, without which he could not have had so pleasant a term of office. The remaining toasts on the list were—"The Officers," "The Visitors," "The Charities," and the Tyler's toast, all of which received due honour. Some capital harmony was rendered by Bros. Place, Ford, Franklin, Banester, &c. Altogether, the proceedings of the day were most successful.

DEATH OF BRO. A. H. REID.

MANY of our readers will hear with regret of the death of Bro. Reid, Registrar of the Wrexham County Court, which took place on Wednesday morning at his residence, Nythfa, Wrexham. Bro. Reid had been in delicate health for the past two years, and during the last twelve months he has been rarely able to perform the duties of the office, which were consequently delegated to the Deputy-Registrar, Mr. Vaughan-Williams. The office of Registrar was formerly held by the late Mr. Edgworth, and on his death, nearly twelve years since, Mr. Vaughan-Williams, the then Judge of this district, in whose gift the office was, presented it to Bro. Reid. It is fair to say that though Bro. Reid was related by marriage to the Judge, his Honor stated as his reason for the selection that the position of Registrar was an important one, inasmuch as it required a knowledge of the practical working of the Bankruptcy Laws, and he had made this the ground of his selection. This judgment of his Honor has been amply justified by after events. In the whole of his official life Bro. Reid exhibited a thorough acquaintance with his profession, especially that branch of it more intimately connected with the office he held. As a rule his decisions were accepted by the profession, and only in one instance do we recollect an appeal being successful in obtaining a reversion. Perhaps no better proof of the manner in which he performed the duties of his office could be given, than by the fact that it secured him the respect and esteem of all his professional brethren, and indeed of all those who had occasion to come into contact with him. Into private life it becomes us not to intrude, further than to say that the virtues of his character, which shone so conspicuously in his public life, were undimmed in his family circle. He leaves a widow and family to mourn his loss, and at the early age of forty-three years he has gone to that "bourn from whence no traveller returns." Bro. Reid was born in 1836, being the son of an eminent physican, Dr. Reid, of Brook-street, London. He was articled to a city firm, and afterwards practised in London for some years, prior to his appointment in Wrexham. In 1872 he married a daughter of the late member of Parliament for Merionethshire, Mr. Williams of Castle Deudraeth. He was a Liberal in politics, and until the present year held the position of Treasurer to the Wrexham Liberal Association. While in the enjoyment of his usual health he was an active member of the Freemason fraternity. He was initiated into the Order in the Denbigh Lodge, and was one of the brethren who assisted in the formation of the Square and Compass (Wrexham) Lodge, and held office under the mastership of Bro. Lewis. He afterwards succeeded to the chair, being the fourth W.M. in the history of the Lodge. The funeral takes place to-day at mid-day, and will be attended by his brother Masons, in full Masonic costume, a dispensation for the purpose having been granted for the occasion by the D.P.G.M., Sir Watkin Williams Wynn. The brethren meet at the Lodge room at eleven o'clock a.m., from whence they will join the procession. This mark of respect for a deceased brother is exceptional in character, and can only take place by permission of the Grand Lodge authorities. It is honorable to the fraternity, and will no doubt be rightly appreciated by the family of the deceased.—*From the Wrexham Advertiser, Dec. 6th*, 1879.

THE CRITERION ANNEXE.

THE Lodge accommodation of the Metropolis has received so much attention of late that the question almost arises whether we have not enough to satisfy all requirements for some time to come. The great increase in the number of London Lodges during the past few years has given rise to a rivalry amongst those whose business it is to cater for the Craft which has led to the providing of special quarters in various parts of London for the holding of Masonic meetings, due regard being paid, at the same time, to the special requirements of the banquet table. We have frequently had to announce the opening of new Masonic homes, and to describe briefly their special features; this week we have pleasure in adding another to the list. Although for a time this may remain the last candidate for public favour, it is far from being the least deserving of support; and we venture to predict it will not long be kept solely for the use of the Moira Lodge, which now meets under its roof. Six years since, the enterprising firm of caterers, Messrs. Spiers and Pond, opened the Criterion Restaurant, in Piccadilly, not without fears being freely expressed at the time that the undertaking was too extensive for successful working. The prognostications of those who entertained these doubts have, however, been proved utterly uncalled for, as the establishment has been a marked success from the day of its opening. The pressure, indeed, on various departments has lately become so great as to render it imperative that considerable additions should be made to the accommodation of the old building, and accordingly, the site of some adjoining shops having been secured, the services of Mr. Verity, the architect of the Criterion, were called into requisition, and from his plans an elegant addition has been made, which has been appropriately named by Messrs. Spiers and Pond the Criterion Annexe. Now that the space is available, it is proposed to introduce certain new features into the business, as well as improve and develop others which past experience has led the proprietors to consider are appreciated by the public, and among this latter we may class the wants of the Craft. Hitherto, the accommodation at the Criterion for Masonic meetings has been of a similar description to that offered by most establishments of a like nature, but now a suite of rooms has been specially designed and furnished for the practice of Freemasonry. The convenience and luxury of this latest addition to our Masonic homes can but be appreciated by the brotherhood at large, and, as we have already stated, will doubtless soon receive support from the London Lodges.

Among the other novelties which are now introduced may be mentioned the Café on the ground floor, comprising an American Bar and a Vienna Bier Saal, the former replete with all the newest fittings demanded for the concoction of the favourite drinks of our American cousins. The presiding genius of this branch of Messrs. Spiers and Pond's business in the old building is doubtless well known to many of our readers, both in his official position and in the Craft, of which he has for some time past been a member. We doubt not he will be as pleased to greet his friends in his new quarters as he was happy to provide for them in the old. A new grill has been erected, and the taste of lovers of oysters specially considered in the providing of a bar devoted to the vending of that delicacy. On the floor above the Masonic suite is a magnificent hall, which can be used at will as an adjunct of the present Criterion Grand Hall. This is intended for public banquets, regimental dinners, balls, wedding breakfasts, &c., and will form a valuable addition to the accommodation already afforded at the establishment. By this enlargement Messrs. Spiers and Pond will also have a suite of private rooms available for dinner parties, public and private meetings, legal arbitrations, &c., so that they will be in a position to widen the circle of their business connection. The premises throughout have been decorated in a highly artistic style, and the furniture and fittings have been chosen with sole

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regard to elegance, suitability, and comfort. The building, in its external characteristics, assimilates to the architectural outlines of the parent building, the Criterion, and Mr. W. Webster, the contractor for the construction, deserves unqualified praise for the manner in which he has carried out the admirable plans of Mr. Verity, the architect.

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PROJECTED EXTENSION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was surprised to learn from your remarks under the above head in the last issue of your paper that so large a sum as £6,500 is proposed to be spent without the subscribers receiving any intimation. On inquiry I find that it is not compulsory for the Secretary to send me a notice of any meetings, and therefore I feel that the whole of my donation to this estimable Charity, small though it may be in comparison to the large total collected each year, may be squandered away without my knowing anything about it. Surely this is not right. I am a young Mason, already a Life Governor of two of the Charities, and fully intend to subscribe more as soon as I feel in a position to do so; and I think that I am fully entitled to receive a notice when so large an amount as £6,500 is going to be spent. The cost would have been very trifling, as a circular with a halfpenny stamp is all that would have been required.

For some time past I have been in the habit of buying plots of ground in the suburbs of London, and either cutting them up for building purposes, or reselling them entire, but I should never dream of giving so much as £1000 an acre, and therefore I cannot imagine why the Girls' Institution should offer so much as they are now doing. I do not know much of the neighbourhood of Clapham Junction, although I have been there several times, but I cannot believe there is a house anywhere near the School that is worth £325 a year rental, even if it has three-quarters of an acre of ground attached, and as a freehold property it should certainly realise five per cent. I shall endeavour to pay a visit and see for myself what we are going to buy, and then, if I am still dissatisfied, I shall attend the next Court, and express my feelings.

I beg to remain, yours fraternally,

A LIFE GOVERNOR.

THE LATE MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You say in your report that "the brethren refused to hear" Bro. While. I know you desire to be fair, and I beg to inform you that you misrepresent the fact. I commented upon the indiscretion of Bro. Stevens in discussing ritual questions *in print*, and that Brother, who had begged and prayed for a hearing, had the discourtesy to raise a shout himself. The critic refused to be criticised. He who had wide-opened eyes for the faults of others could not submit to friendly reproof. I could bear with the bearishness of the few in the assembly who followed the lead of the Clapham P.M. and P.Z., but it is not right that you should represent Grand Lodge as breaking its own laws. If Bro. James Stevens set an example of intolerance, followed by some, you ought not, by the indiscretion of perhaps an amateur reporter, to exhibit men of sound judgment as altogether lacking in the essentials of gentlemen, as your report in these words does represent Grand Lodge. As a matter of fact I said all I intended to say, and, indeed, conveyed more than I intended, for in saying that perhaps Bro. J. Stevens looked to be Grand Director of Ritual, I made a clumsy jest, at which that vigorous-minded and strong-lunged Brother took offence, and I withdrew the expression in order to soften the rancour of his wrath.

Yours faithfully, obediently, and fraternally,

135 Loughborough-road, J. WHILE.
9th December 1879.

CORRECTION.—DERWENT LODGE, No. 40.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The sentence commencing "The first Lodge constituted at Hastings" should read, "The first Lodge constituted at Hastings was, in 1799, at the Swan Inn—No. 583, Lodge of Harmony G.L. Moderns." I was in hopes that the list of Lodges in the "Freemason's Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1880 would have been carefully revised, and the dates annexed to those Lodges formerly under the G.L. Ancients; as it is the only authorised list published, it should be a perfect one.

Yours, &c. T. F.

BRO. S. B. WILSON AND THE HOUSE COMMITTEE OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Being unable to attend the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys to-day, I beg to forward you a copy of a letter I have addressed to them with respect to my dispute with the House Committee.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

S. B. WILSON.

27 Walbrook, London, 6th December 1879.

27 Walbrook, E.C., 27th November 1879.

To the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Brethren and Gentlemen,—Consequent on the seeming misunderstanding with respect to my account for business services in connection with the Institution at Wood Green, which were completed more than twelve months ago, I beg to lay before you a brief statement of the facts.

The House Committee having refused to order payment of the balance due to me, I was obliged to apply for payment through my solicitors. Since such application I have received payment of £100 without prejudice, with the understanding that the balance was to be referred to arbitration. To this I agreed, and offered to refer the matter to Sir Henry Arthur Hunt, C.B., who is the arbitrator for the Office of Works in all such matters, than whom I considered there could be no better authority. The House Committee declined to accept Sir Henry Arthur Hunt as referee, having resolved that they would not refer the question at issue to any Freemason. My solicitors were therefore compelled to inform them that proceedings would be taken for the recovery. On this I was officially informed that Mr. F. Stanley, of 22A Austin Friars, had been appointed by the House Committee with full powers to settle with me. I accordingly immediately instructed my solicitors to stop all further legal proceedings, and requested a gentleman of my own profession to give Mr. Stanley any explanations he might require. It is now more than two months since my friend first endeavoured to make an appointment with Mr. Stanley, and he has made repeated endeavours since, but hitherto without avail. I may add that should I be compelled to recommence proceedings, all the professional gentlemen I shall call as witnesses on my behalf, who are of high standing, will give evidence that there are no overcharges in my account; but, on the contrary, that the usual professional rates are considerably higher than several of the charges on which I have based my account.

I do not know where the blame lies, but I do think that I am not being treated at all fairly in the matter, and as I do not wish to take legal proceedings, I appeal to you with confidence to see me righted.

I am, Brethren and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

S. B. WILSON.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall. There were present—Bros. J. Joyce Murray in the chair, C. F. Matier, H. Massey, E. B. Grabham, Richard Morris (Head Master), H. S. Goodall, W. Maple, George J. Palmer, S. Rosenthal, W. F. C. Montrie, Thomas Meggy, F. Adlard, and F. Binckes Secretary. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Binckes informed the Committee that the investment of £1500 ordered at the former meeting had been made. Two boys were to be admitted into the School by purchase. The Committee then examined petitions, and placed six boys on the list of candidates for admission at next election. Bro. Binckes read a letter from one lad to whom an outfit was granted at the meeting of the Committee in November, thanking the Committee for the gift. Four outfits were afterwards granted to boys who since leaving the Institution had obtained situations. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

COMMITEEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present—Bros. J. Creaton (in the chair), C. A. Cottebrune, Jas. Brett, Thos. Cubitt, Wm. Stephens, A. H. Tattershall, Fredk. Adlard, Chas. Jno. Perceval, Jno. G. Stephens, Richard Hervé Giraud, C. G. Dudley, Jno. H. Leggott, J. M. Case, S. Rawson, Nath. Geo. Philips, Chas. Atkins, and James Terry Secretary. Bro. Terry read a letter from the Earl of Carnarvon, conveying H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' sanction to the day of the Festival of this Institution being altered to 9th February. The death of one annuitant was reported, and the report of the House Committee was read and received. A letter from Bro. R. Percy Middlemist was read, offering his services as hon. surgeon to the outdoor annuitants, and the same was accepted with thanks. Five male petitions were accepted, and one was deferred for one month. Five widows were accepted. Application was made for the use of the hall at Croydon for the New Year's Entertainment to the residents of the Institution, and the same being granted, £20 was voted towards expenses. The proceedings closed with the customary compliment to the chairman.

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CONSECRATION OF THE THISTLE LODGE, S.C.

EXTRACT FROM THE "WAIRARAPA DAILY," OF SEPT. 5, 1879.

AN event of considerable importance as regards the practice of Free and Accepted Masonry in these parts took place in Masterton on the evening of Tuesday last. For some considerable time past it was felt that the cause of Masonry in the Wairarapa stood greatly in need of additional impetus, or otherwise it was felt that the interests of the Craft was in imminent danger of dying out altogether. In this dilemma two or three of the more energetic local members of the Order took the matter in hand, and having overcome some slight opposition, together with a very considerable amount of indifference on the part of those who might have been expected to have known better, the consecration of the Thistle Lodge, the installation of its first Master and investiture of his Officers on Tuesday evening was the outcome of those endeavours. We are requested on behalf of the Lodge to state that the members of the Grand Lodge, Scotch Constitution—the Constitution under which the Thistle Lodge has been established—as also the members of the various Lodges established in Wellington under that particular department of the Order, gave every possible assistance and encouragement to their Masterton brethren in furtherance of their endeavours. That fact was more conspicuous in the number of Grand Lodge Officers and other Wellington brethren who came up to Masterton on Tuesday for the special purpose of being present at the ceremony. Without being in the slightest degree invidious, we are permitted to explain that until sufficient Past Masters were made in the district, Masters elect of the local Lodge were compelled to go to Wellington to obtain the rights conferred on the Master elect of the Thistle Lodge on Tuesday. The sequence of that proceeding was as follows:—Bro. E. T. Gillon Acting D.P.G.M. and his Officers having approved of the apartment selected for Lodge purposes, Grand Lodge was formally opened and constituted in accordance with ancient usage. The consecration service was then proceeded with. Bro. Carver, who was ably assisted by a well-trained choir belonging to the Lodge in Wellington, presided at the harmonium, and the various chants, odes, and anthems appropriate to the proceedings were rendered in a style hitherto unknown to Masonic celebrations in the Wairarapa. The prayers, exhortations, and addresses peculiar to the occasion were rendered ably and impressively by Bro. Gillon and his Grand Lodge Officers. Indeed, nothing could have exceeded the ability and good taste displayed in the matter. The symbolical sprinklings, as also the proclamations in the east, west, and south were all parts of the ceremony performed in a manner which showed how beautiful and impressive the service really became when properly rendered. This was more particularly the opinion of those who had on one or two occasions of late years witnessed similar ceremonies in the Wairarapa. A board of Installing Masters was then formed, and Bro. A. D. Cowan formally installed into the duties and responsibilities of the first Mastership. According to the Masonic practice, Bro. Cowan was saluted with Masonic honors on the proclamation of his installation being made. The officers named in the D.G.L. dispensation were then called up, and formally invested with the insignia of their respective offices. This being done Bro. Gillon addressed the newly-elected Master, his officers and the brethren. Having instructed them respecting their several duties and the observance of their several obligations, he proceeded to trace the history and progress of Craft Masonry as a system. He dwelt at great length upon its antiquity, and furnished interesting data of its preservation and promulgation as a traditionary system. Referring to its more recent history, he mentioned the fact of its rapid spread throughout every part of the civilised world, and defended the tenets of the Craft against imputations made against it by a misdirected ecclesiastical zeal. Alluding to the imputation made against it that it was a secret society, he made an eloquent appeal to the fact that all Nature, in working out the grand design of the universe worked out its operations in secret and surrounded by profound mystery. Before concluding the speaker alluded to the defection of the Grand Orient of France, and expressed a hope that the voice of Masonry throughout the world would continue to support the various Grand Lodges in the course they had taken with respect to that defection. In reply,—the newly elected Worshipful Master delivered the following oration:—Right Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and worthy brethren—I consider it meet I should address you as a Mason raised by you to the proud position of Master of one of the few Scotch Lodges in this Provincial district. However, as we have a great deal of work still before us, I must limit myself to a few remarks. As a Mason initiated, passed, and raised in an English Lodge, I shall, I trust, always retain special feelings of gratitude and veneration for my mother Lodge; at the same time, as a Scotchman, it has always been my earnest desire to become a member of the constitution holding under the country which gave me birth—a country which produced a Bruce, a Wallace, and a Burns, whose muse was always devoted to praise and ennoble the Craft of which he was a worthy Master. In addressing you on some of the principles of the Order I trust you will bear with me, nor deem it presumptuous in so young a man to enunciate his Masonic opinions to those who are much his senior in the Craft. Let my apology be that since my admission among you I have always earnestly endeavored to profit by the advice and experience of my elders, and to educate myself in the traditions and principles of the Order. In deserting operative for speculative Masonry, I cannot but think we have benefitted considerably by the change. The substitution of a research into the mysteries of Nature and Science for a mere mechanical pursuit, has necessarily ennobled the Order and laid the foundation of the greatest institution in the world—an institution based on the most perfect system of morality, and which has existed and flourished from the time of King Solomon's Temple, and will so continue to do so long as any members of the human race display an interest in the principles of moral truth and virtue and the acquisition of knowledge. Again, taking the question from a theological point of view, to be truly Masonic is to be truly religious, whether a man be Jew or Christian. As regards the Jews, the Temple of Solomon was ever famed in all its ordinances for virtue and holiness; and he who in his religion as a Mason honors not his calling belongs neither to Solomon nor to Hiram. As Christians, the pillars of your temple are Faith, Hope, and Charity, and to which I shall take the liberty of adding, with an inspired Apostle, "the greatest of these is Charity." Masonic charity is charity in the heart: he thinks no evil of his brother, he cherishes no designs against him. It is charity upon the tongue also: he speaks no evil, bears no false witness, defames no character, blasts no reputation. He knows that to take away a good name is to commit an evil, the damage of which no wealth can repay, as it is of more value than great riches—rubies, cannot repurchase it, the gold of Ophir cannot regild it to its pristine beauty. It is charity in the hand also: he anticipates his poorer brother's wants, nor puts him to the humiliation of solicitation. He visits the abode of poverty and the house of affliction, and, like a ministering angel sent from above, finds the naked whom he ought to clothe, the famishing to be fed, the wounded to heal, the sickness to be alleviated, and perhaps also the very mind, struggling in doubt and darkness, which requires his instruction and preparation before it can be fitted to take that last and awful journey to that bourne which rests on the brink of obscurity. Suffer not, then, this, your Grand Masonic principle to be lightly spoken of by ribald tongues, but use your utmost endeavours to make its beauties known and seen by all men. This I contend to be one of the leading features of the Order, and it is our duty as well as our privilege to propagate the exercise of this great and noble virtue in these, its threefold operations, and he who does it not is destitute of the true Masonic heart, which is the heart of benevolence, charity, and love. And now, my Worshipful Masters and brethren, it only remains for me to tender you my sincere thanks for the honour you have done me and the privileges you have conferred upon me. It will be my earnest endeavour to discharge the duties of Master of this Lodge with fervency and zeal; and I can assure you that in accepting the position I shall consider myself in the light of a High Priest of the best and noblest system of morality the world has ever produced, and not the mere President of a social order. Brethren, my best thanks are due to you for the trust and confidence you have reposed in me. We have certain mutual duties and responsibilities towards each other, and from my knowledge of you I am certain they will be well and worthily carried out. In conclusion, permit me to hope that God, the G.A. of the Universe, will continue to cement and adorn our Order with all the moral, social, and intellectual virtues, and endow us with such a competency of wisdom as will enable us to carry out the trust reposed in us in such a manner as will redound to His glory and the credit of our Order. The ordinary business of the Lodge was then proceeded with, when a number of the old members of the Craft residing in the district were formally admitted joining members. A large number of candidates were initiated, after which the Lodge closed in due form. Bro. Carver has been elected Organist, and steps have been taken with the view of organising a Lodge choir.

In the evening forty of the brethren sat down to a banquet in the club-room of the Empire Hotel. Both as regards elegance and supply, the provisions made for the creature comforts was on a scale surpassing anything of the kind which has yet taken place in the Wairarapa. The seat in the East was occupied by the newly-elected R.W.M., in the West by the S.W., and the South by the J.W. The Acting D.P.G.M. and his Officers supported the R.W.M. on the right and left. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to with Masonic honours and enthusiasm. In responding to the toast of the Thistle Lodge, the R.W.M. said that it was a well-known fact that opposition had been shown to the establishment of a Lodge in Masterton holding under the S.C., that opposition had taken a form he deeply deplored. It placed him in an awkward position. It was the younger members of the Lodge, the newly initiated who were the most liable to be embarrassed by that sort of feeling. He could only counsel those brethren that it was necessary to exercise great forbearance, and to avoid by all means antagonism against those by whom they have been thus used. It was only by the exercise of this forbearance that a proper state of Masonic feeling would be brought about in the district. Allusion was likewise made to the constitution of the Lodge. The R.W.M. said that although not the founder of Scotch Masonry in the Wairarapa, Bro. Robert Carrick was undoubtedly one of its fathers, and although a non-resident in the district, he had done valuable service in getting the Lodge established. The proceedings of the evening were agreeably diversified by song and sentiment, the meeting breaking up at midnight, with that good old Scotch benediction "Auld lang syne," which was joined in by all present with true Masonic enthusiasm.

ANCIENT EBOR PRECEPTORY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

AT the regular meeting of this body, held at the Masonic Hall, York, on Tuesday, 9th inst, the E.P. Sir Knight J. S. Cumberland presided, supported by Sir Knights William Lawton P.E.P. as Const., G. Simpson Marshal, T. B. Whytehead P.E.P. Registrar and Treasurer, T. W. Wilson, M. Millington, A. T. B. Turner, L. Murphy (Eblana Preceptory), and others. Companion Major T. B. Shaw-Hellier, 4th Dragoon Guards, was received and installed a Knight of the Order. Scrolls were then taken for E.P. and Treasurer, and proved unanimous in each case, Sir Knight the Hon. W.T. Orde-Powlett being chosen Preceptor, and E. Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead P.E.P. Treasurer. On the proposition of Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead, seconded by Sir Knight Lawton, and supported by the E.P., E. Sir Knight A. M. Broadley P.E.P. Melita Preceptory, Malta, and Prov. G. Prelate of the Mediterranean, was elected an honorary member of the Preceptory. The alms having been collected, the Preceptory was then closed, and the members adjourned to supper at the Queen's Hotel, where the usual toasts were duly honoured.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 13th DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, at 8 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8

1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

MONDAY, 15th DECEMBER.

1—Grand Masters, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
M. M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phœnix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New street, Birmingham.
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R. A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R. A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R. A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch

TUESDAY, 16th DECEMBER.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 7 (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1555—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
R. A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Calender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.

WEDNESDAY, 17th DECEMBER.

174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at (Instruction) 8
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C.
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
423—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germains, Cornwall
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1391—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
R. A. 290—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
R. A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury

THURSDAY, 18th DECEMBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Station, at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
695—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire
863—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

FRIDAY, 19th DECEMBER.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8 (Inst.)

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.
933—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1066—Lord Warden, Lord Warden Hotel, Lower Walmer, Kent
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
R. A. 903—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford.
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
K. T.—Faith, New Masonic Rooms, Daley-street, Bradford

SATURDAY, 20th DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

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St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180.—The regular meeting of this excellent working Lodge was held on Tuesday, 9th instant, at Freemason's Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. S. Farwig W.M., W. Stollard S.W., C. J. Wade J.W., L. B. Pillin Treas., W. C. Parsons P.M. Sec., G. B. Fletcher S.D., J. Wood J.D., Bishop as I.G.; P.M.'s Stonor, Cameron, L. Herf, A. Annett, Robinson; Bros. Reibold, Adams, Boemper, Symons, Much, A. W. Staton, Maxted, Bishop, Shelley, Pinto Leite, Leper, Lakin, Sarte, &c. Visitors—Bros. D. P. Case P.M. 1159, C. Holste 1441, Brailey 1531, Guye 34, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Boemper, of a Lodge in Mayence, was elected a joining member. Bro. Adams was raised to the third degree. Bro. Boemper was passed to the second degree, and Mr. Thomas Denne, who had been balloted for and accepted, was initiated into the Order. All these ceremonies were perfectly and impressively rendered by the W.M., who was ably assisted by the Officers. The W.M. gave the Traditional History, and the explanation of the five points; he was listened to with great attention. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. Stollard S.W. was unanimously chosen. Bro. L. B. Pillin was re-elected Treas., and Bro. Gilbert Tyler. Bro. Stonor was re-elected Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund. Bros. Adams, Russell, and Maxted were appointed auditors. Bro. Pillin P.M. proposed, and Bro. Cameron P.M. seconded, a proposition that a gold Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. Farwig on his retiring from the chair, for the able and efficient manner in which he had conducted its duties during the past year, and in testimony of the high estimation in which he was held by the brethren. The W.M. thanked the brethren for their kind and cordial vote; he would wear the jewel with pride in remembrance of his connection with the Lodge. The W.M. then intimated that it was his intention to represent the Lodge at the next Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a sum of ten guineas was voted from the fund to be placed on his list. Bro. Pillin P.M. said, some time since the late Bro. Francatelli promised a snuff box for the Lodge. Since his death his widow wished to carry out this request. He hoped that a suitable plate and inscription would be placed on it, and also that a letter be sent to Mrs. Francatelli, thanking her for her gift. Bro. Staden offered to have a suitable plate and inscription placed on the snuff box, and Bro. Levitt offered to keep it filled. A letter was read from Bro. H. A. Stacey P.M., late Secretary, thanking the Lodge for the valuable testimonial presented to him. Bro. Fletcher S.D. proposed that a ball be held as hitherto, under the patronage of the Lodge, and the W.M. elect consented to act as President. The resignation of a brother was accepted, with regret. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. After the first toast the National Anthem was sung by Bro. Pillin, Bro. Hart accompanying him on the piano. Bro. Parsons I.P.M. then rose and said he had great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M., who was one who had done his duty. Bro. Farwig had worked the ceremonies to their satisfaction, and he hoped the brethren would heartily drink to the toast. Bro. Russell here sang "She wore a wreath of Roses," and then the W.M. thanked Bro. Parsons for the manner in which his health had been proposed, and also for the assistance he had received, not only from the Past Masters, but also from every Officer and Brother in the Lodge; he thanked them for their hearty response. The W.M. had now great pleasure in proposing the health of the newly initiated Brother, who, he was sure, would become a credit to the Order. He would also associate with this toast the name of Bro. Boemper, the joining member. After a song from Bro. Pillin, Bro. Denne returned thanks; he was followed by Bro. Boemper, who fully justified the remarks made by the W.M. The toast of the Visitors was next introduced, after which Bro. Pinto Leite sang in his usual artistic style. Bros. H. M. Levy and Brailey responded to the toast. The W.M. regretted the W.M. elect was absent on business of great importance; however, he was sure the selection the brethren had made was the right one. He next proposed the toast of the Past Masters; all of whom are well known and appreciated. Every reliance and confidence can be placed on them; their working was always good, and their interest for the welfare of the Lodge could not be exceeded. He would call on Bro. Robinson to respond. After a song from Bro. Cooper, Bro. Robinson responded. He saw with pleasure new blood being introduced into the Lodge. He trusted those who had joined that evening would eventually occupy the chair. He regretted the absence of one of the oldest Past Masters, Bro. H. A. Stacey, but hoped on the next occasion that brother would be present; he was sure no one stood higher in their regard. This year had not been commercially a prosperous one, but he hoped when the accounts were audited they would find a good balance in their favour. Bro. W. C. Parsons followed. He hoped the manner the W.M. had spoken of him would fully justify his great anxiety to do all he could for their comfort. The Tyler's toast was next given, and the brethren separated. All agreed that a very delightful evening had been spent. Bro. L. Herf also contributed to the harmony.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at Bro. Butt's, the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, on Monday, 8th December. Present—Bros. F. Sillis W.M., Halle S.W., Wing J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Fox S.D., Pelikan I.G.; also Bros. Dove sen., Dove jun., Symons, Patrick, &c. Usual ceremonial was duly observed. Bro. Dove jun. gave proof of his ability as an E.A., and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced a degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Dove jun. being the candidate. The ceremony was performed in an able manner by the W.M. Bro. Fenner worked the second and third, Bro. Tolmie the fourth and fifth sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. E. Dove, of the Mother Lodge, was elected a member. Bro. Halle was elected to preside at the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed.

Fortitude Lodge, No. 131.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 9th December, at the Masonic Rooms, Truro. The brethren unanimously elected the S.W. Bro. T. W. Willcocks W.M. for the ensuing year. A very hearty vote of thanks was awarded the Worshipful Bro. J. H. Sampson W.M. for presenting his portrait and a set of ebony silver mounted gavels.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 6th inst. Present—Bros. Brasted W.M., Mallord S.W., Giller J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, W. Williams S.D., Ross J.D., Spencer I.G.; also Bros. J. Lorkin, Hogg, Trewinnard, R. Defries, Houghton, Mackey, Halford Treasurer. The ceremony of initiation was very capably rehearsed, Bro. Houghton candidate. Bro. J. Lorkin worked the first, Bro. Fenner the second, Bro. J. Lorkin the third, Bro. Fenner the fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Mallord was elected W.M. for next meeting. After which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406.—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place, on the 3rd December, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Lodge was opened by Bro. John Page Prov. G. Standard Bearer W.M., supported by the following Officers:—Bros. R. L. Armstrong I.P.M., R. G. Salmon S.W., G. W. Lax J.W., S. M. Harris Secretary, E. Dunford S.D., J. S. B. Bell J.D., Boyed as I.G., Kerry Organist, Lisson Steward, and G. S. Sims Tyler. The minutes being confirmed, three brethren were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Armstrong P.M. The degree in each case was worked in the most perfect and correct manner. Routine business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshments. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts received a hearty response. Bro. S. M. Harris, the Secretary, called the attention of the brethren to the claims of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, and distributed circulars amongst them. A very interesting and animated discussion ensued on the objects of the Fund, in the course of which Bro. Lax J.W. expressed a fear that the promoters of the Fund aimed at doing too much, and, whilst agreeing with some of its objects, he could not support all. Several of the brethren present intimated to Bro. Harris their intention of becoming subscribers to the Fund. The visitors present were:—Bros. J. Cook P.M. 481 P. Prov. G.S.W., the W.M. of the Walker Lodge 991, Braithwaite S.W. 1427, Dodds 1626, Boyed 48, &c., &c.

Gilbert Greenall Lodge, No. 1250.—A meeting was held on Tuesday evening, 9th December, at the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington. Present—Bros. T. H. Sutton W.M., J. H. Galloway S.W., Spencer Wallhead J.W., W. Richardson P.M. Treasurer, D. W. Finney P.M. Prov. G.D. of C. West Lancashire Secretary, T. Hutchinson S.D., John Jones and J. Farrington Stewards, W. Taylor I.G., T. Domville Tyler; Past Masters—Bros. Woods, Hawkins, P. J. Edelsten, Sharp P. Prov. G.J.W. West Lancashire; Shaw, Green, A. Potter, J. H. Potter, Bolton, Baird, Houghlin, Farrington, Barber, Shilcock, Smethurst, A. F. G. Potter, Webster, Barlow, &c. Visitors—Bros. J. Rymer Young W.M. 148, C. Skinner 148, Thomas Ireland 484. The Lodge having been opened in the usual form, the Secretary read the minutes of the last regular meeting, which were confirmed. Bro. D. W. Finney P.M. 148 1250 Prov. G.D. of C. West Lancashire had written a paper on the "Masonic Charities," more especially the Royal Institution for Boys, and Bro. Farrington read it, Bro. Finney suffering from a cold. The W.M., Bros. Sharp, Wallhead, Richardson, Hawkins and others having spoken upon the paper, it was unanimously resolved to send a Steward to represent the Lodge at the next Festival of the Boys' School. Votes of thanks followed, to Bro. Finney for his writing and to Bro. Farrington for his reading.

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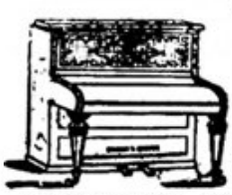

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THE PROJECTED EXTENSION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

AS may be gathered from our correspondence column, the question of the purchase of Lyndcombe House and grounds by the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls is not likely to pass unchallenged. So far as we are concerned, we have no feeling in matters of this description beyond that which should actuate us all—to do as much good as possible with the funds annually subscribed by the Craft for the purposes of charity, whether they be dispensed by Grand Lodge, or one or other of the Institutions connected with the Order. We are almost tired of explaining this fact in connection with our remarks, but it seems necessary to again refer to it, for we hear it is asserted that we are acting in opposition to the true spirit of Masonic charity. We do not know whether those who make this statement do so from ignorance or stupidity. If from the former, we hope we have now enlightened them; if from the latter we once for all decline to discuss the matter; we can only hope that the future will clearly prove the disinterestedness of our comments. We have given expression to our ideas on this particular matter in rather stronger terms than is our wont, from the fact that we consider the grant a most unwarrantable diversion of the funds of the Institution from their proper course, and in the hope that we may arouse the general body of subscribers to take action for themselves, rather than leave the matter in the hands of the few who were present when the vote was passed. We are strongly of opinion that a notice should be sent to every subscriber of the Charity when such a proposition as the one under question is to be brought forward, and if nothing else results, we hope the present discussion will be the means of causing an alteration in this respect to be made in the laws of the Institution. Considering that an event of so much importance can hardly occur more than once a year the outlay is not worth mentioning—a matter of £15 being ample for the purpose—and then it would be impossible to say that the whole matter had been rushed through, without all interested having been made acquainted with the proposal. Under present arrangements it cannot be said that notice has been given, for there are very many brethren in the more distant Provinces who do not even see a London daily paper from one year's end to another, much less notice any particular advertisement out of the thousands therein inserted; neither can it be expected that the Provincial Grand Secretaries can make it known throughout their respective districts in time to be of any service. It is not our wish to urge the brethren to upset the matter on mere questions of rendering of laws, although we believe the whole of the proceedings could be nullified on that ground alone; we rather advocate a full and free discussion of the arguments for and against the proposed expenditure, and hope that in the end the result will prove for the benefit of the School. We think that whatever is done there can be no necessity to make a personal question of the matter; those who approve of the proposed outlay are as much entitled to respect as those who object to it, and as far as we are concerned no expression of opinion will be excluded from our pages. Hitherto we have been opposed to the expenditure, and unless we can be convinced we are wrong, we shall use every honourable argument in our power to support our view of the case, and that without offering insult to any who may differ with us on the subject. In our issue last week we predicted that any one who undertook the task of leading an opposition must be prepared for abuse; the words were not published before they were verified, for a contemporary, which was issued the same day as ourselves, opened the attack on the objectors with as much abuse as was in its power to express in the few lines devoted to the subject. We will not question the policy or taste of the course adopted, except by pointing out that it virtually defeats the end in view, for no one who has the slightest self-respect would care to lay himself open to such insult as is offered by the editorial in question. Our contemporary understands that the purchase is being violently attacked by privately circulated statements, circulars, and petitions. We do not profess to know all that is going on in the Craft, but we presume we are cognisant of a great deal of what is being done, and so far as we know the purchase is attacked neither violently nor privately. Those who object to the outlay naturally feel that the question must be made public, or else the whole matter will be settled without what they deem the desirable object being attained. So far as we know they support our idea that a circular announcing the proposal should be sent to every one entitled to a vote at the meeting, and surely if they desire to serve all alike they can hardly be accused of acting privately. As regards petitions, the only paper anything like a petition we have seen is headed as follows:—

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Proposal to spend SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS in the purchase of a House and three-quarters of an acre of Land!!!

The undersigned Governors and Subscribers to the R.M.I. Girls respectfully invite co-operation in opposing this suggested misapplication of the funds of the Institution.

December 1879.

What, we ask, is there in this to warrant the charge of violence? If our contemporary has been told that there is any secresy maintained in circulating this form, we can only say, so far as our knowledge goes, that he is misinformed. We have one at our office, ready for the signatures of any wise care to sign, and could name many brethren who like-who have copies if there were any need for such a course—but we hold there is not. It is legitimate, as well as customary, on such questions as the one at issue, for an opinion to be asked for without any hint being given as to who are actually leading; every one who signs may naturally be supposed to have signified his intention of working, and no obstacle would be placed in the way of a brother who felt any desire to obtain a complete list of the signatures. Our contemporary further states that it "says nothing of the ingratitude involved in such proceedings towards that distinguished brother whose labours for the welfare of the Girls' School are beyond all praise; neither of the unworthy clap-trap displayed and the 'bad form' manifested in such underhand proceedings, but desires to protest openly, as before the Craft, against a system of procedure which is unworthy of us as Freemasons and gentlemen, and which evidences lowness of mind as well as an utter forgetfulness of all Masonic teaching, alike in the motives it seeks to suggest, and the end it is apparently anxious to achieve." It is first necessary to point out to the writer of this paragraph that the question at issue concerns no individual in particular, and that it is no more a Masonic matter than is the purchase of a plot of ground in an obscure part of the world by an individual who has never even heard of the existence of Freemasonry. It is a public question, and one that concerns not only the

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subscribers of to-day, but also those who are to continue in the future the work that is now being carried on. We imagine that Lieut.-Col. Creaton is too much a man of the world to countenance for a moment the idea that the rejection of his proposition would be meant as a personal offence; he might regret that his views did not meet with the approval of the majority, but he certainly cannot wish the general body of subscribers to look upon him as incapable of forming a wrong opinion. We very much doubt whether he will thank our enthusiastic contemporary for suggesting that this shall be the means of gauging the gratitude the subscribers owe him for what he has done in the past. The writer appears to have formed his own idea of the motives attributed by the opponents to those who support the proposition, and we presume they are not complimentary; as he describes them as evidencing an utter forgetfulness of all Masonic teaching. It is a pity the writer does not openly express his suppositions when he is ignorant of his subject, for then it would be possible to answer him; as it is, we must simply pass over his remarks as we find them. His concluding advice is good—"let us avoid mischief makers and agitators of every degree"—if it was not so woefully out of place in speaking of Freemasons. We trust both those who favour and those who oppose this grant will prove themselves to be gentlemen.

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THE EVILL HOUSE SCHEME.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your prediction that those who oppose this ill-advised project must be prepared for abuse, has been speedily verified by the publication in a contemporary of a tirade of falsehoods and vulgar aspersions, which would certainly have been refused insertion by the lowest scandal paper of the period. You will possibly agree with me that this ungrammatical splutter of an ill-natured pen is too far beneath contempt to be noticed in your columns, except (1) to express surprise that the respected proprietor of the journal in which it appeared should have permitted his paper to be the medium of circulating such vile trash; and (2) to accept the evidence thrust upon us, that the scheme needs the support of falsehood and scandal, and must consequently be bad indeed. The brief evidently is, "*a bad case; no defence; abuse Plaintiff's attornies.*"

May I beg space, however, to reply briefly to a few of the subscribers who have favoured me with inquiries. One Brother says, "Why was not attention called to the extravagant idea before the meeting was held?" The answer is, there was not time. The meeting was a special one, quite unexpected, called by advertisement only—without summonses to subscribers—a week before the date of holding the Court; and any reference, to it in your pages could only have appeared on the day of meeting, too late for the majority, even of London subscribers, to attend Freemasons' Hall at midday.

I have several requests for "copies of the report of the discussion before the General Committee." The question does not appear to have been submitted to the General Committee. The Special Court was convened upon the requisition of the Treasurer only, and I am not aware that the General Committee has been invited to discuss the matter or to express any opinion upon it. Governors will decide for themselves whether this was courteous or frank. I am further asked if I can tell "whether there is a building fund available for this proposal." Certainly not. Had there been any funds specially subscribed for bricks and land, no objection could fairly have been raised by those who subscribe to the education and maintenance fund. It is the attempt to appropriate the *children's* money that is objected to. *We* desire to feed, clothe, and educate the children; if *others* prefer land speculations, they should at least provide their own capital for their own special object.

From two quarters I have received a suggestion, that it might appear ungracious now to oppose a vote passed at a meeting which we neglected to attend. In ordinary cases, as for instance the Quarterly General Courts, the dates of which we are supposed to know, I admit that this might have some weight; but the fact of a *Special* Court, for the unusual purpose of voting away £6,500, being called at seven days' notice, without any other intimation than a newspaper advertisement, is an entirely different matter. The opinions of the Governors have not been invited, a snatch vote has been taken without the intervention of the General Committee, and the subscribers will endorse your recommendation that the wasteful vote may be rescinded, and the funds applied to the legitimate purposes of the Charity.

I am, &c.

17th December 1879. H.

PROJECTED EXTENSION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Whilst yielding to no man in my desire to see the advancement of the Girls' School, I must yet enter my protest against the proposed expenditure of £6,500 in additional land and buildings, believing, as I do, that the interest on that sum would be more beneficially employed in making grants, of say £20 per annum each, for the education, &c., of children in the vicinity of their own homes. This £6,500 at £4 per cent would thus provide for thirteen of such cases, and if this system were adopted in the majority of instances, both in the Girls' and Boys' Schools, it would have the effect of clearing the long lists of candidates seeking election—some of them year after year without success; and would in my opinion do far more good than the present system, by extending the benefits to a much larger number of children.

I need only point to the West Lancashire Institution, which adopts this *home* system of Education, to the relief of a large number of children every year; also to the East Lancashire Institution, which, though of more recent formation is carrying on a great and good work on somewhat similar lines. Without wishing to disparage the good accomplished by the Girls' and Boys' Schools under the present system, I think it cannot be denied that some such supplementary scheme as I have thrown out will ere long of necessity have to be adopted, in order to meet the constantly increasing number of applications, and if adopted, will, I have no doubt, be hailed with satisfaction by the Craft generally.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

J. N.

East Lancashire, 15th December 1879.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the last Festival of the Girls' School I paid ten guineas to constitute myself a Life Governor, and I most strongly protest against more than one-half of my money—that is, I believe, the proportion as compared with the year's income—being spent in acquiring the plot of ground and house, as proposed by Bro. Creaton. It makes one almost regret giving when such wholesale waste is contemplated.

Yours fraternally,

DISGUSTED.

THE LATE MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—After twice reading the letter of "Bro. WHILE," and referring to your Report of Grand Lodge proceedings to which he alludes, I must confess myself unable to see the point of his protest. If our Brother's remark as to "the indiscretion of perhaps an amateur reporter" is intended as a depreciatory comment upon the *résumé* of an unusually long meeting, as given in the CHRONICLE of the 6th instant, I think that on a re-perusal he will be bound to admit that, if it is the work of an amateur, many professionals engaged on our daily journals might take a few lessons from that amateur with advantage. If his objection refers to the facts as reported, I cannot discover any inconsistency. "Bro. WHILE" may have *said* all he wished to say, but, as a matter of fact, he was certainly inaudible to the majority in Grand Lodge, after the perpetration of what he himself terms his "clumsy jest" on Bro. Stevens' motive. What then is the point of his objection to your report?

Yours fraternally,

17th December 1879. P.M.

UNIFORMITY OF MASONIC WORKING AND OBSERVANCE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am pleased to see from your impression of last Saturday that Bro. Stevens has consented to print for private circulation his speech in Grand Lodge on the 3rd instant. It will be of great interest to many Provincial brethren who, like myself, were precluded by distance from hearing the details of his arguments, which must have been most effective to secure the success which has attended his motion on the subject of "Uniformity."

I have read the report of the discussion in the *Freemason*. Anything more feeble in the way of opposition than Bro. Woodford's speech I never read. I could have spoken nearly every word of it in seconding or supporting Bro. Stevens's motion. It appears to me to be simply this:—Previous to 1813 there were many and varying Rituals in use among the Craft, but at that date it seemed good to Grand Lodge to order that henceforth there should be only *one* use Ritual. *Therefore*, urges Bro. Woodford, it is desirable that any Lodge should be at liberty to adopt any fanciful variation it may choose, and any attempt to reproduce uniformity is undesirable, and must be abortive in its results. Oh, Bro. Woodford, where is your logic? Nay, where is your common sense? Because Grand Lodge in 1813 gathered into one the various uses, each having its own concurrent authority, therefore in 1880 the *one authorised* use is to be tampered with by all sorts of unauthorised variations.

Put the same line of thought as applicable to the ecclesiastical

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controversies of the present day. Before the reign of Elizabeth there had been many recognised *uses* of public worship in the Church of England—Sarum, York, Durham, &c. The evil of this was so apparent that it was determined to reduce the services to one use, and the Act of Uniformity was passed to enforce the decision. *Good!* Therefore, according to Bro. Woodford, in 1880 the clergy ought to have full liberty to introduce into their churches any variations in the one authorised use they like; they need not confine themselves to York, or Sarum, or Durham, but may pick and choose and intrude on the public worship of the Church any rite or form that takes their fancy. The very idea would drive the wildest Ritualist (*I am tainted that way myself*) stark staring mad! Yet this is the argument which the obstructives put forward, and are simple enough to suppose will weigh with thoughtful men.

Put it in the form of a syllogism:—

Grand Lodge declared that there should be only one authorised Ritual throughout the Craft.

Many Lodges have introduced unauthorised rituals of their own.

*** Therefore these Lodges are in the strict line of obedience to Grand Lodge!!!

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

T. R., P.M. &c. Cornwall.

15th December 1879.

ROYAL ARCH.

ROYAL JUBILEE CHAPTER, No. 72.

A REGULAR convocation of this old Chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Thursday, the 11th inst., under somewhat melancholy circumstances, the M.E.Z. having died very suddenly three days after the last convocation, and the Companions in consequence appearing in mourning. Ex-Comp. Foxall I.P.Z. occupied the chair of M.E.Z., supported by Ex-Comp. Nunn H., Ex-Comp. Lovett J., Ex-Comp. Webb P.Z. Treasurer; Comps. Dunn S.N., H. Lovegrove P.S., Salter 1st Assist. S., Potter Janitor; Laskey P.Z., Dodson P.Z., Lean, Cox, Amis, Walker, and others; the only Visitor being Ex-Comp. Thompson P.Z. 507. After ballot, Bro. Reid was introduced, and duly exalted, the lectures being given by Comps. Foxall and Nunn in a very creditable manner. The installation of Principals was proceeded with by Ex. Comp. Foxall, the following being the complete list of Officers:—Comps. Nunn M.E.Z., Lovett H., Dunn J., Webb Treas., Foxall Scribe E., H. Lovegrove Scribe N., Salter P.S., and Potter Janitor. Comp. Salter invested Comps. Amis and Walker as 1st and 2nd Assistant Sojourners. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of Comp. Durkin, the late respected M.E.Z. After the transaction of some routine business, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to the banquet, over which the M.E.Z. Comp. Nunn presided.

PRUDENT BRETHREN CHAPTER.

THE regular Convocation for the Installation of Principals and Investment of Officers for the next twelve months was held on Tuesday, the 9th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. Present—Comps. Thiellay M.E.Z., Cox H., Venn J., States P.Z. Scribe E., Haslett N., Braine 1st Asst. Soj., Bull P.Z. Treas., Warrington P.Z., Moody P.Z.; also Comps. Verrall, Lambe, Leggott, Woods, Moon, Manby, Reid, Chinnery, J. Langton, Pringle, Clarke jun., Waugh, Masters, Banks, Elsley, Biggs, Martin, Leliva, Headon, Woodliffe, Lenty, Jermyn Boyd, and J. D. Langton. Visitors—W. F. Hingston 93, Smallpeice 21, Stanning 538, Hutchinson 188, Broadley (D.G.M. Malta) 1717, J. L. Thomas P.G.S.B. P.Z. 13, Z. 1328, Green 975, Stiles 1507, &c. Chapter was opened in due form, and the Companions were admitted. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the report of Audit Committee was received and adopted. A Board of Installed first Principals was formed, and Comp. Cox installed as Z., by Comp. Bull; Comp. Venn installed as H., by Comp. Cox; Comp. Haslett installed as J., by Comp. Cox. The Investiture of Officers next took place, Comps. Bull P.Z. Treasurer, Moody P.Z. Scribe E., Belfrage (by proxy) Scribe N., and Braine Principal Soj.; the latter appointed Comps. Headon as 1st Assistant, Leggott 2nd Assistant. Comp. Reinhards was elected Janitor. The ballot was then taken for Bro. J. D. Langton; it proved unanimous in his favour, and he was introduced and exalted into R.A. Masonry. Two resignations were received, and accepted, with regret. The report of the Committee appointed by the Chapter to confer with the Committee of the Lodge of Prudent Brethren as to the best means of perpetuating the memory of the late Comp. Boyd was read by Comp. Kerrall, Secretary to joint Committees. The Committee recommended that the sum of fifty guineas be voted by the Chapter, to be added to a similar sum from the Lodge, in order to found a John Boyd Medal, to be presented annually for competition in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in which Institution our late Companion took a great interest. Bro. Bull P.Z. Treasurer gave notice that he would propose, at the next meeting, that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. Chapter was then closed.

North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471—A convocation was held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. on Thursday, 11th December. Present—M.E. Comps. Hobbs Z., Braine H., Cusworth J., Mather Preceptor, McMillan P.S., Halford Treasurer, Hunter S.E., Weston N.; Comps. Fysh, Lee, Griggs, Brasted and Cogan. The M.E.Z. declared the Chapter open for the purpose of Improvement, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of Exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Brasted acting as candidate. Comps. Lee, Brasted and Cogan were elected members. The Chapter was then closed and adjourned to Thursday, 18th December, at eight o'clock, after which it will be closed for a fortnight, and resume on Thursday, 8th January 1880.

MASONIC KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

AT the meeting of the Veterans' Encampment, held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple last evening, E. Sir Kt. V. Bird presided. Sir Kt. Thomas Heath, 1st Captain and P.P.G.S.B., was unanimously elected as E. Commander for the year commencing March 1880; E. Sir Kt. J. Anstin as Treasurer; and, on the suggestion of E. Sir Kt. J. B. Gover, it was resolved that there be no banquet on the occasion.

It is with much pleasure we learn that Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott—at present in office as Lord Mayor of London—has been unanimously re-elected W.M. of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, which holds its meetings at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C.

We have received from Messrs. Ward, Lock and Co. the first number of a new weekly magazine, entitled "The Illustrated Household Journal and Englishwoman's Domestic Magazine." It contains what has long been wanted—a cheap weekly fashion book, also useful and entertaining articles on needlework, and notes upon subjects specially interesting to ladies. It is intended that the monthly parts be enclosed in a wrapper, and contain a coloured Fashion Plate, or other suitable Supplement.

THE ROYAL PRINCES AND FREEMASONRY.—On Saturday afternoon their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold were admitted as members of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta in England and Wales. The ceremony was performed at the elegant little Masonic Hall of the Supreme Council, 33 Golden-square, which is devoted entirely to Masonic purposes, and where there is a choice library of Masonic books, and a beautiful museum of Masonic curiosities. The ceremony was performed by Colonel Shadwell H. Clarke, Great Sub-Prior, in the presence of a distinguished company, including Lord Skelmersdale Great Prior, Mr. W. Beach, M.P., Captain N. G. Philips, General Brownrigg, General Henry Clerk, Colonel Barney, M. Sandeman, Sir Patrick Colquhoun, Sir Michael Costa, Mr. R. H. Giddy, Mr. S. Rawson, Mr. James Lewis Thomas, Colonel Randolph, Colonel Burdett, General Doherty, Mr. E. Letchworth, Mr. Magnus Ohren, Mr. Hyde Pullen, and Mr. J. M. P. Montagu. The Royal Princes, according to ancient custom, were introduced as Knights of the Temple, and having been properly obligated, were invested as Knights of the Temple and Malta. The ceremony which was very imposing—the whole of the knights being arrayed in gorgeous robes, and the hall bearing all the insignia of the degrees—having been completed, their Royal Highnesses signed the book of names and retired.—*Daily Chronicle.*

"Unity is strength," is a motto that is universally recognised as correct, and bearing this in mind the *employés* of several public bodies have of late years combined for various purposes, among other matters selected by them being that of trading. These amateur shopkeepers have, in not a few instances, been so elated by the apparent success which has attended their efforts as to imagine that they were geniuses in the line, and, perhaps from the novelty of the situation, or for want of something to occupy their leisure hours, some of them have started large establishments for the purpose of catering for themselves and families, as well also for as many of their friends as could be imbued with the notion that the *acmé* of shopkeeping had been discovered. The action of certain Crown servants—a branch of the community that has made itself especially conspicuous in this respect—has somewhat raised the ire of the tradesmen, whose interests appear to be affected by the operations of these amateur traders, and accordingly a wordy warfare has ensued. Of this it is not our intention to give any particulars; we sympathise with the traders, but at the same time we believe that the so-called evils of Civil Service trading will eventually prove a blessing to the community at large, who will speedily discover that ready money purchasers are respected and treated as well by private firms as by corporate bodies. It stands to reason that a man who has devoted time and money for the purpose of perfecting himself in a certain branch of business, can serve us better than he whose education has been so directed as to fit him only for the ledger or correspondence department of a large establishment, and, therefore, we have no hesitation in predicting that if the traders will only show a bold front the trouble will soon be at an end. Among the strongest opponents of this trading by Crown servants we may mention Messrs. J. E. Shand and Co., wine merchants, of Albert Mansions, S.W. Whether our esteemed friend the head of that firm has or has not formed the same opinion as ourselves, it is very certain that he now offers to compete with the Stores on fair business grounds—that is, a small profit based on the system of cash purchases, to which he can add the advantage of a long and tried experience, and a reputation for fair dealing. In business there should be no Freemasonry, but if we can deal with our brethren on the broad principle of helping one another, we think we are fulfilling a law, perhaps unwritten but none the less binding.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 104, STOCKPORT.

THE Annual Festival of St. John, in connection with the above Lodge, was celebrated on Monday, the 8th December, at its place of meeting, Ashton-house, Greek-street, Stockport, when, in addition to its own members, the Lodge was honoured by the presence of many distinguished visitors. There being a pressure of business on hand, a morning session was held, at which the report of the Charity Committee for the past year was adopted. The following extract from it speaks for itself of the good work done by the Lodge in this direction, viz. :—"Your Committee have during the year devoted £126 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £10 10s to the Cheshire Educational Institution, £5 5s to assist an aged member of the Lodge of Concord 323 in obtaining a Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution annuity, and £23 in relief of local cases of distress; altogether a total of £164 15s. Towards this amount the Lodge Fund has been taxed to the extent of twenty-five guineas only, the remainder having been derived from the regular Charity receipts, supplemented by the voluntary donations of the brethren." The acceptance of this report was followed by the initiation of two brethren, and Bro. Major Francis Preston, C.E., was raised to the completion of his degrees. It may also be stated that a very worthy and distinguished Mason—Bro. Captain Henry Turner P.M. 62 and 654 P.P.G.S.W. Derbyshire—was duly elected as a joining member. After a short adjournment, the important event of the day—viz., the Installation of Bro. Henry Collier S.W. and W.M. elect—was then commenced, the ceremony being in the hands of Bro. Herbert Finch, a P.M. of the Lodge, P.G.D. of C. Cheshire, who appointed, for the purpose of the ceremony, Installed Masters to the several positions in the Lodge, viz. :—Bros. Captain H. Turner P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire S.W., Alderman Hardon P.P.S.G.D. East Lancashire J.W., Dr. T. Smith P.P.J.G.D. Cheshire Chaplain, C. Pearson P.M. 104 and 1077 Secretary, W. Harrison P.S.G.D. Cheshire S.D., W. Hickton P.J.G.D. Cheshire J.D., T. Brooks P.G.A.D.C. Cheshire D. of C., Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson (Mayor of Stockport) P.P.S.G.D. Cheshire Organist, C. Booth W.M. 287 I.G. The presentation of the W.M. elect was now proceeded with, and on its completion the Lodge was opened in the third degree, the M.M.'s retired from the Lodge, and a Board of Installed Masters was opened in ample form. Bro. Collier then received the full benefit of Installation, being, according to ancient custom, placed in the chair of King Solomon. The Board was then closed in as complete form as in opening. The brethren, on their re-admission, saluted their newly-installed W.M., who now named his Officers for the ensuing year, viz. :—Bros. W. Harrison P.S.G.D. Cheshire I.P.M., Councillor T. Burrows S.W., William Booth J.W., W. W. Skelmerdine Treasurer (re-elected), G. Balfe S.D., T. Bullock J.D., H. Finch P.M. P.G.D.C. Cheshire D. of C., E. Stevens Assistant D. of C., H. W. Mather I.G., J. Fox and W. Bradley Stewards, J. Meadows Tyler. The investiture was, in each case, made by the Installing Master (Bro. Finch), and accompanied with full explanation of the various jewels worn by them, Bro. Finch being himself invested as Director of Ceremonies by the W.M. The necessary addresses to the W.M., his Wardens and brethren brought to a close as grand a ceremony as it is possible to have the privilege of witnessing. Bro. Finch was undoubtedly in his best form, and was very ably supported by the Installed Masters before named. The W.M. said he had great pleasure in presenting the I.P.M., on behalf of the brethren, with a P.M.'s jewel. He had well earned the good-will of the brethren, and they hoped he might long be spared to wear it. Bro. Harrison I.P.M. acknowledged it, in appropriate terms. He should always be glad to serve the St. John's Lodge. A vote of thanks, amidst applause, was accorded to the Installing Master for his perfect rendering of this beautiful ceremony. Bro. Finch, in reply, said he was obliged for their generous expressions of feeling. Whatever was worth doing at all in Masonry was worth doing well. In endeavouring to do this he was simply discharging his duty as a Mason. The Lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren were served with a banquet, which, after the labours of the day, was not unwelcome. The usual loyal toasts were given and properly honoured. "The R.W.D.P.G.M. (Bro. W. Egerton Esq. M.P.) and the rest of the P.G. Officers, past and present" was proposed by the W.M. and responded to by Bros. Lieut.-Colonel Wilkinson P.P.S.G.D. Cheshire, Dr. T. Smith P.P.J.G.D. Cheshire, and T. Brookes P.G.A.D.C. Cheshire. The toast of the P.G. Officers of the neighbouring Provinces was proposed by Bro. Burrows S.W., and responded to by Bros. Alderman E. Hardon P.P.S.G.D. East Lancashire and Captain H. Turner P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire. That of the W.M. was proposed by the I.P.M. In reply, Bro. Collier said his best services should be given to the Lodge, and he hoped the Officers and brethren would support him as they had other W.M.'s in the past. Their continued prosperity was then certain. A very enjoyable evening was spent, a marked feature being the choice selection of glees, which were well sung by Bros. Edmondson 287, Gaskell 104, Pearson P.M. 104 and 1077, W. Alcock S.D. 322, W. Booth J.W. 104, G. Balfe S.D. 104. The effect of the Installation was greatly enhanced by the same vocalists rendering the choral service arranged for it by the Installing Master. In addition to the brethren already mentioned, there were present—Bros. Alderman J. L. Vaughan P.M. 1030 (ex-Mayor of Stockport), Major Staples W.M. 1030, J. Worsnup W.M. 322, G. Atkinson W.M. 323, T. Wilkinson P.M. 1126, R. R. Lisenden 317, J. Leigh S.W. 287 P.G. Steward, Dr. Bailey P.M. 322, W. Owen W.M. elect 993, Bowden P.M. 336, and the following members of the Lodge, viz. :—Bros. H. W. Warren, A. Gaskell, G. Atherton, W. Raynor, G. Nayler, J. Eaton, J. Bell, J. Wood, T. Taylor, W. Gleave, T. Turkington, T. Sutton, B. S. Smith, M. B. Sutton, H. Soel, J. Stafford, T. Davies, A. G. Cumming, &c.

YORK LODGE, No. 236.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, on Monday evening, 15th inst. The W.M. (Bro. A. Buckle, B.A.) presided, and was supported by the following Officers and brethren :—Bros. Rev. W. Valentine P.P.G.C. I.P.M., Sir James Meek P.P.S.G.W. P.M., William Lawton P.P.G.Reg. P.M., Rev. J. E. M. Young P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Joseph Todd P.M. P.P.G.Registrar Treasurer, George Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O. as S.W., William Henry Gainforth J.W., George Kirby Secretary, John Tissiman S.D., Mark Rooke J.D., Thomas S. Camidge P.P.G.O. Organist, William Powell M.C., George Garbutt I.G., Thomas G. Hodgson Steward; Bros. Joseph Hollins, William Wilson, E. Houlden, William Smith, Alfred Hanson, James Redfare, Henry C. Camidge, W. T. Gowland, Thomas W. Wilson, George K. Hitchcock, Joseph Sykes Rymer, William Draper, John Ward, Thomas Hopkins, and Rev. A. B. Day. Visitors—Bros. J. Hanley W.M. St. Patrick's Lodge No. 295 (I.C.), Major Shaw Hellier I.P.M. St. Patrick's Lodge No. 295, Captain Murphy W.M. elect St. Patrick's Lodge No. 295, William Harris Secretary St. Patrick's Lodge No. 295, John B. Somerset S.D. St. Patrick's Lodge No. 295, W. P. Husband Eboracum Lodge No. 1611, Whitmore York Eboracum Lodge No. 1611, Paul Pearson Eboracum Lodge No. 1611, L. Ward St. Augustine No. 972, J. Webster Leopold Lodge No. 1760, W. Nicholson Pelham Pillar Lodge No. 792. The Lodge having been duly opened and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the W.M. addressed the brethren, thanking them for the hearty support accorded to him during the year he had presided over the Lodge, and afterwards requested Bro. Todd P.M. P.P.G. Registrar to take the chair as Installing Master. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bro. W. H. Gainforth J.W., the W.M. elect, was presented by the two senior Past Masters present—Bros. W. Lawton and Sir James Meek—to the Installing Master, by whom the ceremony of Installation was ably and impressively rendered. After the newly-installed W.M. had been duly proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees, he appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers :—Bros. A. Buckle I.P.M., M. Rooke S.W., Joseph S. Rymer J.W., Rev. A. B. Day Chaplain, Joseph Todd P.M. Treasurer, George Kirby Secretary, George Garbutt S.D., William Draper J.D., Thomas Hopkins Organist, Thomas G. Hodgson M.C., William Powell I.G., John Young and William Smith Stewards, William G. Calvert Tyler. The Lodge will celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist on Wednesday, the 7th January next.

ARTHUR JOHN BROGDEN LODGE, No. 1715, GRANGE OVER SANDS.

WE had the honour of an invitation to the Installation meeting of this prosperous Lodge, which was held on Wednesday, the 10th of December, at 2.30 p.m., in the Masonic-hall. At the time appointed we made our way to the Masonic-hall, escorted by our old friend the W.M. elect, and punctual to the minute the W.M., Bro. Thomas Ashley, opened the Lodge with solemn prayer. Minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for a joining member, also for a gentleman for initiation, both being favourable. The initiation ceremony was most efficiently performed by the W.M., and we were surprised by the impressiveness he gave to the ceremony. The next business being the installation of the W.M. elect, after the obligation, and the retirement of the brethren below the rank of Installed Masters, a Lodge of Installed Masters was opened, the W.M. was presented, and the ceremony being completed, the Lodge of Installed Masters closed, the brethren were again admitted, and the several Officers invested. The following is the list of Officers for the ensuing year :—Bros. John Mossop W.M., Thomas Ashley I.P.M., T. Westwood S.W., W. Postlethwaite J.W., James Askew Treasurer, T. Ashley Secretary, W. Brickel S.D., S. Affleck J.D., A. Slater I.G., J. Cleminson Org., J. W. Jopson Steward. The Installing Officer was Bro. T. Dodgson P.P.G. Pursuivant Cumberland and Westmoreland P.M. P.Z. 995, &c., assisted by Bro. Cornfield P.M. P.Z. P.P.G.P. West Lancashire. The Installation ceremony and investment of Officers was done in a most perfect manner, so much so that we were delighted to find such perfect work so far north, and it is highly creditable to the two brethren for the pains they have taken to reduce the ceremony to such perfection; we are sure the respective Provinces have done well to secure such enthusiastic brethren on the roll of Prov. G. Officers; merit and ability having gained them the honour, it would be a step in the right direction if some neighbouring Provinces would take the same course, and grant more Provincial honours to meritorious brethren, and not let subscriptions to our Charities be the only test for preferment. We were remarkably struck with the kind and genial manner which seems to pervade this Lodge, the motto being, "to be happy ourselves and promote the happiness of others," which is ably carried out. The business of the meeting being concluded, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to Rigg's Grange Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided, and was fully appreciated and full justice done to it. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Many of the visitors having to leave early by train caused the proposal and response to their toast brief, but nevertheless to the point. In conclusion, we can look back on our visit to the Arthur John Brogden Lodge with a vast amount of satisfaction and pleasure, and trust we may have the happiness to meet its members again. This being its third year,—it is comparatively young,—but we are convinced of its success, and that it will be one of the lights in the Province of West Lancashire. We sincerely trust the Province will soon acknowledge its worth. We are unable to give a full list of Visitors, but we noticed, amongst others, Bros. John Case P.M. P.Z. &c. 995, Paxton S.W. 995, T. Dodgson P.P.G.P. P.M. P.Z. 995, Installing Officer; Cornfield P.P.G.P. P.M. P.Z., from Barrow; John W. Turner P.M. 521 P.Z. 290.

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LODGE CHARITY, No. 223.

THE annual meeting was held on Tuesday night, at the Masonic Rooms, Union-street, Plymouth, when Bro. Richard Blight, who had been unanimously elected, was installed as the W.M. of the Lodge. The ceremony was performed by W. Bro. W. Browning P.M. P.P.G.D.C., in the presence, and with the assistance of the following Board of Installed Masters:—Bros. John M. Hiffey P.M. P.P.G. A.D.C., J. B. Phillips P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., H. Miller P.M. Sec. P.P.G.D.C., J. Treeby P.M., J. R. Annis P.M., T. C. Lewarne P.M., J. W. Cornish P.M. G.T., all of 223, Rev. R. Measham P.M. 1205 P.P.G. Chaplain, V. Bird P.M. 1550 P.P.G.T., S. Jew P.M. 105 P.P.G.T., E. A. Davies P.M. 1099 P.P.G.S. Wks., J. B. Gover P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C., J. B. Price P.M. 202 P.P.G.S.B., J. B. Witheridge P.M. P.P.G.P., W. Welch P.M. P.P.G.P., E. A. Lean W.M. 70, R. Pengelley P.M. 70, J. T. Browning W.M. 105, C. Cooper P.M. and S. 105, J. James P.M. 105, A. R. Lethbridge P.M. 159, G. Stentiford P.M. 159, R. Marshall P.M. 202, W. Powell P.M. 1205, J. H. Blackell P.M. 1099, J. Gould P.M. 1099, J. R. Lord P.M. 1247, T. Heath W.M. 1136, G. Darke P.M. 1136. The addresses were given by Bro. Cornish, and after this the following brethren were appointed and invested as the Officers for the ensuing year:—H. S. Hill I.P.M., J. Lavers S.W., John Moysey J.W., T. C. Cornish P.M. Treas., W. Browning P.M. &c. Sec., John Delve S.D., John Neno J.D., Frederick Goodyear I.G., James Hoyten D.C., W. J. Hannaford A.D.C., J. Hoyten O., John Williams S.S., W. H. Frost J.S., and James Bartlett Tyler. A committee of five was appointed to arrange the day for the Annual Banquet, and the brethren retired to partake of simple refreshment in their own room, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, the newly installed W.M. being especially honoured.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

December thirteenth, eighteen seventy-nine,
In London, at the Cannon Street Hotel,
The Lodge "Great City" met, in numbers strong,
Under the Mastership of Bro. Blackie;
Whose gavel, at its potent summoning sound,
Met with a prompt response, and in the West
The Senior Warden Catchpole took position;
Bro. T. Hamer occupied the South.
Past Masters,—Moody, he who wields the pen,
And Headon, keeper of the money chest,
Were in the North, for minutes and for dues;
Taylor and Kibble, the two Deacons, stood
To order—in their places; Jenkins D.C.,
Fendick and Potter, able Stewards both,
Keeble I.G., with Steedman Outer Guard,
Made the Lodge perfect as to Officers.
Stevens and Freeman, first and last of those
Who'd passed the Chair, were also present;
And 'mongst the many members may be named
Past Master Henry Thompson, Donald Clark,
Bertram and W. Metchim, Styles and Cook,
J. Lindner, Robson, Mozley, Hicks and Shaw,
Hartley and De Leliva, Greening, Frost,
A. Bertram, Mogridge, Durrant, Kent,
T. W. Headon, Postans, Liscombe, Wood,
Ginders and Lockett, Hooper, Boulton, Ward,
J. W. Stephens, Bowen, Lucas, Smythe,
And several others, ("see attendance book").
The Visitors were—Hawkins "Robert Burns,"
Simpson of the "St. Matthews," five two-nine;
Lefeau of number thirty, Cook of "Penge,"
Robertson the "St. Lawrence," one four-four,
Barnett the "Langton," sixteen seventy-three,
W. H. Barber, "Royal Hanover;" and
Rossignol of twelve sixteen, "Macdonald;"
Greening "Carnarvon," Cutler "Euphrates,"
Richardson "Skelmersdale," Lawrence "Coborn,"
And W. Iliffe of "Imperial George."

The Lodge, thus formed, was, with a fervent prayer,
Opened in order and solemnity;
Minutes were read, approved, and certified,
And ballot taken for a candidate
Whose fair repute secured him acceptation.
He, Mr. William Wood, was introduced,
Received the Light and fit investiture.
On Brother Postans, after usual proof,
The fellow-Craft's degree was next conferred.
The ceremonial work was well performed,
And proved the skill alike of all concerned
In working pure and simple Masonry.
The Lodge was closed in order regular
Down to the first degree, and business then
Was speedily despatched. The claims of Charity
Were not forgotten. The several guests
Forthwith arose "to greet his worship well";
And then, the evening's labour terminated;
The Master closed his Lodge with solemn prayer;
Adjournment from the South was duly made;
Past Master Freeman closed the "greater light;"
And brethren separated:—

Promptly to meet again
Around the social board, whereon was spread
Provision plenty, neither stint nor waste.
The cloth was cleared, and grateful thanks returned,
And then the Master rose; Right well he spoke
Of loyalty, a watchword of our Order,
Calling on each and all to toast "The Queen,"
With whose most gracious name "the Craft" he coupled.
Needless to say with what enthusiasm
That toast so dear to Masons was received!
Nor was less fervour shown when he the name
Of our "Grand Master" introduced, in praise
And thankfulness that Masonry could boast
So worthy and beloved a Prince as chief.
The "Pro Grand Master" next, the noble Earl
Whose name's a "household word" in every Lodge,
Respected for his earnestness and zeal,
Received the honour due to his high rank.
The "Deputy Grand Master and Grand Lodge"
Were also well remembered; after which
The I.P.M. enforced attention whilst
The merits of the "Master" he extolled,
Praising most highly his most perfect work,
And management of all the Lodge affairs.
Then "Pat o' Mullingar" was sung by Shaw,
With brogue and pathos fitting Irish song;
That done, the Master rose to make reply,
And offered grateful thanks for kind support,
Whilst he upheld the credit of the Lodge
And kept its "prestige" bright before the world:
He sought to emulate, if not excel,
The work of former years, and, for his part,
He would not flinch from labour, nor lack zeal
To gain distinction in Masonic work,
And join his predecessors worthily.
Another song—and then the newly made
And worthy Brother Wood was spoken of
In terms of hopeful promise, and received
A hearty welcome to Freemasonry;
To which he made response, with modesty,
Whilst yet with firm assurance he declared
His will should not be wanting, to the end
That he might profit by initiation.
Bertram *obliged*—and then, in order due,
Past years were well remembered, and to those
Who, in their course, had steered the ship "Great City"
Throughout its happy voyage, thanks were given;
Returning which the I.P.M. expressed
The pride and pleasure it afforded them
To find the good ship officered and manned
By able and efficient men, whose zeal
Would still extend that voyage prosperously.
Past Master Stevens, he of "Uniformity,"
Added his thanks, and, in a brief address,
Referred to late events of interest
To all who have at heart *pure* Masonry.
Him, Headon followed, with "a few remarks"
Pungent and full of sense as usual.
Barnett, of sixteen seventy-three, then sang
"The Vicar o' Bray" in manner excellent.
Due honour to the "Visitors" was paid,
And welcome of the heartiest accorded.
Cutler, Lefeau, and Hawkins first replied,
Each in his turn expressing pleasure felt
At work in Lodge and social gathering.
Barber, of "Royal Hanover," and one
From Walsall, Brother Simpson, also spoke
In terms of high appreciation.
The "Treasurer and Secretary" then
Received their fitting meed of gratitude.
Moody replied, with vigorous address
And usual exhortation as to dues.
Recital—"Mason's Vows" by "*Father*"—then
The "Officer's" and "Tyler's" toasts were given,
And at an early hour, with hearts elate,
Mutual good wishes for the Christmas tide,
And hopes that the New Year prosperity
Might bring to each and all, and re-unite
The bonds of brotherhood so well enjoyed,
The Brethren separated, and—"That's All!"

ST. PATRICK'S MILITARY LODGE, No. 295, I.C.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, York, on Tuesday, and was well attended by members of the Lodge, as well as by Visitors from the York and Eboracum Lodges. The W.M. elect Bro. Captain L. Murphy was installed by Bro. J. Todd P.M. 236; and the Officers were invested as follows:—Bros. J. Hanly V.S. I.P.M., Sergeant-Major Harris S.W., Quarter-master Sergeant Somerset J.W., Sergeant-Major Padley Treasurer, Major T. B. Shaw-Hellier Secretary, Sergeant-Major Flint S.D., Sergeant Lewis J.D., Sergeant Pattison I.G., Corporal Gladman Tyler. Amongst the Visitors present on the occasion were Bros. Sir James Meek P.M. 236, W. H. Gainforth W.M. 236, C. G. Padel W.M. 1611, Rev. J. E. M. Young P.M. 236, W. Lawton P.M. 236, G. Balmford P.M. 236, &c.; letters being received from Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M. and others, regretting absence through indisposition, &c. Brother T. S. Camidge presided at the organ. The Military Brethren entertained their Visitors in the most hospitable manner at supper, after which the Loyal and Masonic toasts were observed, and there was excellent singing by Bros. Harrington 295, Murphy 295, O'Sullivan 295, Pattison 295, Lee 1611, and Turner 1611.

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FALCON LODGE, No. 1416.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at Thirsk, North Yorkshire, and in spite of the severe weather there was an excellent attendance of members and Visitors. At one o'clock p.m. an emergency meeting was held for the purpose of initiating Mr. Lional Payne Gallwey, a son of the member for the borough, the ceremonies being performed by the W.M. Bro. T. J. Wilkinson, assisted by Bro. George Ayre I.P.M. Prov. J.G.D. and Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis P.M. The emergency Lodge having been closed, the regular Lodge was opened at 2 p.m., and the minutes confirmed, after which the Lodge was raised to the second degree, and the chair was taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. 1611 P.P.G.D.C., and the W.M. elect Bro. W. Coltman was presented for installation. The impressive ceremonies were very ably performed, and the newly installed W.M. appointed his Officers as follows:—Bros. T. J. Wilkinson I.P.M., William Hall S.W., Charles Greensides J.W., Rev. C. E. Camidge P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Rev. W. C. Lukis P.M. P.P.G.C. Lecture Master, James Walton Secretary, T. J. Wilkinson P.M. Treasurer, Henry Smith S.D., James Johnson J.D., Robert Atkinson M.C., L. Wright Organist, Henry Longford I.G., J. S. Farmery Tyler. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Three Tuns Hotel, where they were regaled with one of the best served banquets at which it has ever been our lot to be present, which reflected the greatest credit on the caterer, Bro. Long. The W.M. presided, and the toast list was gone through in detail. Amongst those present, in addition to the names already mentioned, were Bros. J. Richardson P.M. 1001 P.P.G.P., G. Balmford P.M. 236 P.P.G.O., A. C. Knowles P.M. 910 P.P.G.D., J. Hunton P.M. 940 P.P.G.D., P. Donaldson W.M. 837, W. H. Ganiforth W.M. elect 236, J. Walton P.M. 1337 P.P.G.S.B., C. Palliser P.M. 1337, J. Fairburn P.M. 1337, G. Kirby 236, J. S. Davies 837, R. B. Hall 123, H. C. Pickersgill 837, R. Musgrave 1416, J. Lee 1416, Reginald Bell 1416, R. Hartley 1416, A. W. Cass 1416, R. Long 1416, W. Ayre 1416, and others. The Falcon Lodge has most convenient premises of its own, and has, under the able management of its Masters, and especially of Bro. T. J. Wilkinson, attained quite a reputation in the Province, not only for hospitality, but for endeavouring to carry out the higher aims of Masonry, and encouraging a taste for Masonic and archæological investigation. *Floreat Falco!*

SAINT LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

THE first anniversary of this Lodge was celebrated at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, 3rd December. Bro. Louis Stean, the W.M., opened the Lodge, being supported by the regular Officers, viz.:—Bros. G. T. Barr S.W., Barham J.W., G. Stevens Treasurer, Cox Secretary, Henderson Chaplain, Benjamin S.D., Jones J.D., Gales D. of C., Clement I.G., Speight Tyler. The first business of the day, after the confirmation of the minutes, was to take the ballot on behalf of Mr. John James Moore, which proved clear. Lodge was then advanced, and Bro. John Staff was, in due form, raised to the sublime degree. On the resumption of the Lodge, Bro. George Thomas Barr, the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. W. Clarke Prov. G.D. of C. Suffolk for the benefit of Installation, which ceremony was, in regular order, performed by Bro. Stean, who thus brought to a termination a most successful year of office. The first duty of the new W.M., after he had been saluted by the brethren, was to fill the various offices for the year. This he did by conferring the collars on the following brethren:—Bros. Barham S.W., Benjamin J.W., Henderson Chaplain, Stevens Treasurer, Cox Secretary, Jones Senior Deacon, Clement Junior Deacon, Funston I.G., Walker Director of Ceremonies, Matthews Steward, Young Organist, Speight Tyler. The addresses from West, South, and East were then given, and the newly appointed W.M. was at once called upon to perform the first ceremony, Mr. Moore being presented for admission to the benefits of Masonic light. Brother Barr is to be complimented on the way in which he performed his task, as also the manner in which he conducted the business of the evening, suffering as he did acute pain from gout. The ceremony concluded, the W.M. presented the retiring Master, on behalf of the Lodge, a Past Master's jewel, together with an illuminated address. This latter was offered as a token of the regard of the members for Bro. Stean, and as a memento of his successful year of office. It was signed by every member of the Lodge. Bro. Barr, in making the presentation said, it afforded him great pleasure to have the opportunity to convey to Bro. Stean the jewel, and also the thanks of the members. He was sure Bro. Stean would prize the inscription, conveying as it did, the unanimous sentiment of the members, far more than anything else the Lodge could give him. As first Master he had gained the respect and esteem of the brethren connected with the Lodge, and had set a splendid example for others to follow. If in years to come he should have to look down on bad boys, they certainly would not be able to excuse themselves on the plea that they had a bad example set them by the Father of the Lodge. The jewel was of neat and elegant form, and was inscribed as follows:—"Presented to Bro. Louis Stean, in recognition of his high personal worth, and of the many and great services he has rendered to the Lodge during his year of Mastership." This, the W.M. said, was also of almost priceless worth to Bro. Stean, as it was by the unanimous vote of the Lodge that it was presented. Bro. Stean, in reply, said he always bore in mind, and endeavoured to act up to the motto, "May sincerity and fair dealing ever distinguish Freemasons." He felt gratified that he had given satisfaction to the members of the Lodge during his term of office. He had striven to make the Lodge a prosperous one, and hoped he had in a measure succeeded. He felt he could not express his pleasure at receiving the jewel, which he should always prize, but what he most esteemed was the testimonial, which he should always value far above anything else. During the evening the ballot was taken for Bro. Charles Deacon as a joining member. On the closing of the Lodge, the brethren sat down to a banquet under the presidency of Bro. Barr. As the business of the day had been heavy, it was somewhat late before the cloth was cleared, thus rendering it necessary on the part of the W.M. and others to curtail the remarks they had to make in proposing or acknowledging the respective toasts. The usual trio of Loyal toasts having been honoured, Bro. Stean rose to propose that of the W.M. For the first time in the St. Leonard Lodge he had now the pleasure of proposing the health of Bro. Barr as W.M. He had known Bro. Barr for many years, before he knew much of Freemasonry, and from this experience he was assured the Lodge would prosper under the guidance of its new Master. He had taken a great pride in perfecting himself in the respective ceremonies; his working of that evening was but an example of what he could do in either of the parts he might be called upon to enact. The W.M., in reply, heartily thanked his predecessor for the kind words he had made use of in proposing the toast. If at the close of his year of office he should prove to have deserved these many kind remarks, he should be very pleased. He felt he was so well known to most present that it was hardly necessary to say more than that he heartily thanked the members and visitors for their hearty reception. It now devolved on him to propose the health of the Past Master of the Lodge, to whom he felt deeply grateful for assistance rendered in preparing him for the duties of the chair. All hoped that Bro. Stean might be spared for many years, to be—as he had ever been—both a friend to the Craft and to those brethren who are anxious to attain position in the Craft. Bro. Stean tendered his thanks. As Father of the Lodge, he intended to see the brethren did their duty; and, while he occupied a position in the Lodge, he should keep them up to their work; but in this he felt assured he should have no difficulty. He concluded by expressing a wish that he might meet the members of the Lodge on many future occasions. The remaining toasts comprised the Initiates, the Masonic Charities (responded to by Bro. Clarke), the Visitors, the Officers, &c. Among the visitors who signed the attendance book were:—Bros. H. Howard Hodges P.M. 795, 1566, R. R. Harper W.M. 813, Robt. Nicholson J.W. 1566, C. Robson 960, R. Illsley 1566, G. H. F. Rowe 1096, T. Butt 907, Richard Jennings W.M. 907, G. J. Turner J.D. 183, T. Griffiths P.M. 907, E. M. Adams S.D. 1685, H. Lloyd P.M. 780, 1728, Geo. E. Howes 1437, C. W. Cox W.M. 1566, J. J. Mustart 174, W. Lamarque 917, W. Musto P.M. 1349, L. E. Stean J.D. 212, A. T. Leach J.D. 749, T. E. Purdy P.M. 861, F. A. White P.M. 907, W. F. Green 861, W. H. 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Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 16th December, at Bro. Bond's, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, W.C. Present—Bros. John Soper W.M., Panter S.W., Snodin J.W., Pownceby S.D., Hallam J.D., Linscott I.G.; Bingemann Preceptor. After complying with the requirements of custom, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. T. B. Dodson candidate. The three sections of the lecture were worked, 1st by Bro. Hallam, 2nd by Abell, 3rd by Bingemann. Lodge regularly closed and adjourned to Tuesday, 30th December, at 7 p.m.

Burdett Coutts' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 17th December, at the Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, E. Present—Bros. R. L. Stortevant W.M., Wooding S.W., Clarke J.W., Smith Treas., Hadley Prestage Sec., A. Valentine S.D., P.M. Toye J.D., Quay I.G.; Past Masters, Bros. Hogg Preceptor, Toye. Visitors—Bros. Stewart, Collins, Moss, Valentine, Albert Jones. After preliminaries the ceremony of passing was efficiently rehearsed. The first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Moss, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Valentine 1275 and Collins 860 were proposed, seconded, and unanimously elected members. It was proposed by Bro. Clarke and seconded by Bro. Hogg, that the Lodge do adjourn, in consequence of the Christmas holidays, until Wednesday week (*Brethren will please note this*). Nothing offering for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—A meeting was held at the Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, on Wednesday, 17th December. Bros. H. B. Dunn W.M., Edmunds S.W., Fenner J.W., W. Rowley S.D., Oldis J.D., Press I.G., and other brethren. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Plowman offered himself as a candidate for raising. Lodge opened in third degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was then closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. P. Dickinson, Preceptor, worked the second section of the lecture. Upon the proposition of Bro. P.M. Dickinson, seconded by Bro. Fenner, the Lodge was adjourned until Wednesday, 31st December, at eight o'clock. Bro. G. P. Edmunds was elected W.M. for the next Lodge meeting.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.—On Monday 15th December, at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road. Present—Bros. Aspinall W.M., Crane S.W., High J.W., R. Olley S.D., Fidler J.D., Garrod I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, C. Lorkin Preceptor; also Bros. Jacob, Martin, &c. The Lodge was opened; a candidate for the third was examined and raised to the sublime

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degree of Master Mason. Bro. C. Lorkin gave the traditional history. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and, after resuming its duties, Bro. J. Lorkin worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Crane was elected W.M. for next meeting. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—Held at Bro. C. J. G. Wood's, the Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road, on Tuesday, the 16th instant. Present—Bros. Fox W.M., J. Millington S.W., Field J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Osborne Secretary, Fenner S.D., Rimell I.G.; also Bros. Halford, Cusworth, Pummell, Byng, Wood, &c. The usual ceremonials were gone through. Bro. Wood proved himself a worthy E.A., after which Lodge was advanced a degree, and Bro. Wood was duly passed in a very creditable manner by the W.M., who was ably assisted by his Officers. Bro. Pearcy worked the 2nd, Bro. Fenner the 3rd section of the lecture. Lodge was closed in the 2nd, and Bro. Byng worked the 4th section of the first lecture. Bro. Byng, of the Burgoyne Lodge No. 902, was elected a member, and Br. J. Millington was appointed to preside at the next meeting. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

The Crusaders' Lodge, No. 1677.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, 10th December, at the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield. Bro. Thos. Goode W.M. presided, and was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. Simmons S.W., Rothschild J.W., Maples Treasurer, Defries Secretary, Millward S.D., Caldemore J.D., Gay D.C., Rushton Org., and Piggott I.G. The Lodge having been opened in due form, and with solemn prayer, the minutes of the last Lodge were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bros. Aynsley, Fletcher, Budden and Seward were introduced and questioned as to the progress they had made in Freemasonry. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and they were most impressively raised to the degree of M.M., the whole ceremony being most ably rendered. The next business was to pass Bro. Augustus Thomas Buckingham to the second degree, and in this instance our worthy Brother set a pattern to others who may have to pass a similar ordeal. He went through his preliminary examination without the slightest assistance, and answered every question put to him without hesitation, and it is almost needless to say that the interest he has taken from the earliest period of his entrance into the Order augurs well for his future devotion to the interests of Freemasonry. It was agreed and passed unanimously, that the sum of £10 10s be voted from the funds of the Lodge to be placed on Bro. Dr. Hunter's list, who will, as Steward, represent this Lodge at the Festival for the benefit of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and from what was stated this Lodge will not be the lowest on the list on that occasion. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. In the course of the evening Dr. Hunter, in acknowledging the toast of the Past Masters, heartily thanked the brethren for the subscriptions they had placed on his list for the next Festival, and it was also announced that five of the youngest brethren had each subscribed £5, so as to make themselves Life Subscribers to this Institution. The W.M., in proposing their health, congratulated the Lodge on having such worthy members; the handsome subscriptions they had made showed the deep interest they felt in the prosperity of Freemasonry. Several other toasts were given, and a very harmonious meeting was spent under the presidency of the esteemed WM.

Bro. Dr. J. D. Moore, of Lancaster, P.G.S.B. of England, will, on 29th inst., instal Bro. W. Warbrick S.W. as W.M. of the Lodge of Fortitude, Lancaster, No. 281; on 6th January next, he will instal Bro. E. Barber S.W. as W.M. of the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 113, Preston; and on 7th January, Bro. G. Taylor S.W. as W.M. of the Rowley Lodge, No. 1051, Lancaster.

At the regular meeting of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382, which was held on the 17th inst., Bro. J. Delves the W.M. announced his intention of serving as Steward at the next Festival in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and we are pleased to announce that the brethren of his Lodge so far determined to support him that they unanimously voted the sum of fifty guineas from the funds of the Lodge to be placed on his list.

BRAVERY REWARDED.—At a meeting of the Chapter of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, held last week at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, Sir Edward Perrott, Bart., presiding (in the unavoidable absence of the Duke of Manchester), it was proposed by Sir E. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., seconded by General Sir John St. George, K.C.B., and unanimously resolved, to confer the medal awarded by the Order for deeds of gallantry in saving life on land, on Mr. Arthur H. Stokes, one of her Majesty's sub-inspectors of mines, Charles Maltby, John Hancock, Thomas Davis, and John Davis, in recognition of the successful exertions made by them, at great personal danger, in July last, to rescue one Dennis Bagshaw, who was imprisoned for five days by a sudden fall of "shale" or old workings from the roof of the Black Engine mine, Eyam *via* Sheffield. It is understood the medals will be publicly presented.—*Daily Chronicle.*

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET.

THE members of St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222, Weston-super-Mare, had the honour, on Thursday, 11th inst., of receiving the members of Provincial Grand Lodge. The occasion was an eventful one in the local annals of Freemasonry, there not having been so large and distinguished a gathering in Weston of the brethren of the mystic tie since the laying of the foundation stone of the West of England Sanatorium by the R.W. the P.G.M. of Somerset the Earl of Carnarvon. The members of St. Kew, justly proud of the honour of entertaining so august a body, determined to give their brethren a truly fraternal welcome, and a reception befitting their Masonic dignity. The ordinary Lodge room being too small, the Town Hall was engaged, the Hall itself being fitted up for the Lodge, and the various offices furnished for the reception of the P.G.M. and the Provincial Grand Officers. The arrangement of the Hall for the business of the Lodge was most effective and comfortable. The Throne was situated on the platform, surmounted by a canopy curtained with crimsoned drapery with golden Masonic emblem in the centre. A flight of steps led from the floor of the Hall to the foot of the Throne, stove and greenhouse plants being effectively grouped on each side. Both steps and dais were covered with crimson carpet of *fleur de li*

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pattern. The room was also decorated with plants, and the banners of the various Lodges added much to the general effect. Conspicuous among these latter was a very handsomely worked one belonging to St. Kew Lodge, representing the Saint in the act of imparting instruction. A portion of the lower end of the Hall was screened, and formed a reception and clothing room for the general body of the brethren. It had been confidently hoped that the Provincial Grand Master himself would have been in attendance, but this hope at the last moment was doomed to disappointment, a letter being received from the noble Earl conveying the unwelcome intelligence that he was confined to his room at Pixton Park, his Somersetshire seat, by an attack of gout. In his absence, therefore, the V.W. Bro. R. C. Else D.P.G.M. presided, and the gratification of the brethren was much increased by the presence of Bro. Colonel A. W. Adair, the most popular P.P.G.M. Among those present were:—Bros. Rev. J. J. Knox-Fletcher P.G. Chaplain, B. Cox P.M. 1222 P.G. Treasurer *pro tem*, J. C. Hunt P.G. Secretary *pro tem*, S. Toms P.G.S.D., Newington Bridges P.G.J.D., J. Tompsett W.M. 814 P.G.S.; representatives from each of the Lodges of the Province, and the following Visitors:—R. M. Worlock P.G. Secretary Bristol, J. R. Shorland 610 P.G.S.W. Bristol, H. Grath 471 P.G.S.W. Monmouth, W. Blundell 858, Gabriel Williams 686, G. Glossop P.M. 887, H. M. Tainsh 482. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened shortly after twelve o'clock, when the Grand Officers entered in procession, being received with the customary honours by the assembled brethren. The D.P.G.M. took his seat on the Throne, supported on the right by Bro. General Munbee, and on the left by Bro. Col. Adair. The D.P.G.M. expressed his regret at the absence of the P.G.M., and read a letter of apology from the noble Earl assigning illness as the cause of his absence, and sending his hearty good wishes to the brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form and with prayer by the P.G. Chaplain, Rev. J. J. Knox-Fletcher. The office of P.G. Sec. being vacant by the death of Bro. Prideaux, his place was supplied by Bro. J. C. Hunt. The P.G. Treas., Bro. E. T. Payne, was absent on account of illness, and Bro. B. Cox acted for him, submitting the accounts. These showed a total income of £240 3s 2d, including a balance from last account of £75 8s 8d; the Lodge dues amounted to £106 13s 6d. The amount subscribed for the Masonic Charities was £52 10s. The account closed with a balance in hand of £69 10s 5d. The accounts were unanimously passed, and upon the motion of Bro. Munbee, seconded by the P.G.J.W. Bro. Payne was re-elected P.G. Treasurer by acclamation. The various offices having been declared vacant, the appointment and investment of new Officers was proceeded with, collars being bestowed upon the following brethren:—Capt. Long P.M. 1199 and 1750 P.G.S.W., E. S. Blundell W.M. 1222 P.G.J.W., Revs. W. J. Mooney 285 and J. C. Lyons 291 P.G. Chaps., E. T. Payne P.G. Treas. (Bro. Cox received the collar for him), A. R. Bailey 973 P.G.R., J. C. Hunt 291 P.G. Sec., R. Brodie 291 P.G.S.D., J. E. Jeffries 1199 P.G.J.D., C. E. Daniel 1755 P.G. Supt. Works, H. C. Hopkins 379 P.G.D.C., R. J. Damon 329 P.G.A.D.C., J. Butler 285 P.G.S.B., L. H. Bonn 261 P.G.O., A. Sargent 1197 P.G.P., F. U. Wood 291 P.G.A.P., W. Woodward P.G. Tyler, A. J. Salter Bath P.G. Asst. Tyler, J. S. Boyd 976, J. Tuckey 903, H. S. Brown 41, F. T. Elworthy 261, W. E. Perrett 1222, and W. Reece 1139 P.G. Stewards. In bestowing the Senior Warden's collar upon Captain Long, who received a most cordial greeting, the D.P.G.M. informed him that it was given by the P.G.M. to mark his appreciation of the services he had rendered to the Province as the chief promoter and first Master of the Coleridge Lodge at Clevedon. The collar of J.W. was given to Bro. E. S. Blundell as W.M. of St. Kew, the receiving Lodge. Upon the motion of the D.P.G.M., a sum of £50 was unanimously voted to the widow of Bro. F. R. Prideaux, the late P.G. Secretary. Bro. J. L. Stothert, in the absence of the Treasurer, proposed that a sum of 52 guineas be paid to the Girls' School, in order to constitute the Lodge a Vice-Patron of that Institution. Bro. C. R. Davey seconded the motion, which was carried; the D.P.G.M. said the Treasurer had ascertained that £21 more would be needed, but this must be deferred. The sum of £21 was, upon the motion of Bro. Reeves, seconded by Bro. Montrie, voted to the widow of Bro. E. S. Appleby. The Past Grand Secretary read the report of the Charity Organisation Committee of the Province, which stated that the whole of the twenty-two Lodges had appointed delegates who performed their duties in the most efficient manner. The very gratifying statement was made that from the date of its inception to the present time the Committee had succeeded in carrying every case it had taken in hand. The report was received and adopted, upon the motion of Bro. Newington Bridges, seconded by Bro. Marwood. Bro. J. L. Stothert and Bro. Genl. Munbee spoke very highly of the efforts of the D.P.G.M. to promote the success of the scheme, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to him for his zealous labours. The alms collected at the Lodge, amounting to £6 0s 8d, were, upon the proposition of Bro. J. J. E. Willmott, seconded by Bro. C. R. Davey, voted to the West of England Sanatorium. At the close of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to the Old Assembly Room, Railway Hotel, where the banquet took place. The *menu* was that of a high class dinner, served *a la Russe*. The viands were of the choicest, the service was as efficient and satisfactory as it could well be, and the wines were of the best vintages. Great credit is due to Bro. J. R. Britton, as well as to Mrs. Britton, for the excellence of their entertainment. The D.P.G.M. presided, being supported by some of the more distinguished brethren. Due honour having been paid to the Queen and Craft, and the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master and Officers of Grand Lodge were toasted. Bros. Col. Adair and Rev. C. R. Davy responded, the last-named expressing a hope that the much respected D. Prov. G.M. of the Province (Bro. Else) would before long be appointed a member of Grand Lodge—a hope that evoked a hearty "Hear, hear" from every one present. In proposing the health of the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M. again adverted to the cause of his absence, and stated that his lordship requested him to assure the brethren that nothing but the distinct and positive orders of his physician would have kept him away. In very warm terms the D.P.G.M. proposed the health of the much beloved late P.G.M. (Bro. Col. Adair), who suitably responded, and proposed that of the D.P.G.M. and the rest of the P.G. Officers past and present. He traced the rise of the D.P.G.M. from the time when he accepted the collar of Assistant Secretary, and testified to his unwearied labours in the cause of Masonry; he re-echoed the wish expressed by Bro. Davy. Acknowledging the services he received from the Officers when he occupied the post of P.G.M., he mentioned that it was twenty-six years since he received the collar of P.G.J.D. The D.P.G.M., in returning thanks, assured the brethren that if any honour were conferred upon him he should consider it as bestowed upon the Province. Reviewing the past year, he congratulated the brethren of Taunton upon the dedication of the Masonic Hall, the effect of which would, he said, elevate the tone of Masonry. Nothing tended more to contradict the idea that Masons were merely "knife and fork men" than the establishment of these halls, and the promotion of the cause of charity. The other events were the Consecration of the Keynsham Lodge and the death of the P.G. Secretary, to both of which he alluded. Bros. Captain Long P.G.S.W., W. A. Scott (in the absence of the P.G.J.W.), and General Munbee also responded. Bro. Grath, of the Province of Monmouth, replied for the visiting brethren, as did also Bros. Worlock and Shorland. Bro. J. L. Stothert submitted the toast of "The Masonic Charities," referring to the success which attended their candidates at elections, and acknowledging the co-operation of the Provinces of Bristol and Monmouth. Bro. Bridges responded, and thanked the Somerset Charity Association for the assistance given to him in securing the election of a London candidate. He promised in future not only to place his votes in the hands of the D.P.G.M., but to represent the Province as Steward for the Boys' School the Festival after next. In proposing the health of the W.M., Officers and brethren of St. Kew, the D.P.G.M. said he did not remember an occasion when the arrangements were more complete, more satisfactory, or more comfortably carried out than they were in the Town Hall, and the reception at the hospitable board was most handsome. In the absence of the W.M., who was obliged to leave, the toast was responded to by the I.P.M. (Bro. Sidney Lewis), and likewise by Bros. W. M. Forty (Secretary) and Willmott S.W. of the Lodge. Bro. Villa, the I.P.M. of Taunton, in replying for the Master and brethren of other Lodges, said the hopes of the brethren at Taunton entertained in providing a Masonic Hall had been more than realised, since the tone of Masonry had been raised and the number of members increased. The experiment, he thought, should encourage the brethren in other towns to follow their example. "The Host and Hostess, with thanks for the dinner," was proposed, and the Tyler's toast completed the programme.—*Weston-super-Mare Gazette.*

MARK MASONRY.

THE TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 244.

A SOMEWHAT more than ordinarily interesting meeting in the Mark Degree took place on the occasion of an Emergency Meeting of this Lodge, which was held at the Lodge-rooms, 61 Weymouth-street, Portland-place, London, on the 8th instant. The opportunity for entertaining two highly distinguished brethren—viz. Bros. Croft Morgan Dew, P. Grand Chancellor of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and A. M. Broadley, D.D.G.M. Malta, and P.G.M.M.M. Tunis and Malta, was taken by our esteemed Bro. E. Passawer LL.D. P.G. Reg. for Middlesex and Surrey, the present W.M. of the Trinity College Mark Lodge, and the result was not only creditable to the Lodge itself, but was of great importance to the Order, as it afforded the first opportunity for a personal greeting and acknowledgment of the Mark Degree by an Officer of the Supreme Royal Arch Degree of Scotland. It will be remembered by our Mark brethren that the fact of the official acknowledgment referred to was made known to them at last Grand Mark Lodge by Bro. Portal, the then acting Grand Mark Master. Bro. Passawer was enabled to give only short notice of the meeting, and consequently, though well attended, it had not the presence of several important Mark brethren, who were compelled to send apologies for absence. Amongst the many present, however, in addition to the distinguished brethren before mentioned, were—The V.W. Bros. F. Davison Dep. G.M. Middlesex and Surrey, F. Binckes P.G.W. and Grand Secretary, Donald M. Dewar P.G.M.O. and Assistant Grand Secretary, James Stevens P.G.J.O., S. Rosenthal P.G.O., H. Lovegrove Prov. G.S.W. Middlesex and Surrey, &c. Amongst the Lodge members were—Bros. P. Draige J.W., J. de Orellana Treasurer, M. A. Cuffe Secretary, Bradbury Turner S.D., J. Gordon Saunders Org., W. J. Jennings, Plant, Martin, J. Stedman, A. W. S. Hoare, and others. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Passawer, and after due ballot and preparation, Bro. Frank Ward, of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541, was duly advanced. The ceremony was rendered with the fullest possible effect, and its grandeur and solemnity was greatly enhanced by the elaborate musical service. The excellent chamber organ, at which Bro. J. Gordon Saunders presided, and the musical abilities of several members of the Lodge materially aided the zealous efforts of the W.M. and his Officers to produce a complete ceremony, and the Grand Officers present unanimously agreed that a better exemplification of Mark Masonic work had not been within their experience. The principal vocalists were—Bros. Martin, Stedman, Turner, Hoare, and Jennings, all of Trinity College. After proposition had been made of further candidates for advancement, the V.W. Bro. Croft Morgan Dew, in his capacity as P. Grand Chancellor of the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, briefly addressed the Worshipful Master, and extended a formal personal acknowledgment of the recent connection which had been formed between

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the respective degrees. This was warmly acknowledged by the W.M. equally on behalf of the Mark degree and his own Lodge, and he then, after receiving the greetings and good wishes of Grand Officers and others then present, closed the Lodge. At the banquet which followed, the usual toasts were given and responded to, that of the Grand Officers being acknowledged by Bros. F. Binckes and James Stevens. The former expressed his great pleasure in the fact of so early a personal acknowledgment of the result of earnest labours to effect a cordial understanding between the Grand Chapter of Scotland and the English Mark degree, and paid a well-deserved compliment to the W.M., for having brought about the opportunity for such acknowledgment. The latter referred to the manner in which the work of the Lodge had been performed, and the beauty and propriety of the musical service, in respect of which he said that in all his experience he had never heard anything so thorough and effective in connection with Mark Masonry. The V.W. Bro. F. Davison, Deputy G.M. Middlesex and Surrey, responded for the Provincial Grand Masters and Officers, and fully endorsed the sentiments of the previous speakers. A special toast was here introduced in honour of the P.G.M.M.M. Tunis and Malta, the R.W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, of whom the W.M. spoke in eulogistic terms in relation to his efforts to extend the usefulness of Freemasonry generally, and particularly of the Mark degree, in the extensive district over which he presided. The W.M. concluded a very telling speech by wishing his distinguished guest "God speed" on his return journey, and expressing a hope that at no distant date he might be able again to visit Trinity College Lodge. Bro. Broadley said: Worshipful Master and Brethren,—I thank you very sincerely for the welcome you have accorded to me this evening, as well as for the opportunity of seeing the excellent working of the Trinity College Lodge. The pleasing effect of the musical rendering of portions of the ceremonial will never be forgotten by me; and I trust my own Province may at no distant date reap the benefit of what I have witnessed amongst you. I greatly fear the services I am supposed to have rendered to the Mark Degree are much overvalued by my friends; but I think I may claim whatever merit belongs to the fact of my extending the jurisdiction of the Mark Grand Lodge to a country beyond the limits of British territory, and introducing the degree to foreigners of many nations in their own tongue. I honestly believe that the Province which has become the sphere of my labours has an interest for all intelligent Masons, comprising as it does a large portion of the litoral of the Mediterranean, from whence sprang nearly all that is wonderful in art and science, and which gave birth to the civilisation of Modern Europe. Both Tunis and Malta were peopled by Phœnician colonists very shortly after the time when Tyrian art embellished the temple of Jerusalem, and doubtless the same guilds of "hewers of stone and workers of brass" assisted in erecting and adorning the city of Carthage. The marks of these early builders are still visible, and their symbols—handed down from generation to generation up to the present time—are still used and venerated by the Moslem and Israelite inhabitants of the country. It is in this country that the Mark degree is now flourishing under the auspices of our Grand Mark Lodge; it is regarded by the English Masons of Tunis as almost an integral part of a Masonic education, and considered by them as a necessary adjunct and striking illustration of some of the truths of the Craft degrees. In both Tunis and Malta the Craft and the Mark flourish hand in hand, and the high appreciation of the latter by foreigners is an important evidence of the intrinsic value of the degree. I shall carry away with me a lasting recollection both of your excellent working and fraternal hospitality, especially as I have the honour of proposing the health of your W.M., who has done so much for the best interests of this Lodge and the other Mark Lodges, who have had, or will have at no distant date, the advantages of his intelligent, energetic and zealous rule. Bro. Passawer briefly responded, with thanks to the proposer for his fraternal remarks, and to the brethren for the zealous support he had received at their hands. To the toast of the Visitors, which was introduced by the W.M., with a few remarks as to the propriety of Lodges meeting in buildings appropriate to their requirements, Bro. H. Lovegrove, Prov. G.Supt. of Works, said: Worshipful Master and brethren,—It has afforded me very great pleasure to be present at a meeting of the Trinity College Lodge of Mark Masters. You will consider that I am making very prominent my esthætic tastes if I tell you that I would have all the degrees of Freemasonry carried out with perfection of ritual, in elegant and appropriate buildings, and accompanied with first-class vocal and instrumental music. This evening in this Lodge the musical portion has been rendered in such a style that few can equal, and certainly none excel. Freemasonry is not, as some would tell us, a gastronomical society; the festive board approaches nearly to our ordinary life, while the ritual of Freemasonry carries us as it were into an ideal world, and impresses the mind in a beneficial way with the contrast between it and the world around. It seems impossible that all Lodges can meet in suitable buildings, but many of you may have seen in one of the Masonic newspapers that a building devoted to our Order is about to be erected under my directions on the distant shore of Milford Haven, and knowing, as some of you do, my energy in Freemasonry, you can understand how pleased I am to be entrusted with such a work. I am pleased to know that this new Mark Lodge is progressing, under its able and energetic W.M. The Organist and Musical Brethren having been toasted, and earnestly thanked for their valuable assistance during the evening, the Officers' and Tyler's toasts brought the proceedings to a conclusion, and the brethren separated.

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CONSECRATION OF THE DARLINGTON MARK LODGE, No. 250.

THIS event, which had been looked forward to with much interest, took place last Saturday, at Darlington, and in spite of the inclement weather, a goodly gathering of brethren from York, Durham, Newcastle, Hartlepool, &c., was present at two p.m. at Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street. A Lodge was opened by the Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason, Canon Tristram, of Durham, who was supported by a large number of Provincial Officers, and ballots having been taken, fifteen candidates were advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M., the ceremonies being worked (at the request of the Prov. Grand Master) by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. (York Mark Lodge T.I.) At the conclusion of the advancements, Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and the Prov. Grand Master proceeded with the ceremonies of consecration, in which he was assisted by Bro. J. T. Strachan Deputy Prov. G.M., the Prov. Grand Wardens, and Bro. E. Hudson Prov. G.D.C. The Lodge then resumed, and the W.M. designate, *Bro. J. M. Meek*, of the York Lodge T.I. was presented for installation. This interesting ceremony was performed by the Deputy Prov. G.M., and the W.M. was afterwards saluted and greeted by the brethren in ancient form. He afterwards proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers as follows:—Bros. *John Bailey* S.W., *S. F. Bousfield* J.W., R. A. Luck M.O., C. R. Fry S.O., H. E. O. Muller J.O., F. Parr Sec. W. Lear Reg. of Works, J. C. Martin S.D., W. Hobson J.D., F. Tovey Org., *J. J. Wilkes* I.G. Bro. T. Garget Tyler, during the ceremonies, gave an eloquent oration, in which he traced the connection between the Mark and the R.A., and recounted the history of the early building fraternities. After the close of the Lodge, the brethren met at a capital banquet, at which the W.M. (Bro. J. M. Meek) presided, supported by the Deputy P.G.M.M.M. and a number of Provincial Officers and brethren, when a short toast list was duly gone through. The following is as complete a list as we have been able to obtain of the brethren present on the occasion, in addition to the W.M. and Officers already named:—Bros. Canon Tristram Prov. G.M.M.M., J. Y. Strachan D.P.G.M.M.M., J. Trotter P.D.P.G.M.M.M., Captain Forbes P.P.G.S.W., W. S. Hughes P.P.G.S.W., J. Jenson Prov. G.J.W., E. S. Marriott P.P.G.J.W., J. W. Cameron P.P.G.J.W., W. H. Fisher P.P.G.J.W., W. T. Tate Prov. G.J.O., G. R. Bulman Prov. G. Chaplain, T. S. Armstrong Prov. G. Sec., R. L. Armstrong Assist. Prov. G. Sec., C. P. Lane P.P.J G.D., E. Hudson Prov. G.D.C., Luke Armstrong Prov. G. Inspector of Works, W. Brandt Prov. G.I.G., W. Atkinson Prov. G. Tyler, W. P. Husband York T.I., J. Strachan Macdonald 104, H. Baumann Eclectic 39, J. Wood, E. Marson, R. C. Symonds, H. W. Caspersen, G. S. Sims Northumberland and Berwick T.I.; J. Trenholm, H. Warwick Percy 122; J. Oates, J. Morrell, T. M. Barron, T. Ness, H. A. Massingberd, R. S. Benson, S. Wilson, *R. F. Laidler* Darlington 250. The brethren whose names are italicised are the founders of the Lodge.

BRIXTON LODGE, No. 234.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Saturday last. The W.M. being absent in the country, the Lodge was opened by Bro. T. Poore P.G.I.G. as W.M., supported by Bros. H. Lovegrove (P.G.S. of W.) S.W., G. Clark J.W., H. Baldwin S.D. and Sec., C. Axford I.G., and R. Potter Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Thrupp P.G.J.O., Richardson G.J.D., Clifford, Lehman, Barrett P.G.Org., and Anderson. The ballot was taken for Bros. Clapham and Kipling, and the latter Brother being in attendance was regularly advanced to the honourable degree. The seats of the overseers were filled by the three Visiting Grand Officers, Bros. Thrupp, Richardson and Barrett, so that Bro. Poore's effective rendering of the ceremony was ably assisted. At the close of the proceedings the brethren separated.

Old Kent Mark Lodge of Instruction.—Held its usual bi-monthly meeting at the Trocadero, 6 Liverpool-street, on Monday evening, the 15th inst., at half-past six. Present—Bros. Wallington W.M., Tanner S.W., Nicholls J.W., Dewar M.O., Hobbs I.G., Turquand Preceptor, Gimingham Secretary, Badkin, Pinder, &c. The Lodge having been duly opened and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the W.M. worked the ceremony of advancement, the positions of candidate and deacon being respectively assumed by Bros. Badkin and Dewar. The former Brother, with Bro. Hobbs, having been regularly admitted as members, the Lodge was adjourned until Monday, the 5th January, at 6.30 p.m.

BRIXTON LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS.

A MEETING was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Saturday last, when several distinguished Masons, Bros. Thrupp, Barrett, Lehman, Richardson, Clifford, Brixton, and Kipling, were duly elevated, the ritual of this quaint and interesting degree being given in excellent style by Bros. T. Poore the W.C.N., H. Lovegrove acting as Deacon, G. Clark J., H. Baldwin S., Axford G., and Bro. Potter W. The draft bye-laws were read and approved, and the Lodge was closed in ancient form.

The brethren of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, Barnet, Herts, contemplate holding a Masonic Ball on Thursday, the 15th January next, at the Corn Exchange, Barnet. Dancing is to commence at 8.30. The price of tickets is fixed for gentlemen at 20s, for ladies 12s 6d. We wish our brethren and their friends a pleasant evening.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 20th DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C,
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

MONDAY, 22nd DECEMBER.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
R. A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 23rd DECEMBER.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 7 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 24th DECEMBER.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons Hall, W.C. at 6.
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masons Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at (Instruction) 8
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1388—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
R. A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
258—Ampabious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
389—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Canterbury (Instruction)
1139—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7. (Instruction.)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
M. M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 27th DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, at 8 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham

The London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, No. 58.—A meeting was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Club, 101 Queen Victoria Street, City. There was a good attendance, the following brethren filling the Offices:—Bros. Chapman W.M., J. S. Fraser S.W., Bookman J.W., Beeton J.D., J. B. King I.G., Pulsford Preceptor. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The initiation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Haynes acting as candidate. Bro. Smallpeice proposed an addition to the bye-laws, viz., "That a fee of 6d be imposed on brethren visiting the Lodge." This was seconded by Bro. Fraser, and carried unanimously. Bros. Bookman and King were unanimously elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. After the election of Bro. Fraser as W.M. for the next meeting, the Lodge was closed.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction.—At the Coach and Horses, Tottenham, on Thursday, 18th December. Present—Bros. Everdell W.M., Poore S.W., Fidler J.W., Young S.D., Leaman J.D., Dickerson I.G., Thompson Preceptor, Garrod Secretary; also Bros. Oxley, Taverner, Rooche, Tegg, Mattocks, &c. The Lodge having been duly opened and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, the ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed. It was resolved that, in consequence of Christmas Day and New Year's Day falling on Thursdays, the Lodge be adjourned until Thursday, 8th January, on which occasion Bro. Poore will occupy the chair. The Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, 16th Dec. Present—Bros. Clark W.M., Greenwood S.W., Williams J.W., Polak S.D., Christian J.D., Hand I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, Smyth Treasurer, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, Pettet, Quay, C. Lorkin, Baker P.M., Coles, Brasted, Smith, Collins. The Lodge was opened in due form; the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. C. Lorkin offered himself as a candidate for the third degree, and was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and Bro. C. Lorkin was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The Lodge was closed in the third degree, and called from labour to refreshment; after resuming, Bro. Clark worked the second and Bro. C. Lorkin the fourth section of the second lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Greenwood was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Smith was elected a member. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—A meeting was held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., on Thursday, 18th December. Bros. H. A. Wallbrecht W.M., Hine S.W., Patrick J.W., D. Moss S.D., Legg J.D., Fenner Preceptor, Gieseke I.G.; also Bros. Gimingham, Lane, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. H. A. Wallbrecht vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Fenner. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Gimingham answered the questions leading to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Fenner worked the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Gimingham, of the Eleanor Lodge, No. 1707, was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Hine was appointed to preside at the meeting. The Lodge was adjourned till the 2nd Thursday in January 1880.

St. John's Lodge, 1247.—At a meeting of this Lodge, W. Bro. G. Firks presiding, Bro. Byron Elliot was unanimously elected as Master, W. Bro. John R. Lord as Treasurer, and W. Bro. J. Rendle as Representative on the Committee of Petitions. The banquet will be held at the Farley Hotel, and ladies are to be invited to attend.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 11th December. Present—Bros. H. Kasner W.M., A. J. Burr S.W., J. Green J.W., S. Dyer S.D., W. Seward J.D., Gasson I.G., Tucker Treas. and Preceptor, J. Wells Sec.; also Bros. Gardner, Bellerby, Millsom, J. J. Clarke, Rickwood, E. C. Porter, E. W. Lewis 1027, G. S. Wright, H. Stephens, A. Jones. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the two previous meetings were read, confirmed, and signed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. J. Wells candidate. Bros. Millsom and Bellerby answered the questions leading to 2nd degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. E. C. Porter candidate. The Lodge was opened in 3rd degree; Lodge was closed in 3rd degree; Lodge was closed in 2nd degree. The W.M. for the next meeting having been elected, the Lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer.

Eleanor Lodge of Instruction, No. 1707.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 16th December, at the Trocadero, 6 Liverpool-street. Present—Bros. Turquand W.M., Andrews S.W., Christian J.W., W. O. Lyon Treas., W. H. Gimingham Sec., Leaman I.G. Bros. Hart, Silvestre, Mestre, Pringle, Tanner, Eilenberg, Ould, &c. Business—Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the following sections were worked:—1st lecture, 4th section by Bro. Christian, 5th by Bro. Pringle, 6th by Bro. Gimingham, 7th by Bro. Andrews; 2nd lecture, 2nd section by Bro. Pringle, 3rd by Bro. Taylor, 4th by Bro. Gimingham, 5th by Bro. Pringle; 3rd lecture, 2nd section by Bro. Ould, 3rd by Bro. Taylor. Bro. Eilenberg was duly elected a member. A hearty and unanimous vote of thanks to the W.M. for his services in the chair was then carried, and the Lodge adjourned until Tuesday, the 23rd inst. at 6.30 p.m.

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Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87.—During the last few months, on more than one occasion, we have referred to the spirit of enterprise exhibited by Bro. George Isaac, who, finding the establishment he presided over unequal to the demands for accommodation made by his patrons, had resolved to erect a new building that should be capable of meeting the requirements of even a much larger body of supporters than he at the present time can boast of. Our brother's first effort was to get the sanction of the proper authorities for the removal of his licence, and we are gratified to be able to announce that in this he was successful. Consequently, the architect went to work and drew out his plans for a building that should provide for all requirements. In due course the building was completed, and on Wednesday, 10th December, we had an opportunity of judging to what extent Bro. Isaac had succeeded. The accommodation for Masonic meetings comprises a spacious and well ventilated Lodge room, 32 feet by 20, with ante-rooms, while due provision has been made for the after requirements of the brethren. The banquetting hall has a light and airy appearance, and ample space is provided for seating 120 guests. The whole of the arrangements met with the highest approval, and we feel assured that many other Lodges and Chapters will take advantage of the accommodation so liberally provided. On Wednesday the Lodge was opened by Bro. A. J. Timothy W.M., who was supported by a goodly number of Past Masters and members, while the following Officers were in their respective places:—Bros. Charles Nott S.W., John Skirving J.W., Thurkle P.M. Treas., W. Stuart P.M. Secretary, Robinson S.D., Janeway J.D., Knight I.G., Lee Tyler; Visitors—Bros. Thomas Birks 217, Rigby G. Buckle 190, H. Wright, J. G. Millbourn 13, Thomas Rowe 1641, E. Davis P.M. 228, C. J. Chambers 834, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the W.M., who is a capital worker, proceeded to raise Bros. Norman and Prior. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Charles Davis, proposed by Bro. H. A. Brown, seconded by Bro. Clowes; and for Mr. William Culverhouse, proposed by Bro. J. Skirving J.W., seconded by Bro. C. Nott S.W. The result was unanimous, and the latter gentleman, with a Mr. Lamborn, who had been ballotted for at a previous meeting, were introduced and regularly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The ballot was also taken for Mr. Charles Dane, and it is anticipated that that gentleman will be initiated at the next meeting. Several applications for assistance from distressed brethren were then considered, and the desirability of sending up a Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was urgently put forward, with the result that Bro. Janeway J.D. consented to act, and the Lodge voted him 25 guineas to head his list. Several other matters were discussed, with the object of making the comfortable quarters the brethren were assembled in still more cosy, and then the Lodge was closed. The banquet was immediately served, and the dishes were substantially and bountifully provided. The good old English custom of supplying a glass of ale for those who favoured that beverage was not overlooked, and if we may judge by the way in which it seemed to be relished, the majority appeared to endorse the opinion of an elderly brother who complacently remarked, "it beats all the wine in the world." In due time the cloth was cleared, and then the toasts were ably brought under the notice of the brethren by the W.M. Each of the Visitors acknowledged the compliment that was paid them, and all congratulated the members on the comfortable quarters they were assembled in. Reference was also made to the way in which the Charities were supported by the brethren of the Vitruvian Lodge, which takes rank as Vice-Patron of the Institution for Aged Freemasons (£10), Vice-Patron of the Institution for the Widows of Freemasons (£10), also Life Governor of the latter Institution; Vice-Patron of the Boys' School (52 10s), and Vice-Patron of the Girls' School (52 10s). On the strength of what was brought under the notice of the brethren, Bro. Janeway passed round his list, and the response he met was eminently gratifying. In reply to the other toasts some capital speeches were made, notably we may mention that of Bro. P.M. Stuart, the energetic Secretary of the Lodge. The Tyler was eventually called on for his toast, and then the brethren separated. W. Masters or Secretaries of Lodges seeking new quarters should visit the South London Masonic Hall, which is the title Bro. Isaac's new building bears.

Sincerity Lodge, No. 174.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 17th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, E.C. Bros. G. T. H. Sedden W.M., C. H. Webb S.W., G. Jones J.W., S. Rawley P.M. Treasurer, John Newton P.M. Secretary. In the course of the evening three brethren were raised, four passed, and one gentleman initiated. This being the night for the election of Officers, the ballot was first taken for that of a Worshipful Master, the result being unanimous in favour of the S.W. Bro. Webb. The Treasurer and Tyler were each re-elected. The brethren afterwards spent a few hours in social enjoyment.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—There was a good attendance on Wednesday last. Present—Bros. W. Sayer W.M., G. L. Walker S.W., Saint J.W., Ramsay I.G., Tobias D., J. K. Pitt Sec., &c. The minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Notices of motion for usual Christmas gratuities were given in, and Bro. S.W. Walker was appointed W.M. for next meeting. The Lodge was adjourned over the festivities of the season, till Wednesday, 7th January 1880.

Union Lodge No. 414.—This Lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present:—Bros. C. Coles W.M., S. Bradley S.W., C. Stephens J.W., Strachan Treasurer, Withers Secretary, Mount S.D., F. Ferguson J.D., S. Wheeler I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Pocock, Morris, Long, Baker I.P.M.; Bros. Hayward, Webb, E. Davis, Butler, Ayres, Moffat, Sydenham, Albury, Hawkes, Martin, Blackwell. Visitors—Bros. J. Early Danks W.M. 1101, Ferguson S.W. 1101, Ivey P.M. Secretary 1101, Prickett Steward 1101, Welch P.M. 1101. The Lodge was opened in the first degree. The minutes of the last regular Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Two gentlemen were ballotted for as initiates and elected. The following notice of motion was considered and carried:—"That £10 10s be voted from the Lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and that any sum which may be received from Provincial Grand Lodge this year be appropriated to the same Charity, and be added to the list of Bro. C. Stephens." The election of W.M. took place in the usual manner; it resulted in favour of Bro. S. Bradley S.W., who, in a neat and appropriate speech, returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him. The election of Treasurer next took place, Bro. Strachan P.M. having intimated to the W.M. that he could not conveniently continue in the office, Bro. S. A. Pocock P.M. was nominated, and declared to be elected, upon which he returned his thanks. Bro. Hemmings was re-elected Tyler. The W.M. opened the Lodge in the second and third degrees, and when in the latter he read a very interesting paper on "The History of Craft Masonry in Reading." We hope to give the same *in extenso* in a future number, our space this week not admitting of it. The Lodge was resumed in the second and first degree, and after the usual ceremonies, closed.

Stockwell Lodge, No. 1339.—The usual meeting of the Stockwell Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, 16th December, at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. Bro. W. G. Brighten W.M. presided. Present—Bros. Boswell S.W., Sawyer J.W., Frances Sec., Masters I.G., Klenck P.M., Pain P.M., Bassett P.M., Coe P.M., Roseflin, Moss, Salmon, M'Kay, J. Roseflin, Bowyer, and the following visitors:—Bros. H. Thompson 1426 and P.M. 177 and 1158, Meek 754, Fletcher 1567, Bartlett 1752, Bousfead P.M. 548, Portwee 1555, E. Dodson P.M. 72, Smith 186, Newman 1385, Doudney 145, Freeman 1288. The Lodge having been duly opened and the minutes read, the first business was to ballot for Mr. Roseflin and Mr. Henry John Pain, who were candidates for admission into Freemasonry, the latter being the son of Bro. Pain, one of the highly respected P.M.'s of the Lodge. In both cases the ballot was unanimous, and they were introduced and ably initiated into the Order by the W.M. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bro. Dukes was examined as to the progress he had made in the science. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, when Bro. H. E. Frances P.M. and Secretary presided, and Bro. Dukes was impressively raised to the sublime degree. The Lodge was afterwards closed in the different degrees, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where ample refreshments were provided. At conclusion, the usual formal toasts having been disposed of, the W.M. said the next he had to propose was the health of their brothers initiate, one of whom was the son of an esteemed Past Master, and he could assure him that he welcomed him with a great amount of cordiality, and asked him to diligently follow in the footsteps of his father, for by so doing he would make himself esteemed, not only in Freemasonry but throughout his life. He was glad that Bro. Pain had come into the Order in that Lodge, and could assure him that, if he gave his heart to it, the benefits would be returned to him a thousandfold. As to Bro. Roseflin, he was a stranger amongst them, but he was brother to one of their members, who had stood by the Lodge through good report and through evil report, and had come hundreds of miles over and over again to be with them. He trusted that as they were now Brothers two-fold they would work together for the benefit of the Lodge in particular, and for Freemasonry in general. The toast was very cordially received, and Bros. Pain and Roseflin severally returned thanks for the honour that had been conferred upon them by their admission into Freemasonry in that Lodge. Bro. Coe I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., who he said was one of the founders of the Lodge, and asked the brethren to drink it with cordiality. Bro. Dodson sang "Shells of the Ocean" in exquisite style, and afterwards the W.M. said he was very much obliged to them for the very hearty manner in which they had responded to the toast proposed by their immediate P.M. His year of office was drawing to a close, and he would to the utmost of his power endeavour to make the Stockwell Lodge a *bona fide* working Lodge, and restore it to the happy position it formerly held. Bro. Klenck P.M. then announced that they were about to draw for a Life Governorship of one of the Charities, but a small sum was required to make up the required amount, which was immediately supplied, and the lot fell to Bro. Bowyer, who was fortunate in drawing another on a former occasion. The next toast was that of the Visitors, for which Bro. Thompson responded, referring to the time when he had the privilege and pleasure of being present at the consecration of the Lodge; he had a vivid recollection of the great and hearty welcome he, in common with others, then received from Bro. Hammerton, their past W.M., and he was glad to have the opportunity of revisiting a Lodge in which he had received such kindness. He congratulated the Lodge on that night initiating the son of Bro. Pain, one of their P.M.'s, and an old friend of his; he thought that when a father proposed his son for initiation, it might be a good answer to those who are at all times ready to throw a stone at Freemasonry, and that was because they knew nothing about it. If a father was willing to introduce his son amongst them, Freemasonry could not be a very bad thing, and would fitly answer the sneers of the vulgar that were sometimes levelled against them. Two or three other Visitors also returned thanks. The W.M. then gave "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and extolled their good qualities, being always ready to render suit and service in any way in their power. Bro. Coe I.P.M., thanked the brethren for the very hearty, kind and cordial manner in which they had supported him during his year of office; he had endeavoured to carry out the duties of the Lodge to the best of his ability. Bros. Pain and Klenck also returned thanks. Some other toasts were given. A very pleasant evening was passed.

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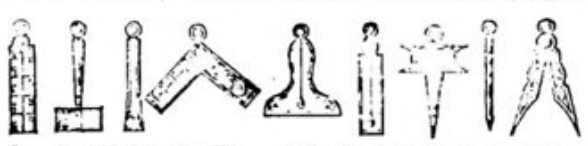
Creaton Lodge, No. 1791.—This new Lodge, named after the respected Grand Treasurer, was held on Thursday, the 11th inst. at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. Lt.-Col. Creaton W.M., H. J. Johnson S.W., J. Williams J.W., E. Thurkle Treasurer, J. I. Cantle P.M. Secretary, J. Nielson S.D., J. H. Buck J.D., W. Carrington I.G., J. Kift Organist, W. Williams Steward. Visitors—Bros. Æneas McIntyre, Q.C., G.R., S. Rucker P.G.D., S. Pierce P.G.S., Vincent W.M. 1624, S. Carrington 1314, W. E. Davis 606, Jas. Terry P.P.G.J.W. Herts, Finch P.M. 173, 180, H. A. Dubois P.G.W. Middlesex, Phillips P.M. 173, Peter De Lande Long P.G.D., C. Taylor 1629, T. L. Coulton P.M. 382, A. Burden 11, Walmsley 1624, Kelley 1524, T. Cross 1194, Cruse 1411, Ray 1624, R. Palowker 1512, Edgington 1321, McLeod P.M. 1624, Davis 157, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, and several others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Williams and Johnson were, by the courtesy of the W.M., raised to the third degree by Bro. J. I. Cantle P.M. and Secretary, who performed the ceremony very impressively. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Long, Saull, and Hensman, and being unanimously in their favour, these gentlemen were duly initiated into the Order by the W.M. Bro. Lt.-Col. Creaton, who also passed Bros. Hancock, Pink and O'Dea. Both ceremonies were perfectly and impressively rendered by the Officers, who well sustained the opinion formed as to their ability. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. H. J. Johnson S.W. was unanimously chosen to fill that important office. The W.M. stated the members were assured the duties of the chair would be ably carried out. Personally, he (Bro. Lt.-Col. Creaton) congratulated the Lodge on their excellent selection. Bro. Johnson, in suitable terms, thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions, and the brethren for electing him. Bro. Thurkle P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Woodstock P.M. Tyler. Bros Ferguson, Colvill, and Shute were elected Auditors. Bro. Cantle asked the W.M. for permission for a Lodge of Instruction to be held, under the sanction of the Lodge, at the Albert Hotel, Notting Hill. The W.M. said he would do all in his power to further that object, knowing it was for the good of the Lodge. Hearty good wishes were given from the various Visitors, and the Lodge was closed until the second Thursday in February. The brethren, sixty-two in number, adjourned to the Crown Room, where a very sumptuous and *récherché* banquet and dessert was provided by Bro. A. Best. Grace having been sung, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. The National Anthem was sung, and then was offered the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. This was received most enthusiastically. Bro. Cantle P.M. sang the solo verses of "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers. He said—We are honoured to-night with the company of distinguished members of Grand Lodge; they are not only distinguished in Freemasonry, but hold also a very high social position. As a Lodge, we are proud to receive them. Bro. Æneas McIntyre, Q.C., G.R., responded, and in speaking of the qualifications of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, remarked that he was capable of performing his duties in the chair perfectly; they had witnessed that this evening. The office he held in Grand Lodge was the only one where the candidate was chosen by election; he (the speaker) had been associated with Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton for many years. He had gained their esteem and regard by his connection with the three Charities of the Order. On behalf of the Visitors, he begged to return his sincere thanks. Bro. W. G. Reynolds gave a very excellent recital, entitled "Revenge." Bro. Cantle I.P.M. said he had, for the last time in his present capacity, to propose the toast of the W.M. All knew how they were indebted to him for taking the helm. As a Lodge they were only ten months old, and they had made it almost a rule that every year a Steward should represent the Lodge at the Charities. He (Bro. Cantle) had taken up 238 guineas for the Girls' School, and as Bro. Johnson W.M. elect is a Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, he hoped and was sure he would be well supported; he would ask the brethren to drink the health of their W.M. The W.M., who, on rising, was loudly cheered, said he felt very much flattered by the remarks of Bro. Cantle, and the hearty response of the brethren. The Lodge, since its consecration, had experienced continual sunshine. Although this was the last time he should preside over them at a banquet, his heart would always be with them. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the newly-initiated brethren. He hoped the impression they had received of the ceremony would never be effaced from their memory, and he trusted the members would give the toast the reception it merited. Bro. Saull, in a very pertinent speech, returned thanks. Bro. J. Kift sang a humorous song, and then the W.M. proposed "The Masonic Charities." He would ask them to drink the toast with the heartiness it merited. Bro. Terry was present, and he would respond. Bro. Cantle sang, splendidly, "In days of old." Bro. Terry, in returning thanks to the W.M. for proposing the toast of the Masonic Charities, remarked that no one could give more time to the cause of charity than the W.M. Many distinguished members of the House Committees of the various Institutions were present. Lieut.-Col. Creaton is one who gives the Institutions all the support in his power. He also devotes much time to their management. When this Lodge was consecrated, their W.M. was a P.G.D., and now he is Grand Treasurer. He was Chairman of the Girls' Festival during the year of his office as W.M. of the Creaton Lodge. This redounded not only to his credit, but to the credit of the Lodge. Bro. Terry then spoke eloquently of the other two Charities, but he was most urgent in his advocacy of the claims of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the Festival for which is fixed for February next. Bro. Johnson, the W.M. elect, would act as a Steward, and represent their Lodge. Bro. Cantle had taken up the large sum of 238 guineas for the Girls' School. Bro. Terry was sure Bro. Johnson would emulate his predecessor. Bro. Terry then recounted what was being done by the three Institutions, and thanked the brethren for the attention they had paid to his remarks. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Visitors, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Rucker P.G.D., who, in an excellent speech, responded for the compliment. The next toast was that of the W.M. elect. The brethren had made a good selection. Bro. Johnson would carry out every duty the Lodge required of him, and he (the W.M.) would ask them to give the toast a hearty reception. Bro. Johnson returned thanks. He was pleased with every speech that had been made that evening, but he was most deeply impressed with that of Bro. James Terry; it created great confidence in him. With pride he could say he had now 130 guineas on his list. He would go to the Lodge and ask the brethren to assist him, not only to emulate Bro. Cantle's list, but also to enable him to surpass it. As a founder of the Lodge, it had been a pride to serve under the rule of the Grand Treasurer, Bro. Creaton. As a Steward, he would not be satisfied without a goodly sum. He thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which they had responded to the toast. Bro. Collins sweetly sang "My sweetheart when a boy." The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Officers of the Lodge, to all of whom he was specially indebted, but to none more than to Bro. Cantle P.M.; he would ask him to respond. Bro. Cantle was pleased to hear such praise. He was sure it was earnest. It showed he had performed his duties satisfactorily. The Officers of the Lodge had formed themselves into a private Lodge of Instruction, and had qualified themselves to assist at any Lodge, but their principal object had been to give satisfaction to the members of their own Lodge. After a humorous song, the toast of the Masonic Press was given, and Bros. Kelly and H. M. Levy responded. The Tyler was then summoned, and he gave the parting toast. The Visitors were much indebted to Bro. Williams for his exertions to make them comfortable.

St. David's Lodge, No. 1147, Manchester.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 11th inst. Present:—Bros. Ishmael Davis W.M., Thomas Elliott I.P.M., William Taylor S.W., William Hadden J.W., T. Griffin Treasurer, R. Benbow S.D., J. B. Seal J.D., T. R. Williams P.M. D.C., J. McLean I.G., A. Ehrenbach Organist, James Sly Tyler, T. R. Peel P.M., Thomas Gibson P.M., Ellis Jones P.M., M. Fairweather, William Palin, S. Naphtali, F. J. Brom, J. O. Gill, &c.; Visitors—Bros. H. T. Warren P.M. 44, D. A. Davis W.M. 625 J.W. 1793, H. S. Slatter 1219, D. Worthington 78, P. Walsh 78. The Lodge was opened at 6 p.m., and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Edwin Roberts and George Kinloch, and having proved unanimous in their favour, those candidates were introduced and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M. and Bro. Ellis Jones P.M., in their usual excellent and impressive manner. After some other business had been despatched, hearty good wishes were expressed, and the Lodge was closed at 8 p.m. The brethren adjourned to banquet, and on the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. It is with much pleasure we visit this Lodge, as we find real brotherly love, and general goodwill existing amongst its members, while a cordial reception is given to visiting brethren.



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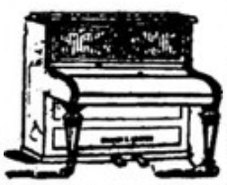

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